



Path Guideline

1. Purpose

The purpose of this guideline is to provide guidance about path requirements, the standards for design

2. Consultation Procedures

Consultation will be included in all decisions about paths.

2.1 New paths

The minimum consultation about a new path is a letter to all adjacent owners and occupiers and any other persons who can be reasonably identified as having a stakeholder interest in the new path.

When consultation occurs, the consultation officer will review the feedback received and provide a summary of the feedback to the asset manager for their review and action. A new path may be deferred based on the outcome of the consultation feedback.

In some cases, a new path will be installed without consultation, including the following:

- A new path proposal is identified in a strategic document, a precinct plan or similar document that improves the overall walking network; or
- A new path is required to provide DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) compliant access for a person with limited mobility or access issues (eg gopher, wheel chair or walking frame);

In these cases, a notification letter will be sent to affected residents regarding the installation of a new path.

2.2 Reporting to Council

Where a Ward Councillor believes that the final decision on the outcome a path may be divisive, the Asset Manager will prepare a report for the relevant Committee of Council stating the reasons for a final decision and seeking endorsement of a recommendation for that decision. The Asset Manager will advise owners and occupiers that they may make representation to the Committee about the recommendation of the report.

Path renewals are included in the Path Asset Management Plan (AMP) and a rolling 4-year program is included within that document. The Path AMP is reported to Council each year and the 4-year program is updated at that time.

2.3 Reconsideration

The installation or removal of paths can be divisive, so once a decision is made the installation or removal of a path will not be reconsidered for at least 10 years after original consultation. The exception to this is if it is under review as part of a strategic document, or significant development or change of adjacent use occurs to warrant re-investigation of demand for a path.