



Walkway Closures Policy

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A - PREAMBLE

1. Property & Buildings staff receive requests from residents to consider walkway closures and the consequent purchase of the land which adjoins their property. Should it be identified that the walkway is surplus to public requirements, provides no public benefit or is an inefficient use of public assets, a road closure process may be undertaken to facilitate the requested disposal.

B - SCOPE

1. The policy applies to walkways adjacent to residential properties which are the subject of a request for closure from a resident of the City of Salisbury.

C – POLICY PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

1. This policy clarifies the:
 - conditions that must be considered to close a walkway;
 - public consultation that needs to be undertaken by Council staff; and
 - responsibility for meeting the costs associated with closing a walkway.

D - POLICY STATEMENT

1. The closure of walkways will be supported unless strong reasons can be shown for keeping the walkway open and must be the subject of a road closure process in accordance with the *Roads Opening and Closing Act 1991*.
2. Adjoining owners will be asked to pay for all costs associated with the disposal of the land and the removal of services required to close the walkway. Payment is to be made in advance if required.
3. Where a problem walkway is unable to be closed, gates may be erected at each end at the adjoining owner's expense, if agreement is reached after the usual consultative process.
4. As a matter of public consultation, Council will:
 1. advertise the intention to close a walkway in the local newspaper;
 2. erect signs at the walkway entrance informing users of the intention to close;

3. send letters to property owners within the area of the walkway, inviting interested persons to make submissions for Council’s consideration. These letters are to explain the reasons and purpose for the walkway closure.
4. provide information to relevant Ward Councillors, of affected property owners prior to commencement of public consultation.

E - LEGISLATION

1. Roads (Opening and Closing) Act, 1991

F – ASSOCIATED POLICIES

1. Public Consultation Policy

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