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Dear Mr. Reed,

I am writing on behalf of BIKEast to thank you for, and to accept, your invitation to assist in developing a cooperative framework for improving walking and cycling in and around Centennial Park (Your Ref: A08/1357). I would also like to draw your attention to an issue which requires Council's attention; being the need for a review/update of the Waverley Bike Plan.

The Waverley Bike Plan was approved by the Council in 1999 and implementation of the Plan's recommendations has proceeded up to the completion of Stage 2. BIKEast has been in consultation with Council staff throughout this period. While there have been some significant improvements in the provision of bicycle infrastructure through implementation of Stage 1 and Stage 2, BIKEast has been disappointed by the slow progress and lack of strategic integration with urban infrastructure projects initiated by Council, other statutory authorities and private developers. It is also disappointing that implementation of the Bike Plan is now completely stalled (with no funding provided in the most recent Plan of Management); however this provides Council with an opportunity to review and update the Plan, and (hopefully) to reinvigorate the process of improving the facilities for cyclists in the Waverley LGA.

In making this request I draw your attention to the fact that Randwick City Council approved an updated Bike Plan in December 2008, and that Woollahra Municipal Council is currently finalising a strategic review and update of its Bike Plan.

You may also be aware of the current program of works underway in the City of Sydney LGA which is proceeding under a framework established by the *Cycle Strategy and Action Plan 2007-2017* and the *Sustainable Sydney 2030 Plan*. The Strategy establishes a target of increasing the number of bicycle trips made, as a percentage of total trips to 5% by 2011, and to 10% by 2016. Achieving the City of Sydney's targets requires continuity between key bicycle routes linking the City with surrounding LGAs and cooperation with other adjoining councils in developing similar linkages to key employment and activity nodes in the eastern suburbs. It is hoped that a review/update of the Waverley Bike Plan that promotes improved linkages could proceed as soon as possible.

I look forward to discussing these issues with you further soon.

Yours sincerely,



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Cc: The Mayor and Councillors of Waverley Council