

Media Response

27 June 2025



Please attribute the following response to Greater Dandenong City Council Executive Director, City Futures, Sanjay Manivasagasivam:

Council officers have been consulting with residents regarding options to improve road safety at this location.

The type of bollard which can safely be installed roadside depends on a number of factors including the speed of approaching vehicles. The impact absorbing bollards most recently in place were removed after they were damaged by a large truck undertaking an illegal manoeuvre at the roundabout, which has happened on a number of occasions at this location.

In 2024, Council installed a number of traffic calming treatments on Browns Road using funding from the Federal Blackspot Program. As a result of the reduction in traffic speeds on Browns Road since the Blackspot works, there is opportunity to amend the type of bollard used at this location alongside some minor other works at the roundabout to improve road safety.

These options have been discussed in detail with residents from the adjacent property, and Council are currently consulting with other affected properties. Following this consultation, we anticipate making some safety improvements including installation of an appropriate type of bollard on the corner.

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Media Enquiry

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- *When and why were these bollards installed on the nature strip?*

- *How did council come to the conclusion that the installation of the bollards on nature strip is illegal and council can be liable if something happens?*
- *Why were there no community consultations conducted prior to the removal of the bollards?*
- *What solution does the council propose for the safety of the residents now that the bollards are removed?*