

Public Question Time

Question from Kade Lengyel:

In relation to the Inkerman Street Bicycle Lane and Safety Proposal consultation process. Council said at the meeting this was considered, the car parks at Aldi could be used to replace those lost to the bike lanes, but as parking is already scarce, did the Council actually consult with Aldi?

Response:

Council has not advised the community that the Aldi carpark could be used. At the 18 October Council meeting a community member that made a statement suggesting that ALDI could be used for alternative parking options. See 28min 54sec of the [18 October Council meeting recording](#).

Whilst not captured in the minutes, concerns were raised related to the community being advised of the project.

Community Engagement:

Council engaged a third-party printing and delivery service to distribute 7,800 project flyers to residents adjacent the project area following the Council decision on 18 October 2023. Due to the extent of the distribution, there was a requirement to stage distribution which may account for some members of the community not having received it prior to the 1 November Council meeting.

On 26 October 2023, Council installed 16x corflute posters along the length of Inkerman Street to inform regular users of Inkerman Street.

Noting concerns from residents at the 1 November Council meeting and to ensure that all residents are engaged, Council is undertaking a second reminder (letter) delivery to residents and businesses within the distribution area. The letter acts as a reminder to the catchment area to ensure that they are aware of the project and can have their say on our website. Should residents not have seen the initial flyer, Council has also extended the engagement period by two weeks with the engagement period now closing on the 7 December '23 (previously 23 November '23).

In addition to the above, Council has undertaken two on-street pop-up information sessions for community members that may have queries related to the project. Another two are scheduled next week.

In early 2024 there will be a Council meeting where the results of the engagement will be made public, to receive updates on this project and keep informed on when the Council meeting will take place, please subscribe to the project via Council's [Have your say page](#).

**Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*