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DONCASTER HILL BOULEVARD TAKING SHAPE

Work on the Doncaster Hill Boulevard and Public Art Fence is nearing completion with the fence and boulevard treatment in place, and final landscaping work now being carried out.

The project, jointly funded by Manningham City Council and the Department of Sustainability through a \$235,000 Creating Better Places grant, is part of Council's efforts to improve pedestrian accessibility and create appealing public open spaces.

The previously existing boulevard treatment in front of the Doncaster Playhouse has been extended along the Doncaster Road frontage of the Doncaster Primary School to Council Street, providing a broader walkway with additional trees and landscaping.

The new art fence also acts as a sight and sound barrier between Doncaster Road vehicle and pedestrian traffic and Doncaster Primary School.

The project has taken various environmental issues into account throughout its development, with the internally-lit Art Fence to using low energy LED lighting, and landscaping works making use water-sensitive urban design concepts.

A Steering Committee was setup at the commencement of the project to oversee its progress. This committee included Councillors, Council officers, and representatives from the Department of Sustainability and Environment, the Department of Employment, Education and Training, and Doncaster Primary School.

Many of the members of this steering committee are now be involved in the project to upgrade the Doncaster Hill Pedestrian Underpass, which will further improve pedestrian connectivity on the Hill.

Work is due for completion in early June, with a launch for the internally lit Public Art Fence to take place shortly after, where it will be officially lit up for the first time.

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