

Public Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice*

Question from Teresa Warren:

Was it possible that a better working relationship could be developed between Council and DHHS especially Clarendon Street Housing Office, so that the pits in St Lukes Street be cleaned when they should be and that no more clothing bins are installed at the end of St Lukes Street?

Response

St Lukes Street is a private road and all assets, including drainage assets on this street, are not owned by Council. As such, Council's drainage contractors would not be entering into this street to check and clean pits.

Council does carry out periodic inspections, and cleans as required, of the pits at both ends of St Lukes Street on Coventry and Dorcas Streets, which forms part of Council's drainage network. The last inspection and clean of these pits were undertaken in November 2016.

Local Laws Officers inspected the shared entrance to St Luke Street (Car Park) which runs between Coventry Street and Dorcas Street South Melbourne on Friday 14 July 2017 and did not find any clothing recycling bins located at this site or surrounding areas.

In accordance with clause 25 in Council's Local Law No.1 a permit is required to place a clothing recycling bin on Council land. A permit is not required to place a clothing recycling bin on private land such as the St Lukes site.

Prior to issuing a clothing recycling permit an assessment of the location is made by Council's Development Permits team. If the site is suitable for placement of a clothing bin a permit is generally issued with conditions to ensure the amenity is not detrimentally impacted.

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