

Walkleys Road Corridor

Traffic and Parking Issues Fact Sheet



The Walkleys Road Corridor, between Mozart Avenue and Denning and Grenada Avenues in Ingle Farm, has been identified as a possible site for future housing which would incorporate upgraded streetscapes and parks.

What we heard

In November 2020, we invited our local community to participate in a series of activities to let us know what you thought about the potential future development of this site.

Many of you shared your views by attending our pop-up event on the corridor, filling out a feedback form, sending us an email, giving us a call, or participating in a listening post.

In developing a concept plan, you asked us to consider traffic and parking issues. Some really useful local information about current traffic and parking issues was received.

This fact sheet has been prepared to provide some further detail on the issues raised, with responses as to how we've considered them.



Access/movement

1. Considering a new entry from Montague Road opposite Walkleys Road

There was mixed feedback about the option of a new access road into the site from Montague Road opposite Walkleys Road, with some people seeing this as positive and necessary for a new development, and others being opposed and concerned that it will create a 'rat run' and increase traffic in the neighbourhood generally.

Response:

Montague Road is managed by the State Government's Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), so we need to work with them on any solutions that involve their roads.

We have discussed a potential new intersection at Montague Road opposite Walkleys Road with DIT, but they do not consider that it is necessary based on the existing and potential future traffic flow into the local street network.

We have done some traffic modelling in the local area and this has told us that traffic currently moves evenly through the area. It is for these reasons that we are not further considering a new intersection on Montague Road, and will use the existing roads to connect to a potential future development on the Walkleys Road corridor.

2. Improving the right turn from Sullivan Road onto Montague Road

We heard that the right turn from Sullivan Road onto Montague Road is currently a difficult movement.

Response:

As mentioned in the response to the issue above, Montague Road is managed by the State Government's Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), so we need to work with them on any solutions that involve their roads.

3. Motorists use local roads as 'rat runs' or cut through routes

Local residents told us that they experience motorists using local streets as a rat run, particularly from Montague Road to Bridge Road that uses Sullivan and Baloo Streets to avoid the Montague/Bridge Roads intersection.

Response:

One way that this might be improved is by looking at the programming of the traffic lights at Bridge and Montague Roads, so that motorists aren't tempted to use local streets in order to avoid queuing at the lights.

We will work with State Government's Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to look at options for improvement.

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Congestion/traffic

1. Area is already congested and a new development would make this worse

We heard from you about your experiences with local congestion and traffic. Some of this was within the local road network, others were from the impacts of surrounding main roads (like Montague Road and Bridge Road). We have considered both of these.

Response:

We have done some local traffic counts and modelling and this has told us that local street network traffic volumes are generally low and within what we would expect to be the acceptable capacity of the local street network. Furthermore, that local streets can cater for increases that may come from development like that which is proposed on the Walkleys Road corridor. Our assessment also suggested that local traffic can be safely dispersed through the existing local street network and onto the main roads.

We will work with State Government's Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to look at options for improvement of traffic moving in and out of this local area along their main roads (ie Montague Road and Bridge Road).

Should Council decide to proceed with this project, we will continue to regularly monitor the traffic volumes and speeds along the road network within the area to allow 'before and after' comparison of traffic volumes so that the existing road network continues to cater for local community needs.

Council is proactive in monitoring the traffic flow for the wider road network across the City of Salisbury and counts are updated at a minimum of every three years.

Speeding

You let us know that speeding cars were an issue along some local streets, including Baloo Street and Sullivan Road.

Response:

We reviewed traffic data collected in these streets in 2019 and 2020 which suggested that the majority of motorists are travelling within the legal speed limits, and general traffic patterns would not warrant consideration for installation of traffic calming measures.

Unfortunately, it seems that this issue is caused by a minority of 'hoon drivers'. We will continue to monitor vehicle volumes and speeds along the road network within Ingle Farm and refer any driver behavior issues identified through this monitoring to the South Australian Police for action as the relevant enforcement authority.

Car Parking

1. Infill development (redevelopment of older, larger homes often replaced with two or more smaller homes) is increasing the need for car parking

You told us that infill development (redevelopment of older, larger homes often replaced with two or more smaller homes) is increasing the need for car parking on street. This is due to smaller driveways, less garaging, or less room on street due to more driveways interrupting the kerb.

Response:

This issue is managed through planning policies. Recent changes (March 2021) in these planning policies has actually introduced new policies requiring that there to be room for some off street car parking, as well as making sure there is still room for cars to park on street, between driveways. These changes have been introduced in response to the issues identified in relation to parking for infill development to date, and we expect this will help this issue in relation to future infill development.

In addition, at the next more detailed design phase for the Walkleys Road Corridor, the project team will ensure that there will be enough on-site and off-site parking, such as including indented parking.

2. Local community facilities (such as churches) require additional parking that causes issues

We heard that local churches need lots of extra parking during their services, and this is causing some issues in local streets.

Response:

Council will continue to monitor the parking generated by these sites during their peak times of use. We will work with church management at looking at short and long term options for appropriate parking provision and controls to maintain traffic safety.

For more information on Walkleys Road Corridor, or to find out more about local traffic issues, please contact us:

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