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Karloskar Hall  
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OFFICE OF  
THE MAYOR

Dear Karloskar

### DUTCH STYLE WOONERFS

Thank you for your letter that was received on 22 November 2024, regarding the implementation of Dutch style 'woonerfs' to improve safety and amenity for residents, pedestrians and cyclists across the City.

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The 'woonerf' concept is an interesting approach to improving safety and amenity for residents, pedestrians and cyclists. Whilst this type of initiative would have significant benefits in residential areas, the Council does not have a policy of prioritising one mode of transport over another and our overall aim is to provide fair and equitable access for all modes of transport across the City. The 'woonerf' and other 'living street' types of infrastructure, are also very costly to implement and maintain and may not be a feasible solution for the Council's local street network.

It is also worth noting that the Council takes an 'evidence based approach', in respect to the implementation of traffic management initiatives that seek to improve safety and amenity for residents, pedestrians and cyclists. In this respect, I can advise that the most recent traffic data collected by the Council for Regent Street, Kensington, indicated traffic volumes of 725 vehicles per day, which is well below the capacity for a 'local street', which can cater for up to 2000 vehicle movements per day. In addition, the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of motorists on Regent Street was 42kmph (the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is the speed at or below which 85% of motorists travel) and the average speed was 34.5kph, which is an acceptable speed within a residential area.

In light of the available traffic data and given that Regent Street provides an important connection to the Marryatville Primary School for motorists, Council staff have advised that there is not a strong warrant for the introduction of traffic management initiatives in Regent Street, Kensington at this time.



Thank you for bringing your proposal to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Robert Bria  
MAYOR

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