11 June 2009

Mr Alexandra Douglas  
Parliament of Victoria  
Road Safety Committee  
Parliament House  
Spring Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Mr Douglas

Re: Call for submissions for the Inquiry into Pedestrian Safety in Car Parks

Thank you for your letter dated 23 April 2009 inviting Manningham City Council to make a submission to the Inquiry into Pedestrian Safety in Car Parks.

There are approximately 41 Council owned car parks within the municipality. The car parks vary in size and are generally located within shopping centres and neighbourhood and local activity centres.

Council has limited data relating to crashes occurring within municipal owned car parks and this could be attributed to the low speed environment and less severe nature of accidents in these precincts.

Notwithstanding, people frequently find themselves having to walk through vehicles within car parks. A key to improving pedestrian safety in car parks would be to:

- minimise the conflict between pedestrians and vehicles;
- improve visibility, particularly of young children; and
- improve ‘all round’ visibility for drivers of ‘high vehicles’ such as four wheel driver/vans when reversing.

More sensitive pedestrian planning and design for car parks to improve safety, efficient and effective through treatments such as walkways, pedestrian crossings, street narrowing’s and signage and adequate lighting are all regarded as integral components in ensuring that such conflict between vehicles and pedestrians is minimised.

Safe and responsible behaviour rests with the individual and by encouraging pedestrians to take responsibility for their own safety by using crossings, obeying road rules and being aware of all road users, pedestrian safety can be improved further.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide comments to the Inquiry.

Should you have any further queries regarding the above, please contact Council’s Engineering Services Coordinator, Mr Subash Nanoo on 9846 0527.

Yours sincerely

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