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Dear Property Owners

Hamilton St Pedestrian Bridge – Adjoining Landowners Information

Council received a range of comments in response to distribution of our information sheet about the Hamilton St Pedestrian Bridge project in January.

The specific comments received from some of the property owners in the area directly adjacent to the proposed bridge site related to the following issues:

- The location of the proposed paths, i.e. not wanting to be close to fences of properties.
- The location of lighting, i.e. not wanting light spill onto properties.
- Adequate screening, i.e. so that people walking on the bridge do not directly “gaze” into people’s back yards.

As a starting point to aim to address these concerns, we have produced a preliminary landscaping plan for the river frontage area, to present to you some initial ideas on how these aspects would be treated. Specifically:

Paths

The intended paths alignment generally follows an existing informal track that has started to be formed by vehicle usage along the river front. The main path then follows along the river’s edge to join other tracks further to the south-west. A short section of new path will connect to Waterlink Esplanade. This path will be kept towards the river as much as possible to help provide a separation between the path and private fencing.

During construction of the bridge, it is planned that this track will need placement of crushed rock to support vehicles used in the works. That will then provide a solid base for the subsequent walking track.

Lighting

Lighting of the bridge and walking paths will be provided for public safety. This lighting will be close to the paths, i.e. not fences, and designed with appropriate shrouding to manage light spill, so that back yards are not lit up by the lights. The locations of the lights are shown indicatively on the plan, as small yellow dots, on the east side of the path, pointing towards the river (i.e. away from houses).

Bridge Alignment

The issue was raised that the bridge alignment could create a platform for people to gaze directly into the back yards of some properties on the east side of the Wimmera River. The alignment has been adjusted so that it lines up with an existing stand of established trees, to avoid this issue.

This letter will be distributed either in paper or by email. If you received an email of the plan and would like a paper copy, or a larger size, please ask and it will be provided.

Your comments on this plan are invited so that we can adapt it to address issues you may have. Please call or email either Sue Sheridan or me on the contacts shown below.

Yours sincerely



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