

PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST FACILITIES STRATEGY

This section sets out:

- All of the off-road pedestrian and cyclist facilities proposed to be provided in the Wollie Creek Redevelopment Area and funded under the Plan.
- The estimated costs of providing those facilities.
- The priority and estimated timing for providing the facilities.
- Any "apportionment" which may apply to the contributions.

Identification of Proposed Pedestrian and Cyclist Facilities

The Plan proposes to collect contributions towards the provision of off-road pedestrian and cyclist facilities within the Wollie Creek Redevelopment Area, as identified in the adopted Masterplan for that area. These were based on detailed planning that has previously been undertaken to identify the infrastructure requirements of the area.

In addition to the provision of off-street pedestrian and cyclist facilities, all new roads within Wollie Creek will be designed to safely accommodate on-road usage by cyclists. Funding for this will be levied as part of the roads, traffic management and parking strategy, outlined earlier.

Apportionment

The draft Contributions Plan identifies all of the pedestrian and cyclist facilities that will be required for the complete redevelopment of Wollie Creek. However, because development of the area is unlikely to be completed within the ten year lifespan of this Section 94 Plan, only a proportion of the proposed works can be funded under this Plan. As explained in the previous section, all development contributions in Wollie Creek will therefore be "apportioned" at 64%.

However, pedestrian and cyclist facilities have been further apportioned by 35% because:

- The facilities provided will also benefit the existing Rockdale population, and the population of adjoining local government areas, by providing direct access to the Wollie Creek station. Contributions cannot be levied for existing demands or the needs of adjoining council areas.
- Government grants and funding are periodically provided for cycleways. The Plan is required to recognise the likely availability of alternative funding sources.
- The Contributions plan will already fund 100% of the cost of pedestrian and cyclist facilities within the proposed Wollie Creek road network.

In view of the above, 35% apportionment is considered a reasonable requirement. This 35% apportionment for pedestrian and cyclist facilities is already applied under Council's current Section 94 Plan.

Comparison with Existing Section 94 Plan Provisions

The existing Section 94 Contributions Plan already levies contributions for off-road pedestrian and cyclist facilities in the Wollie Creek area. However, this program of facilities and services has been reviewed as a result of changes to the adopted Masterplan for the area and to update costings to current values.

The table of proposed contribution rates later in this report compares these new rates with the contribution rates presently payable under the current Section 94 Plan.

Contributions Carried Over from the Current Contributions Plan

As indicated previously, Council's current Section 94 Plan already levies contributions towards the cost of pedestrian and cyclist facilities in Wollie Creek and money has now been collected from the Meriton developments for those purposes. These funds need to be credited in the new Plan.

Proposed Pedestrian and Cyclist Facilities

WOLLIE CREEK REDEVELOPMENT AREA					
Ref. No.	Proposed Works	Estimated Priority	Estimated Timing	Estimated Capital Cost	Estimated Land Acquisition Cost
PC1	Bridge over Princes Highway at Gertrude Street	2	2007-11	\$1,800,000	Nil
PC2	Pathway on top of SWSOOS between Arncliffe Street and Princes Highway	3	>2012	\$300,000	Nil
PC3	Underpass beneath Illawarra Railway at Cooks River	3	>2012	\$100,000	\$2,000
PC4	Underpass beneath SWSOOS between Thompson and Lusty Streets	1	2002	\$70,000	Nil
PC5	Bridge across Wollie Creek to Waterworth Park	3	>2012	\$1,200,000	Nil
PC6	Pedestrian and cycle path along Cooks River foreshore and link path to Arncliffe Street	1	2004	\$200,000	Nil
PC9	Underpass beneath Princes Highway at Cooks River	3	>2012	\$100,000	Nil
TOTALS				\$3,770,000	\$2,000
Total capital and land acquisition costs					\$3,772,000
Apportionment to section 94 funding				at 35%	\$1,320,200
Less amount collected under current contributions plans					\$99,492
Total to be funded under new and future contributions plans					\$1,220,708
Apportionment to new contributions plan				at 64%	\$781,253