

6. PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAYS CLOSURE POLICY

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the proposed policy for handling requests for the closure of pedestrian accessways.

BACKGROUND

Currently the Council does not have a standard or set procedure for handling a request for the closure of a pedestrian accessway. It has been recognised that there are no formal procedures or indicators available to guide the decision making at Community Board level to ensure consistent decision making city wide. A pedestrian accessway closure policy has been developed to provide a framework for consistent decision making based on agreed principles throughout the city.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAY CLOSURE POLICY (SYNOPSIS OF CONTENTS)

The policy is designed to provide a framework for Council decision makers and a clear and robust process for both the public and Council to follow. The policy has three main sections:

1. The first section provides general information on pedestrian accessways covered by the policy, reasons for the policy, who should use the policy and how to use it.
2. The second section outlines the objectives of the policy and general principles to be adhered to in making decisions.
3. The third section is a series of appendices where the procedures are outlined more fully with the use of a flowchart. Also included are illustrations of different accessways, a checklist of the information that is to be collected, as well as, remedial action programmes and assessment criteria to assist Council officers in making recommendations.

(See attached Proposed Pedestrian Accessways Closure Policy.)

Recommendation: That the Council approves the Pedestrian AccessWay Closure Policy.