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Mr Peter White  
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Dear Mr White

Thank you for your emails of 1 and 8 December 2023 regarding your request for information about the footbridge at Boblynne Street Park, which connects St James with Kenmore Plaza.

I am advised that the footbridge at Boblynne Street Park is at the end of its useful life and requires removal for safety reasons. In the interim, the bridge will remain closed to maintain community safety. The condition of the bridge also impacts users of the park due to the risk of parts of the structure falling into the park below the bridge. It is expected the bridge will be removed by June 2024. This is subject to change with consideration of replacement options to occur following. For further information on these works, please contact Mr Max Willison, Senior Engineer Structures, Program Planning and Integration on 3178 1717.

I note the footbridge has been providing access for residents of St James to Kenmore Plaza since being constructed by the developer. Council provides public assets to benefit all park users and maintaining an exclusive access arrangement to the footbridge is inconsistent with this. When considering the replacement of any park asset, utilisation is a significant factor, therefore replacing the footbridge, which is not available for broad public use, may not be considered a good use of public funds. Alternative public access between St James and Kenmore Plaza is provided via the pedestrian/cycle path which follows Boblynne Street to Moggill Road.

For further information regarding the footbridge asset, please contact Mr Greg Tucker, Program Service Coordinator, Natural Environment, Water and Sustainability, on 3403 9417.

Thank you for contacting me.

Yours sincerely

Colin Jensen  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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