

Pedestrian Access Way Closure Request

The City recognises that pedestrian access ways (PAWs) have an important role to play in providing access to community facilities and services and for general ease of movement of pedestrians and cyclists within residential areas. However, it is also acknowledged that in some cases PAWs may facilitate anti-social behaviour and crime. In considering applications for closure of PAWs, the City shall have regard to the following matters (not in order of priority)

Access to Community Facilities and Services The location of the PAW in relation to community facilities and services shall be assessed. Community facilities and services include:

- schools;
- shops;
- parks;
- community facilities (churches, libraries, community halls, etc.);and
- public transport such as bus stops and rail transit stations.

Where a PAW is considered to provide an important access route to community facilities and services, closure shall generally not be supported.

Anti-Social Behaviour Considerations Related to the PAW

The City shall consider the role that the PAW may serve in facilitating anti-social behaviour including graffiti and the dumping of litter. As such, applicants seeking PAW closure for this reason should, where possible, provide evidence to the City that the PAW serves to facilitate anti-social behaviour by way of photos and / or police reports.

Access for Aged Persons or People with Disability

The service that a PAW provides is especially relevant in cases where housing for aged persons is located in close proximity to the PAW. The City will also have regard to people with disability in consideration of a closure application.

Availability of Alternative Access Routes PAW closure shall only be supported provided a viable alternative access route is available. A 'viable alternative access route' is considered to be an access route which shall not result in a substantially longer walking distance to community facilities and services. Alternative routes need to be safe (i.e. with buildings that front streets to enhance overlooking, good footpath design) and shall provide a good pedestrian amenity (i.e. shade trees etc.).

Importance of the PAW to the Pathway System and Bicycle Routes

Where a PAW forms part of the pathway system the impact of the closure on pedestrian routes shall be assessed. Where the closure would result in a discontinuation of the pedestrian network the closure shall generally not be supported. Where a PAW forms part of a bicycle route, and where no other viable alternative exists, closure shall generally not be supported

Alternatives to the Closure of PAWs

As part of the consultation process and assessment of applications for PAW closures consideration is to be given to alternatives to improve safety and security through providing lighting, planting, fence treatments and appropriate graffiti removal. Where appropriate conceptual redevelopment options which increase PAW widths and provide frontage development for surveillance could also be considered.

Procedure a) Initially, a written request must be submitted to the City of Kalamunda. This should provide details of the reason for the request and level of support from other adjoining neighbours. An initial administration fee of \$200.00 is also to be provided. b) Once this request is received a report will be presented to Council to determine whether to proceed with advertising the proposal, having due regard to the matters outlined in the previous sections of this information sheet. c) Should Council resolve to proceed with the closure request the City will seek comments from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, as well as any authorities who have services within the PAW, and seek details regarding market value of the land within the PAW and the cost of relocation or modification to any services. d) These quotes will be forwarded to the adjoining owners and at this stage the owners will need to agree to the costs to be paid. e) The proposal will then be advertised by the City in line with P-DEV 45 – Public Notification of Planning Proposals for a period of no less than 14 days. f) Upon completion of the advertising period the proposal is presented to Council for consideration. Council's recommendation is then referred to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage for final determination.

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