

POLICY NO

C3:13

POLICY TITLE **GUTTER CROSSING POLICY**

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OBJECTIVES

No further gutter bridges be approved except at extreme changes of grade where no alternative exists. Council provide a community service to assist owners, builders with driveway profiles and levels.

Explanation

Gutter bridges whilst easing the passage of vehicles across the formed footpath obstruct the flow of stormwater reducing the waterway area by half (particularly in heavy storms) diverting runoff onto the carriageway creating a traffic hazard for motorists. They are subject to blockage by debris and can form a hazard to vehicles parking parallel to kerb.

Pavement reconstruction and resealing are exacerbated by gutter crossings creating a weak spot in the street pavement.

By proper consideration of driveway levels the need for a gutter bridge can be eliminated.

POLICY STATEMENT

Guidelines for Approval

Applicants submitting building applications will be issued with a standard drawing for construction of a vehicular footpath crossing and internal driveway. A range of Standard Drawings will provide extra low, low, normal and high profiles.

Residents seeking to install a concrete driveway and footpath crossing will be required to fill in a simple levels application form. Standard Drawings and if necessary levels will be issued to the applicant at no cost to the owner as part of Council's community service on development.

Where existing gutter crossings are being removed, Council will provide levels to construct a new driveway and footpath crossing and install at Council's cost a standard layback.

In situations where the change of grade is significant other ideas will be tried (eg gutter hob) in extreme cases a gutter bridge will be permitted.

Date Policy Adopted	Minute No	Authority
8th March 1994	27030	Council resolution
19 August 2003	31593	Council resolution