

Advice of Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee

15 October 2026

Item 16

Traffic Treatment - Removal of Contra-flow Bicycle Facilities - Berwick, O'Briens and Palmer Lanes, Darlinghurst

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Forum review the removal of signposting and line marking for contra-flow bicycle facilities in Berwick, O'Briens and Palmer Lanes, Darlinghurst.

Forum Members for this Item

City of Sydney
Transport for NSW
NSW Police – Kings Cross PAC
Representative for the Member for Sydney

Advice

The Forum raised no issues with this item and noted the Chair's comments that the proposal responds to the particular circumstances and safety considerations at these locations. The City considers this to be a site-specific outcome and not indicative of a broader change in its approach to walking and cycling. The City remains committed to improve and expand facilities that support active and sustainable transport across the local area.

Background

In February 2023, the Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee approved 157 one-way streets and lanes being changed to allow bicycles to travel in both directions, with installation of "bicycles excepted" signs and bike logos on the pavement. This included Berwick, O'Briens and Palmer Lanes in Darlinghurst.

The signs and pavement markings were installed in March 2026 and in accordance with Transport for NSW Technical Direction on Signposting for contra-flow bicycle facilities (TTD 2014/002)

Since then, there have been numerous contacts from residents requesting a review of the three lanes suitability for contra-flow bicycle facilities.