

**RE: ELIZABETH DRIVE SUBDIVISION – APP No. SSD 8859**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the proposed development of the Elizabeth Drive Business Hub. My concerns are regarding access between Elizabeth Drive and Cecil Road.

It is noted in the plans recently put to council that a roundabout is to be included. This letter is being written to discuss the issues regarding the roundabout and provide an alternate solution.

Firstly, the intersection is dangerous in its current form therefore it is agreed that changes to the corner are necessary. It is a blind corner and, being a Cecil Park resident, it is often a precarious corner when turning right off Elizabeth Drive into Cecil Road. With the high number of heavy vehicles on Elizabeth drive, it is only a matter of time before a serious incident occurs. Likewise, when turning off Cecil Road onto Elizabeth Drive, with particular emphasis on the right turn, it is often unsafe to do so. Many heavy vehicles must use this exit from the area due to the weight restrictions through the rest of the region; particularly the brickworks.

Whilst a roundabout may assist traffic flow it is not a comprehensive solution; especially for the future population growth in the region. Traffic flow will still be constant from the western end of Elizabeth Drive still making the right turn off Cecil Road difficult. There will also still be a blind corner for commuters traveling west on Elizabeth Drive.

Secondly, a roundabout will not provide adequate room for heavy vehicles. I drive a heavy vehicle, truck and trailer combination with a combined length of 25m. Due to road limits, this access point into Cecil Park is my shortest route home. My vehicle will require more room than a standard roundabout in order to turn into and out of Cecil Road.

The brick works trucks may still have some difficulty regarding a roundabout. They also have large machines that come in and out for replacement and repairs. Additionally, with draft plans in council for the moment regarding the rezoning of the area, the future developments will also require easy access into Cecil Park for large vehicles. Ease of access will help with the building and infrastructure developments, including access for suggested commercial village and possible train line. The current access routes to Cecil Park include this intersection and via Horlsey Park which is already blocked for large vehicles by a small roundabout and a busy local shopping area.

With safety, traffic flow, and accessibility in mind I would propose either having a low roundabout that's easy to drive over, or one similar to Mamre Road or removing the roundabout and using traffic lights. Also widening Elizabeth drive at this intersection to two lanes and improving visibility for traffic when heading west is also essential.

Kind Regards