

**Item 16.****Traffic Treatment - Removal of Contra-flow Bicycle Facilities - Berwick, O'Briens and Palmer Lanes, Darlinghurst****TRIM Container No.: 2018/577125****Recommendations**

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**

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

**Advice**

Advice will be updated after the meeting.

**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.

### **Comments**

City staff have conducted several site visits and met with residents to reassess the installation of the contra-flow bicycle facilities. It was noted Palmer Lane is extremely narrow due to the parked cars, and the front doors of the houses open directly onto the lane with no footpath or buffer.

Given the unique circumstances in this location, City staff recommend the removal of signposting and line marking on all three lanes.

### **Consultation**

Further consultation shall not be undertaken, given the plentiful feedback from the community to date.

### **Financial**

All costs associated with the proposal will be borne by the City Infrastructure' Cycling Safety budget.

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