

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Questions from Bill Phelan

Q1: Mr Phelan asked what monitoring would be undertaken to establish whether it will increase traffic in Clark Street, and any other positive or negative effects on pedestrian or vehicular traffic?

Q2: Mr Phelan stated that he believes Council limits innovation and diminishes the value of community consultation. Mr Phelan asked how Council will change this cultural problem.

Response

Q1: Council officers have recently commissioned new traffic surveys for Albert Street and the surrounding roads in Port Melbourne. The surveys were conducted prior to the school holidays in September / October 2018 and commencement of the Albert Street/ Graham Street intersection works. Additional traffic surveys are proposed in 2019, following the completion of the Albert Street / Graham Street intersection works.

The 'before and after' data will be analysed and compared to evaluate any operational changes to the local road network and to inform any further investigation. Council officers will continue to monitor the reconfigured Albert Street / Graham Street intersection and the surrounding roads.

Q2: Council officers conduct consultation with the local community on various project proposals and welcome local feedback during the consultation period. Council recognises that there may be wide ranging views, including those in support and against.

All views are considered to inform any changes to a project proposal. Council aims to provide a balanced project proposal in the best interest of the wider community. Unfortunately, the project decision may not be the desired outcome for some community members. Council officers constantly strive to improve community engagement for future project consultations.

I hope you find the above responses informative and responsive to your questions.

**Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*