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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **RESIDENTS INVITED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON THE DONCASTER HILL PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING PLAN**

Manningham City Council's Draft Doncaster Hill Pedestrian and Cycling Plan is now open for comment and Council welcomes submissions by interested community members and other key stakeholders.

Residents are invited to attend an information session on Thursday 16 July from 7.30pm to 9pm to be held in Function Room 2 at the Manningham City Council offices.

Manningham Mayor, Cr Charles Pick said the Doncaster Hill Pedestrian and Cycling Plan was originally developed in June 2003 and this major review of the Plan will identify future works to be undertaken and ensure stronger links to public transport.

"Improved access for both pedestrians and cyclists is a significant priority for Council. We are keen to encourage more people to get active and make better use of shared paths, dedicated walking paths and preferred cycling routes."

"The review the Pedestrian and Cycling Plan is a wonderful opportunity for Council to work closely with the community and stakeholders to investigate a range of pedestrian and cycling links that will improve access across our City, to Doncaster Hill and into neighbouring municipalities.

"Council will also continue to advocate for improvements to Manningham's public transport network, to ensure that the community has access to an efficient service which offers links to a range of destinations," Cr Pick said.

The Draft Plan aims to reduce the use of private vehicles and increase the overall health and wellbeing of the local community.

A range of actions to be undertaken, including physical works, are identified in the Plan. The works aim to:

- Improve transport and streetscape infrastructure
- Promote activities to encourage walking, cycling and public transport use
- Advocate to State and Federal Government for infrastructure and operational improvements.

Since the preparation of the 2003 Plan, a greater range of local and regional bus services have been proposed and introduced to service Manningham, including:

- the proposed Doncaster Area Rapid Transit (DART) bus service
- Implementation of the Red Orbital route and
- Introduction of the Manningham Mover loop bus service.

The Draft Doncaster Hill Pedestrian and Cycling Plan will investigate public transport (bus infrastructure and services) as a part of the range of sustainable transport modes available to residents and visitors.

The Draft Doncaster Hill Pedestrian and Cycling Plan will be on public exhibition until Wednesday 5 August.

The Draft Plan can be viewed at Council Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, or online at [www.manningham.vic.gov.au](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au) or [www.doncasterhill.com](http://www.doncasterhill.com).

For a copy of the Draft Doncaster Hill Pedestrian and Cycling Plan, or to register for the Information Session, telephone 9840 9348 or email [eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au).

Submissions will be accepted until 5pm on Wednesday 5 August 2009.

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