

**7. ANNEX ROAD – PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
– BLENHEIM ROAD TO BIRMINGHAM DRIVE**

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the progress to date with planning improvements for Annex Road which have resulted in a proposed design that has recently been released in a publicity pamphlet.

PROCESS TO DATE

Annex Road is identified within the 2001/02 year of the capital budget.

A leaflet was distributed to the local area in October/September 2001. It advised that the road was identified for improvements with an emphasis on improving the cycling aspects of the road. A description of the existing conditions and known concerns were included along with a request for feedback. A copy of this leaflet went to each Community Board member.

A report was made to the City Services Committee in September 2001 at which it was resolved that the project could be progressed to a recommended design stage before Committee approval was needed (i.e. after the recommended design had been distributed for public consultation). This allowed the project to avoid being delayed towards reaching implementation in the current financial year.

PROPOSED FUTURE PROCESS

Under the new Council delegations both the Riccarton/Wigram and Spreydon/Heathcote Community Boards now have political responsibility for this proposal. Technically as the boundary line runs down the centre of the road each Board has a political responsibility for one side only. However in practical terms, it is assumed that each Board has an overriding interest in the road function as a whole, and as such the reporting and recommendations will be based on this premise.

The current publicity pamphlet (attached) provides background information and a diagram of the proposed changes. It calls for feedback by the 19th February 2002.

It is proposed that a further report will be made to the two Boards February meetings, giving consideration to this final consultation round and requesting adoption of a finalised plan.

Recommendation: That the information be received.