Dear #insert name of politician

I am writing to express my anger and opposition to the recent Enoggera Creek Precinct draft plan that was released in late March by the Brisbane City Council and I am requesting your help to have the BCC cancel the plan and start proper community engagement.

The BCC has released the very unpopular plan with by putting up signs in the park and a very limited letterbox drop to some residents, and then giving residents under 3 weeks to oppose the plan just before Easter holidays. They then presented ridiculous displays of poor community engagement such as 3 meetings where representatives facing angry residents, did not even have stationary to take notes with, and an online survey with word limits which prohibited residents being able to voice their unhappiness in detail.

As a resident of the area, I am upset that decisions and planning were made with no prior consultation to the residents of Windsor, Wilston, Newmarket, Herston and Kelvin Grove. I have attended recent community meetings and joined a community Facebook group and it is evident that all the residents are uniformly against the plan and are now rallying to #strongly oppose this plan. As this represents **5 suburbs of voters** who have been ignored in the flawed process of this plan, I would hope that you strongly consider the following points which represent the concerns of all the residents.

1. The loss of green space. Much of the plan involves adding hard courts, car parks and astro-turf that then removes grasslands and trees. This will worsen runoff for increase flooding, create hotter reflected temperatures and the removal of trees and negatively affect wildlife/birds #which will never return to the area.
2. The plan promotes an increase in traffic to residential areas which are only accessed by Butterfield St and Herston Rd on the south of the creek, and Newmarket Rd on the north of the creek. In particular Herston Rd and Butterfield St are already congested due to having to service the Royal Brisbane Hospital, Kevin Grove Schools, QUT and Ballymore.
3. Car Parks replacing Parklands. Parking is being planned for greenspace areas backing right onto people’s fence lines. This will bring more traffic, lose green space, add excessive lighting and noise and increase crime. It will also bring more hospital parking to the suburbs during weekdays. Inner city parks such as ours are unique and need to be preserved not turned into eyesores. #In one of the 3 precincts, Central, over 7000m2 green space is being lost to car parking. At the feedback sessions, Council representatives would not disclose to us the meterage of green space being taken from the other 2 precincts.
4. There has been an unfair support of some sports over others, and sports such as Softball are being disadvantaged. Representatives of some sporting groups have voiced that the plan was not done in consultation with their clubs.

In particular reference to the plan that affects me directly #***please add personal concerns here***………………..

A petition is being prepared which I would ask you to support and accept. The residents do understand parking, traffic and sporting needs are needing to be improved upon. But we would hope that you can aid in scrapping the existing plan and helping the BCC prioritise a face to face engagement with the communities of Wilston, Windsor, Newmarket, Herston, and Kelvin Grove.

Recent community outrage is evident and will cost votes if not attended to promptly.

I would suggest that you could recognise the community unhappiness on your social media and advise the BCC to cancel the existing plan and start large scale face to face public engagement with the 5 mentioned suburbs. Facebook community groups and petitions have now been created and engagement with these groups is essential.

Yours sincerely