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De Wit Confesses: Corinda Bikeway moved for Bus Depot

Brisbane City Council has been caught out admitting the real reason the Oxley Creek Bikeway was moved from its initial location at the end of Kennard Street to Nosworthy Park in Corinda.

During debate on a motion calling on Council to hold a public meeting on the proposed plan, Councillor Margaret De Wit, Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee confessed that she made the decision to move the proposed Oxley Creek Bikeway.

“I said looking at Kennard Street, putting bikes down that street where the bus depot is didn’t seem like a real good idea to me,” Cr De Wit said.

Source: Council Meeting 15 November 2011.

In fact there is no road or pedestrian access to the Sherwood Bus Depot from Kennard St or Railway Tce, but the massive scale of the structures and metres of fill added are clearly visible.

Councillor Nicole Johnston said the Corinda community had strongly objected to proposed Nosworthy Park location due to the adverse environmental impacts and lack of accessibility.

“The Corinda community does not want a bikeway forced on them just because the LNP Administration is desperately trying to minimise scrutiny of the Sherwood Bus Depot,” Cr Johnston said.

Councillor Johnston said that Council officers had recommended three possible locations including Kennard St, Martindale St and Nosworthy Park yet only one had been put to the community for consultation.

“Clearly the fix is in and now we all know why,” Cr Johnston said.

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