

Dear Members of Hampton Neighbourhood Association,

Bayside Council considered the preferred arrangements for access and parking to the Hampton Activity Centre at the Council Meeting held on 28 April.

The minutes record the decision as:

**10.1 Hampton Willis Street Precinct Urban Design
Framework Implementation – Koolkuna Lane
Alignment Options**

City Strategy – Urban Strategy
File No: PSF/14/340

It is recorded that Mr Terry Burke, Mr Neville Ashdown, Mr Simon Gipson, Mrs Sheila Howell, Mr Robert Blair, Mr David Osborn, Mrs Janice Cook, Mr Robert Grinter, Mr Stephen Ellis and Ms Jill Bennett spoke in relation to this matter.

It is recorded that Cr Stewart entered the meeting at 8.26pm.

Moved: Cr Long

Seconded: Cr Heffernan

That Council:

1. reaffirms Option C as the preferred Koolkuna Lane alignment option;
2. undertakes detailed design of Option C to facilitate the road realignment;
3. commences the statutory processes to discontinue the redundant section of Koolkuna Lane and proclaim a road over the new alignment;
4. writes to all submitters thanking them for their involvement and advising of the outcome;
5. receives a further report regarding management of amenity impacts for affected residents such as noise attenuation or screening measures, identifying properties directly and indirectly affected and any potential financial implications;
6. receives a further report investigating the options regarding the future use of the Willis Street Scout Hall site;
7. requests VicTrack to investigate opportunities to increase the supply of commuter car parking around Hampton Station; and
8. continues engaging with community members and key stakeholders.

The Motion was Put and a **DIVISION** was called.

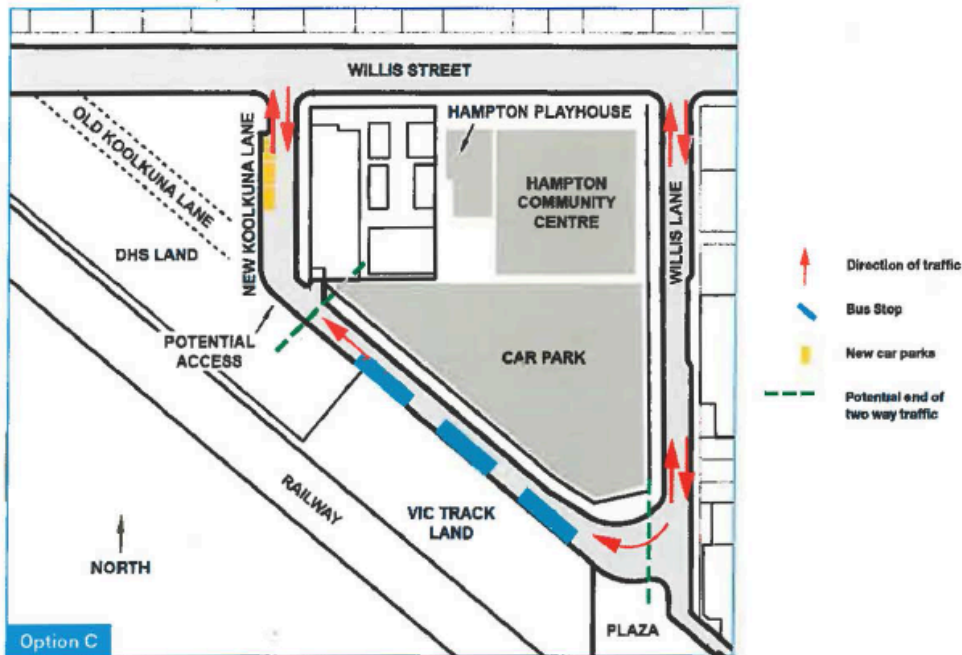
DIVISION: **FOR:** Crs Long, Heffernan and Frederico (3)
AGAINST: Crs Stewart, Evans and del Porto (3)

The Chairperson used her casting vote in favour of the motion and the motion was **CARRIED**

Option C was described by Council Officers as:

Option C

Option C realigns Koolkuna Lane and allows two way traffic at the northern end, to provide access to the VicTrack development site and 8 Willis Street from Koolkuna Lane.



The Association:

- Met with each Councillor individually prior to the meeting and with Mayor Frederico twice
- Met several times with Council Officers M. Kelleher & T. Vercoe
- Had 4 speakers at the Council meeting who spoke against adoption C and in favour of Options D & E

A vote of thanks should go to those Association members who gave up their time to meet with Councillors and attend or speak at the Council meeting. A vote of thanks should also go to all Councillors who made their time available to meet with the Association.

Those involved in the process and on the night were disappointed that:

- Hampton Traders Association favoured Option C because they had been advised that any alternative would result in a loss of carparking. As noted by Councillor del Porto on the night, and repeatedly by the Association, that was not an inevitable consequence.
- Hampton Community Centre favoured Option C because they had been advised that the Association wished to direct traffic through the carpark

at the rear of their building, which was simply incorrect. The Community Centre also did not wish to have any increase in the traffic in Willis Lane beside their building and expressed the belief that residents living near the activity centre should move 15 minutes away if they did not like the traffic!

The Association made the point repeatedly that the Options considered had been developed by a narrowly focussed public transport working group and that liveability in Bayside and residential amenity was considered late in the process or arguably not at all. Option C is a solution for cars and buses not for people and residents.

In the end the Association failed narrowly to have Option C voted down and its preferred Option E more fully considered.

The Association should express its appreciation to Councillors del Porto, Stewart and Evans who voted against the motion.

The Association should note that our local Ward Councillors Frederico and Long voted for Option C with Councillor Long moving the motion and Councillor Frederico voting twice (once for the motion and once to exercise a casting vote as Mayor as a consequence of the tied vote).

There is no doubt that the Association improved the outcome for directly affected residents with point 5 of the resolution expanded to incorporate the financial implications to Council of mitigation measures to affected properties.

What now?

- VicTrack's preferred developer will commence a town planning permit application that will involve public consultation
- The Association will focus on:
 - Overlooking issues for residents in Orlando Street and Railway Crescent
 - Residential impacts more directly associated with the VicTrack building
- The Association will hold a further General Meeting to establish a common response when more information is available about building form on the VicTrack site

Thank you again to:

- Councillors Del Porto, Stewart & Evans for their support
- Association members who gave up their time

The Committee
Hampton Neighbourhood Association
8 May 2015