

# Deputation List

## Agenda Briefing Forum – 19 March 2024

Deputations will be heard at the Agenda Briefing Forum at **7pm, Tuesday 19 March 2024**.

The items will then be considered by Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting, scheduled for **7pm, Tuesday 26 March 2024**.

The procedure for making a deputation is available on the City's website at: [Petitions and Deputations - City of Bayswater](#). Deputations may be made in person or in writing.

### In-person deputations

The following people have registered to make in-person deputations:

No.	Deputee Name/s	Deputation Format	In Support / Not in Support to the Officer's Recommendation or Cr Motion
<b>10.3.1 Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program - Update on Treatment Plans &amp; 10.3.2 Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program - New Treatment Plans</b>			
1.	Kate Bowker	In Person	Not in support
<b>10.4.1 Petition for Battersea Reserve Morley to be Reclassified as a Dog Exercise Area and Playground to be enclosed</b>			
2.	Kevin Osborne	In Person	In support
<b>10.4.3 Proposed Eight Multiple Dwellings – Lot 6, 10 Hewton Street Morley</b>			
3.	Brian Davis	In Person	Not in support
4.	Carlo Famiano, CF Town Planning and Development, on behalf of the landowners.	In Person	In support
<b>11.1 Cr Elli Petersen-Pik - Deputy Mayor - Potential Land Acquisition for Parking in Maylands</b>			
5.	Rebecca Hall, on behalf of Maylands Business Association	In Person	In support

### Written deputations

The following deputations have been received in writing and are attached:

No.	Deputee Name/s	Deputation Format	In Support / Not in Support to the Officer's Recommendation or Cr Motion
<b>10.3.1 Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program - Update on Treatment Plans</b>			
1.	Georgina Ker	In writing	In support

No.	Deputee Name/s	Deputation Format	In Support / Not in Support to the Officer's Recommendation or Cr Motion
<b>10.3.2 Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program - New Treatment Plans</b>			
2.	Kelsey Hunt	In writing	Not in support
3.	Georgina Ker	In writing	Not in support
4.	Georgina Gibbs	In writing	In support
<b>10.4.1 Petition for Battersea Reserve Morley to be Reclassified as a Dog Exercise Area and Playground to be enclosed</b>			
5.	Jasmine Borovina	In writing	Not in support
6.	Akanshu Shah	In writing	Not in support
7.	Jacky Fisher	In writing	Not in support
8.	Gerard and Vicki Roelofs	In writing	Not in support
9.	Thomas Boyd	In writing	Not in support
10.	James Reed and Yuki Takeno	In writing	In support

## **Deputations in Writing**

### **10.3.1 Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program – Update on Treatment Plans**

#### **Georgina Ker**

I would like to thank the Council and City staff for responding to concerns about the impact of mini roundabouts on cyclists, pedestrians and other non-vehicular road/footpath users.

I broadly support the officer's recommendation, specifically in relation to Limb 1(d), RA Cook Reserve Precinct, as that is where I live and the roads I most often use by bicycle, scooter and on foot.

Although I may personally have some reservations about the efficacy of the chosen treatments, I recognise that the majority of respondents supported the treatments and that the raised platforms chosen are preferable to mini roundabouts. Particularly at intersections currently controlled by stop signs, I believe the raised long platforms may improve driver adherence to the stop signs, which will make a safer road environment for all.

I would like to note that as the roads in the RA Cook Precinct are generally wide and straight, it is disappointing Road Diet treatments, which are also part of the LCURS package, were not proposed.

### **10.3.2 Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program - New Treatment Plans**

#### **Kelsey Hunt**

I am a resident of the Maylands Peninsula area, residing on Darby Street and our children attend Maylands Peninsula Primary School.

We walk to school every day and I work from home a few days per week. Many other families reside nearby and also walk their children to school, however a number of our neighbours and families nearby now drive their children to school due to the unsafe conditions trying to cross the road near the Darby Street / Rosher Place transition with the intersection with Mephan Street.

Darby Street is on a hill and drivers regularly speed up and down, and the transition with Rosher Place is treated as a racing chicane. Drivers also treat the long stretch of straight road of Mephan adjacent Gibney Reserve as a rat run.

I have personal experience with the dangers of the intersection with my husband hit by a car riding with our two children to school. The driver turned left off Mephan Street and accelerated rapidly up Darby Street towards Guildford Road, nearly hitting my daughter and actually hitting my husband. I witnessed the accident. Thankfully he was not badly injured but if my daughter was hit by the vehicle it would likely be a different outcome.

While the updated Maylands Peninsula plan identifies a raised short platform on Rosher Place this platform is not ideally located as it is close to a corner and not in the long straights where drivers speed. I strongly believe better placement of the raised short platforms are on Darby Street midway between Mephan Street intersection and Guildford Road, and one on Mephan Street before the Darby/Rosher intersection. I have marked these locations on the attached file.

I also note that the Project Budget for the Maylands Peninsula area is markedly lower than other areas (\$470,237), and given the high density of residents, and high number of families with young children who attend Maylands Peninsula Primary School and/or utilise the Gibney Reserve park facilities additional traffic calming treatments should be focussed around this area to ensure safe road conditions for all road users.



### **10.3.2 Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program - New Treatment Plans**

#### **Georgina Ker**

I would like to thank City staff for not including mini roundabouts on these precinct treatment plans before finalising them for Council to consider.

My concern with the treatment plan specifically for the Hillcrest Precinct (Limb 1(c)) is how this potentially counteracts or doesn't work harmoniously with potential future Safe Routes to School plans. While two Raised Short Platforms are proposed for Bay View St outside Hillcrest Primary School, I believe there are more appropriate treatments that could have been utilised to not only slow traffic in general, but specifically provide a safer environment for children walking and riding to school.

An additional Raised Gateway Platform at Bay View St off Coode St, or some other entry treatment that makes clear to drivers of vehicles turning from Coode St, that children/pedestrians crossing Bay View St have right of way, as well as physically slowing them, would be preferable. For example, a raised pedestrian crossing, or a proper pedestrian island. There is currently a pedestrian island at Bay View St just off Coode, but it is not deep enough for a bicycle or a pram. This would be an ideal opportunity to fund this with Main Roads funding through the LCURS package, which does include raised pedestrian crossings and pedestrian islands as available options.

Slowing vehicle speeds is an important part of providing accessibility and safe routes to school, but providing actual amenity and encouraging people to get out of those cars and walk or ride, is the bigger picture. I welcome the proposed Raised Gateway Platforms at Copley St and Burnside Street as I have heard from residents on those streets that they have suffered significantly from rat-running, especially with truck movements during the Metronet works.

I note that overall feedback on this precinct was strongly in favour, so I wish to make clear that I don't object to the whole plan, but specifically the choice of treatment/s on Bay View St near Hillcrest Primary. I don't frequently use the other precincts mentioned in this agenda item.

### **10.3.2 Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program - New Treatment Plans**

#### **Georgina Gibbs**

I am a resident of Traylen Road (number 18) and have seen the volume and speed of vehicles increase since moving to my property in 2007. I see a particular problem with vehicles turning into Traylen Road from Guildford Road, accelerating hard and speeding down Traylen Road. The current road environment invites this driver behaviour as the road is straight, long and wide. It has also become a rat run for drivers who want to avoid the Guildford Road/Garratt Road intersection and the traffic that builds back along Garratt Road.

Therefore, I support the proposed treatments that have been recommended via the Low Cost Urban Road Safety Program. I believe it will reduce vehicle speeds and increase road user safety, including safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Reviewing the latest plan, I suggest that Traylen Road warrants an additional speed cushion to prevent vehicles from speeding between treatments. I have noticed that similar treatments (i.e. Milne Street) have been installed at much closer intervals preventing vehicles from gaining excessive speed between speed cushions.

Thank you.

**10.4.1 Petition for Battersea Reserve Morley to be Reclassified as a Dog Exercise Area and Playground to be enclosed**

**Jasmine Borovina**

ATTENTION TO THE CHEIF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

and other Bayswater members

I'm writing to talk to you about the petition regarding the off leash dog park.

While I can understand that some of the dogs that visit the dog park are well trained and have good recall. For them I'm not concerned. My concern and anger stems from making it an off leash park that isn't enclosed... all the other dogs that don't have good recall and that will become a danger to other dogs and other people and children that are going to and from the park..

I have 3 kids one that loves dogs one that dosnt like dogs and one disabled daughter that is petrified of dogs... by making this an off lease Un gated park they are opening not only the public but the council to law suits and danger as they are willingly putting the public at risk. We haven't been able to use this park due to the inaccessible nature of the playground and my child is in a wheelchair and if this goes though we still won't be able to

I will not be taking my kids to the park ever!! if this is put through! I do not want to risk my kids being bitten by animals on the way to the park be trapped in the playground area because of dogs at the park or bitten on the way home.

I'm also concerned about all the high school kids that will walk the long way home to avoid the park because there scared of dogs or kids that will be bitten by dogs because of people in the area that will see its off leash and think there dogs are okay.

It takes one bite from an animal to destroy mutilate or even kill a child and if this put through the council will be on notice that if any of my kids are bitten at this park by a dog I will sue not only the persons who dog bit my child but the council because this is preventable..... I don't care if the council gates off half of the whole park to give to off leash dogs and I understand there is a petition that needs to be followed through the correct channels.

I'm sorry for the people that do train there dogs correctly and do the right thing but we arnt talking about just them we need to take in consideration all people and all dogs and the dangers that it poses.

If you need to discuss this further please let me know

Jasmine borovina

**10.4.1 Petition for Battersea Reserve Morley to be Reclassified as a Dog Exercise Area and Playground to be enclosed**

**Akanshu Shah**

To Chief Executive Officer

I have recently received letter in my mailbox about the petition for the Battersea Reserve Morley to be reclassified as dog exercise area and playground to be enclosed.

I understand the desire to create spaces for our furry friends, but converting the playground to a dog park could limit recreational opportunities for children and families.

We have recently seen increase in the number of children in the neighbourhood and I am hopeful with new train station this will further increase. And with increase in number of young families, this park will be a great asset.

Perhaps we could explore alternative solutions that accommodate both dog owners and families, ensuring everyone in the community can enjoy the space.

I recommend to delay this decision until year or two post the train station is operational to see the demand.

Keen to hear updates on this topic.

Thank you

Akanshu Shah

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**Jacky Fisher**

Attention: chief executive officer.

I have read the proposal for an off leash dog area at battersea reserve.

I am all for dogs being of the leash but

I feel that area should be fenced in, not the play ground.

Yes they might have nice dogs but once it becomes off leash there will be other people bringing dogs there that might not have any recall.

Some children are scared of dogs and you are putting them in a caged area were they can't leave if there is dogs around, as they panic and get scared.

If the dogs are fenced of then everyone can feel save using the park and not have to worry about a dog coming up to them while using the park.

Thank you

Jacky fisher

#### **10.4.1 Petition for Battersea Reserve Morley to be Reclassified as a Dog Exercise Area and Playground to be enclosed**

##### **Gerard and Vicki Roelofs**

Dear Mr Edwards

In response to the Petition to Reclassify Battersea Reserve as a Dog exercise area and for the playground to be enclosed (10.4.1), I would like to register my objection to this proposal, for the following reasons.

1. I live directly opposite Battersea Reserve of which any rezoning will have a direct effect on my family and others in the proposed area, and our use of the open space. The petitioner lives in Farmfield Way which does not border the Reserve at all.
2. As it stands now dog owners are already disregarding the rules of 'Dogs on lead' and their animals are running around the reserve and through the gardens. This is on a regular basis and are the same people all the time.
3. It was proposed that a fence be erected around the play space. We have a great play space for the kids to openly run around and play. Is it more important to have the children locked up so dogs can run freely? It is absolutely appalling to even suggest that we lock our children in an enclosed area so that they cannot get the benefit of running freely around for their mental and physical well-being. With all the mental health issues our children and adults are facing in today's society, we should be encouraging, especially our young people to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and facilities we have. They don't need to be locked in an enclosure, thankfully this play space is a safe and inviting area for all ages at present. Well done to the City of Bayswater for making this a space for everyone.
4. Not all people love dogs. I am a dog owner and I do love them, but for many people, dogs can be frightening no matter how well behaved they are. We have children walk through there everyday to the local school, are you going to ensure that these children will be safe when they enter the park or will they not be allowed to walk through anymore, or sit there after school, sometimes waiting for pickup or chatting with friends?

Families do utilise the reserve, I definitely did when my children were younger. It is still used by families off all ages to exercise, run around, kick the footy or play cricket. We have also had kids' parties and family get togethers in the park, which would no longer be possible, if dogs were allowed to run off lead.

The City has put a lot of money and time into this Reserve and they now have it looking lovely, with lots of native plants in edged gardens. What will dogs do to it when they do into them and break plants. I have seen these so-called responsible dog owners, who don't care if the dog goes into the gardens and tramples the plants. The aesthetics of the Reserve are fantastic, many visitors comment on how beautiful the area is looking and how wonderful it is to have open space. It has encouraged many bird species including magpies, cockatoos, honeyeaters, Ibis and also owls. To have dogs running freely will put our birdlife at risk.

I would also like to reply to the below Petitioner's comments (in yellow) from her submission:

I am presenting you with a petition that carries the heartfelt endorsement of the residents, which reflects their desire to allow for well-controlled dogs to exercise off-lead in this cherished park.

It is an interesting comment as I am a long-standing owner/occupier of a property straight across the road (North East) of Battersea Reserve and not once have I had anyone come to me to ask what I thought, so endorsement of residents is simply not true. It is fair to say that they may have well controlled dogs, but this area would not only be for them but for anyone with a dog and unfortunately not all dogs and owners are responsible.

It is important to emphasize that our dogs of the squad are well-trained, well-behaved, have excellent recall with a friendly disposition, and have never exhibited any signs of aggression or misconduct towards fellow park users.

Though the dogs may be well socialised they still come up to people and other dogs, which is not always to everyone's liking. Also, this is being very particular to a certain group of dog owners, I believe this area would be for all dog owners, including those of leads, not only for this dog-squad.

However, recently, an outsider with a dog that can only walk on a lead took issue with our activities and sought intervention from the park ranger.

It is interesting that the person obeying the Rules (dogs on a lead) is subjected to being called an 'outsider' and belittled because they reported this to the Ranger. He/she was being a responsible dog owner by placing his/her dog on a lead (as per City of Bayswater rules). Unfortunately, the petitioner and their group were not.

**Underutilised Park:** Battersea Reserve is scarcely frequented by the local population nowadays, with only a few people walking their dogs or using the children's playground on rare occasions.

An interesting comment as the petitioners' house does not border the reserve nor is it in sight of the reserve, so the comment underutilised would not be something that she could honestly comment about. The park is utilised later in the afternoon/evening. Parents and children use the playground and the grassed area for activities. Adults use the park to jog and exercise in.

**Exercise Needs:** Dogs require an open space to engage in activities that provide them with the exercise and mental stimulation they need.

So do our children. They also need space to run and play as most would have been in classrooms or in day care centres, adults in offices and our other on the lead dogs at home, waiting for their walk through the park. Due to the amount of edged gardens now, there is less grass, so it is not the ideal place for an off the lead dog exercise area. According to the City of Bayswater's website there are 40 off lead exercise areas for dogs.

**Community Harmony:** By permitting dogs to exercise off the lead, we can contribute to a more harmonious and inclusive community experience at Battersea Reserve.

This won't necessarily contribute to a more harmonious and inclusive community experience for everyone, as it limits other people's freedoms within the reserve.

**Park for Locals: Near the reserve lies Hampton Senior High School grounds, which is off-limits to dogs. Individuals who cannot control their dogs still have the choice of walking around between the edge of the school grounds to the road that belongs to the council and numerous other parks, as most of which require dogs to be on a lead.**

The petitioner has placed all dog owners who choose the responsible pathway and having their dogs on leads (which does not mean their dog is aggressive) to go use another park. This is not inclusive or harmonious. Everybody has the right to exercise their dog. I have a dog which I prefer to walk on a lead not because he is aggressive (because he definitely is not) but because I feel it is safer for him, especially when you come across dogs off the lead. The question lies, why should her group the 'Dog Squad' monopolise and have more rights to the reserve and others can't take a leisurely stroll through the park.

**Why are we compelled to be separated from the park across the road, preventing dogs and humans from playing together?**

The Petitioner does not live across the road from the park, so this is a void comment. Again, we need to take into account the needs of our whole community, from the elderly to the young.

To sum up, Battersea Reserve should remain an open space for everyone. A place to be able to sit, relax, play and enjoy a beautiful space that has been created for the community.

The grassed area is not as big as it once was and should not be allocated to just dogs. The comments by the petitioner are particularly centred around her 'Dog Squad' and how they can use it. To suggest others with dogs on leads can simply go and walk around the perimeter is unacceptable and not in line with an all-inclusive area.

Battersea Reserve should remain as it is a beautiful open area for our community to use and appreciate. Dogs should remain on leads as we have a lot of birds in the park and they too should be protected. As stated earlier there are 40 designated off lead parks/reserves in the City of Bayswater which can be utilised.

I hope the City of Bayswater recognises the significance of this reserve and for the enjoyment of all and the protection of our bird life, reject this proposal.

I thank you for your time and hope you take my concerns into consideration.

Kind regards

Vicki Roelofs

**10.4.1 Petition for Battersea Reserve Morley to be Reclassified as a Dog Exercise Area and Playground to be enclosed**

**Thomas Boyd**

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposed rezoning of Battersea Reserve

Please consider effect of additional numbers of dog owners arriving by car – parking problem.

Additional dog population and annoyance to residents. Who will train owners to clean-up dog poo?

Dogs off leash can suddenly react to people who are giving fear signals. Many local residents are elderly, not everyone is confident around/near dogs. The reserve is currently pleasantly available to all residents and visitors because dogs are on leash. Best to keep the leash rule in place.

Please also consider the danger to people of some 12 gum trees which regularly drop heavy branches.

No objection to fenced off play area.

#### **10.4.1 Petition for Battersea Reserve Morley to be Reclassified as a Dog Exercise Area and Playground to be enclosed**

**James Reed and Yuki Takeno**

Dear Steven Ostaszewskyj,

**In response to a letter received by mail marked ATTENTION RESIDENTS Petition for Battersea Reserve Morley to be Reclassified as a Dog Exercise Area and Playground to be Enclosed.**

I am writing to express my strong support for the reclassification of Battersea Reserve as an off-lead dog exercise area, as outlined in the recent petition submitted by Ms. Yen-Jung Lee Somers and endorsed by numerous residents, including myself. I believe that this change would greatly benefit our community and enhance the overall functionality of the reserve.

As a resident of 19 Battersea Way, Morley, for the past 20 years, I have witnessed the positive impact that the local residents and their dogs have had on our neighborhood. The corner of the park closest to my house has become a vibrant hub of activity where residents gather to play with their dogs, engage in recreational activities like hitting baseballs for their dogs to collect, and foster a sense of community spirit.

I particularly appreciate the presence of these residents and their dogs in the park every afternoon. It feels like a free neighborhood watch or security system, as they diligently look after the street and keep a vigilant eye on any potential issues or unfamiliar individuals who may pass through. This proactive approach to neighborhood safety serves as a strong deterrent to criminal activities and contributes significantly to the overall safety and well-being of our community.

As a father of two children aged 12 and 14, nothing is more important to me than feeling safe in my home and knowing that my family is safe. The presence of our neighbors outside in the park, keeping an eye on the street, gives me a profound sense of security. It's reassuring to know that we have such caring and vigilant neighbors who actively contribute to making our neighborhood a safer place for everyone.

Furthermore, reclassifying Battersea Reserve as an off-lead dog exercise area would provide a designated space for dogs to engage in activities that provide mental stimulation, exercise, and socialization. This not only benefits the dogs' health and well-being but also encourages responsible pet ownership and fosters a more harmonious and inclusive community experience.

I believe that allowing dogs to exercise off-lead in Battersea Reserve will transform the area into a multifunctional, versatile, and welcoming space for all people to enjoy. It aligns with the City's strategic goals of creating safe and inviting places for people to come together and maximizing the use of our facilities and parks by all sections of the community.

In conclusion, I urge the council to consider the overwhelming community support for this proposal and to proceed with the reclassification of Battersea Reserve as an off-lead dog exercise area. I am confident that this decision will have numerous benefits for our neighborhood and contribute to making Morley an even better place to live.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

James Reed and Yuki Takeno