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Oxley Road to Nowhere

Brisbane City Council has confirmed previously secret plans to upgrade Oxley Road to four lanes over the next 11 to 20 years as part of Brisbane's Long Term Infrastructure Plan 2012 – 2031 to be debated in Council today.

Councillor Johnston said that Council's announcement came without any consultation with local residents.

"Making Oxley Road four lanes without addressing the single lane choke point at the Walter Taylor Bridge is appalling planning. It will create a road to nowhere and cause further congestion and delay for residents," Councillor Johnston said.

"Under the Lord Mayor's plan six lanes of traffic from an upgraded Oxley Road and Honour Avenue will feed into a single lane bridge that is already congested," Councillor Johnston said.

"No information about the upgrade and its impacts has been made available to local residents for consideration."

"The Lord Mayor needs to come clean immediately and advise residents if he is planning resumptions that will affect people's homes and business."

Councillor Johnston said it was just over one year ago that Council announced as part of the Sherwood Graceville Neighbourhood Plan that it would "investigate" an Oxley Road upgrade.

"Since June 2011 I have been asking for all Council files on the South-west Corridor study which includes Oxley Road. Council denied any such files existed, and now they have been caught out with the files, are refusing to produce them some eight months later."

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