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Monday, 15 July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you as the secretary of the East Clifton Hill Residents Inc (ECHRI).

The ECHRI Committee was recently made aware of the proposal, derived from the Yarra Transport Strategy 2022-32, which could cause council to alter the parking currently from angled parking to parallel parking in streets designated 'non-compliant' in the cycling policy.

It would appear that such a change would inevitably reduce the number of carpark spaces on the designated streets and thereby put extra parking pressure on the adjacent streets.

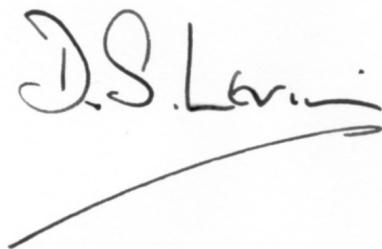
ECHRI is considering the relative merits of the different parking options and whether any alternative road treatments, such as improved and better maintained green cycling lanes, improved signage warning drivers of the need to carefully watch out for cyclists before reversing, reverse parking into the car parking angled park spaces, clearer designation of 60° spaces rather than allowing 90° parking, might ameliorate the situation with less impact on the local residents.

In the meantime we would be interested to know the background and research behind the statement on p.65 of the Strategy which states:

Dangerous angled car parking will be phased out and replaced with safer parallel parking on any street in Yarra that has a formal cycle function via the provision of bike lanes, bike symbols or other bike facilities. This will reduce instances where people in vehicles with limited visibility reverse out directly into the path of on-coming bicycles and other vehicles.

Cyclists on the ECHRI Committee were of the view that parallel parking presents the well-known hazard of 'dooring' where a careless driver opens a car door without regard for other road users, causing cyclists injuries and, in some cases, death. We are unaware of research or statistics on the relative safety outcomes for cyclists of parallel v. angled parking. If you are aware of any such research, could you provide it to us or identify the location so we can consider it?

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D.S. Levin". A single horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

David Levin

Secretary

ECHR Inc