

## FAQs

### **1. Why is the City undertaking the Rockingham Road upgrade and beautification project?**

The 2009 Phoenix Central Revitalisation Strategy identified the upgrade and beautification of Rockingham Road within the town centre as a key project. This project aims to create a calmer, safer and more attractive town centre boulevard road, comprising a new street design, new trees, bike lanes, footpaths and completely redeveloped verges and public areas. The road will help to present the Phoenix Town Centre as a destination for people to access and enjoy, and importantly ensure through regional traffic (especially trucks) are directed to either Stock Road or Cockburn Road and not use Rockingham Road as a short cut.

### **2. When is the project proposed to take place and what will it cost?**

The concept plans available on this website have been the result of more than 24 months of investigation in to the options that are available to upgrade and beautify this road. In light of the extensive preparatory work that has already occurred, and subject to the design achieving final support by Council, the project will be completed in the first half of 2017. The cost of the project will be in the vicinity of \$3.5m.

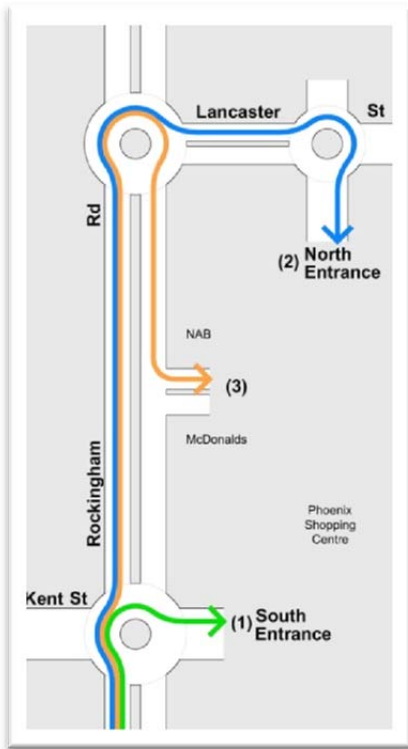
### **3. What kind of discussion has occurred with businesses and residents along Rockingham Road?**

Over the last two months staff of the City have been meeting one on one with landowners and business owners who directly adjoin Rockingham Road between Coleville Crescent and Phoenix Road. This has been to make them aware of the proposal, and to also encourage them to consider making a submission once plans are released for comment. These plans are now released for comment.

### **4. There appears to be some significant changes to the road. What are these?**

The road will change from a dual carriageway (two lanes in both directions) to a single carriageway (one lane in both directions). Associated with this will be the creation of two new roundabouts (Lancaster Street / Rockingham Road and Kent Street / Shopping Centre / Rockingham Road) that will be connected via a substantial tree lined street median. The advantage of these roundabouts is the creation of a safe movement environment for vehicles accessing both sides of the town centre. No longer will vehicles have to perform an often difficult right hand turn across 3-4 lanes of traffic – instead through utilising left turn movements followed by through movements or u-turns at roundabouts, people will be able to safely enjoy accessing the town centre. The plans also provide for new pedestrian crossings, dedicated bus embayments on both sides of the road, new bus stop infrastructure, new bike lanes, new footpaths and new landscaping throughout the verge areas.

**5. I am interested in understanding a bit more about access. What if I am coming from the south in my car and want to access the shopping centre?**



You have a number of new safer choices:

- 1) You can utilise the new roundabout entrance to the shopping centre at Kent Street to access either the southern ground level or upper deck car parking;
- 2) You can utilise the new roundabout at Lancaster Street / Rockingham Road to turn down Lancaster Street and enter the northern ground level and upper deck car parking;
- 3) You can utilise the new roundabout at Lancaster Street / Rockingham Road, perform a U-turn and head south to the shopping centre access next to McDonalds.

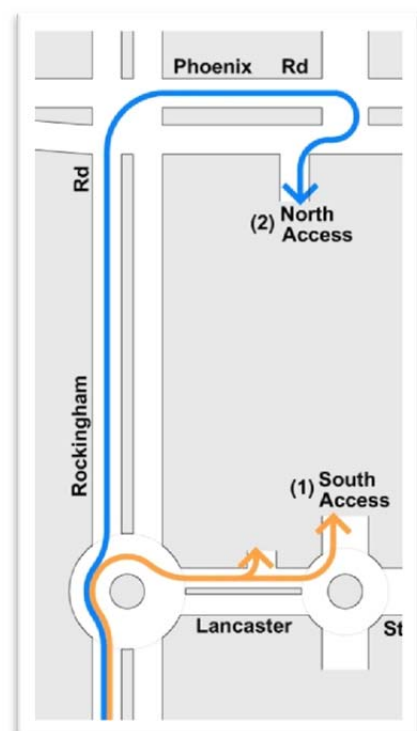
Customers for all business on the shopping centre side of Rockingham Road will be able to access in this way. It should also be noted that leaving the town centre becomes far easier and safer, especially if you wish to continue travelling northwards.

**6. My business is on the northern side of Lancaster Street / Rockingham Road roundabout. What happens to our access?**

This is an important question for both businesses and customers alike.

For businesses on the eastern side of Rockingham Road, the concept plan currently depicts access for vehicles *travelling north* on Rockingham Road needing to be either taken from

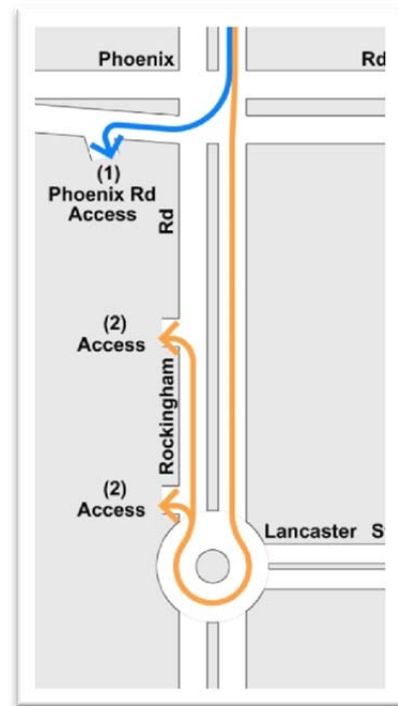
- 1) Lancaster Street (southern access) or
- 2) Phoenix Road (northern access).



For business on the western side of Rockingham Road, the concept plan currently depicts access for vehicles *travelling south* on Rockingham Road needing to be either taken from

- 1) Phoenix Road or
- 2) via a U-turn at the Lancaster Street roundabout.

The City has received preliminary feedback that this is of concern. In advertising concept plans, it is hoped that submissions will be made on this point and other relevant points such that the design concept can be considered for further refinement to create the best final outcome possible.



#### **7. What type of landscaping will be installed?**

The detailed landscape concept is still needing to be developed, and will occur once the concept plan is finalised. Landscaping will seek to utilise a distinctive Spearwood theme, comprising native and indigenous species which are well suited to the unique growing conditions that come with high amounts of limestone in the ground. Landscaping along verges particularly where verge areas are raised will include concepts such as feature stonework, in order to create an attractive and welcoming site for the town centre.

#### **8. How will the bus embayment's work?**

There will be dedicated bus embayments provided on both sides of the road, at the current position where bus stops exist. Particularly the main bus stop next to the shopping centre, there will be increased provision made for buses to stop and transfer at this point, as well as new bus stop infrastructure that makes the bus journey more comfortable for passengers.

#### **9. I see next to the bus stops near the shopping centre that there is a new public space proposed. What is this?**

This will be delivered by the shopping centre owners, and will provide a welcoming public space presence that activates this prominent entry point to the centre. Options being looked at include seating, shading, kids play, water features and the like.

#### **10. I am still a little bit unsure. Can someone explain things to me a bit more?**

Of course! Please feel free to contact the City's Strategic Planning Team on 9411 3444 or come to the City of Cockburn Administration Centre between the hours of 830am to 430pm Monday to Friday, and ask to speak about the Rockingham Road upgrade concept. We will be happy to assist you.