

Survey Results:

A detailed survey carried out in June 2007 dealt with the most controversial section of Western Road (south side, between Norfolk Square and Lansdowne Place). This followed previous surveys carried out by officers (in some cases in company with Elected Members and representatives of local fora) and subsequent reports.

- Only nine “A” boards were found upon the Public Highway along this stretch of road, with footways being most reduced by council placed objects (see the Table below).
- As on previous surveys, thirty five “A” boards were found on private property adjacent to the footway along this same stretch of road. Such boards are not highway obstructions and lie outside the authority of the Highway Enforcement Team.
- As discovered on previous surveys, the narrowest pavement choke-points were caused by council-placed objects (bins, lamp posts, trees etc.) positioned close to private land.

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The table below indicates the narrowest choke-points discovered on the last survey which shows that other items apart from “A” boards are reducing pavement widths in Brunswick & Adelaide.

The “A” board shown on the table was the most obstructive one found at the time of the survey but there was still 1.30m clear pavement between itself and private land adjacent to the footway.

For comparison we have also included in the table other narrow footways found elsewhere in the City, including certain naturally narrow footways (i.e. without obstructions).

Note that, apart from the 1.38m width left by the “A” board on the Table, all other widths are less than the 1.30m recommended by Department for Transport Guidance on Inclusive Mobility although the majority of objects listed are there to provide a service (lighting, litter bins, etc).

Narrow Pavements

This table shows the narrowest points found on footways in Brunswick & Adelaide during the above survey. It also indicates the type of object found narrowing the pavements. Note that apart from the "A" board, all other obstructions in said Ward have been placed by the council. The table also shows, for comparison, certain narrow pavements, with and without obstructions, found at other locations in the City.

