

18. HAWKINS ROAD/MARSHLAND ROAD TRAFFIC TREATMENT - PUBLIC MEETING

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Corporate Plan Output: Advocacy	

Attached is a report of the public meeting held on Monday 13 May 2002 in the Spencerville Hall, to discuss the proposed traffic safety treatment at the intersection of Hawkins Road and Marshland Road.

A pamphlet had been circulated in the wider area explaining the proposal. This had arisen from a petition and meeting the previous year, in which a proposal was suggested to close Hawkins Road at the Marshland Road intersection.

Members will also recall that a representative of the Ouruhia Residents Association had addressed the Board at the May meeting, proposing that traffic signals be provided at this intersection.

At the public meeting a strong majority of those attending requested that traffic signals be installed.

The following are the priorities outlined by the meeting:

- Access to Marshland Road more important issue, safety minor issue.
- Traffic flow in and out of Lower Styx Road to Marshland Road.
- 80 km speed limit to be reduced.
- Majority strongly voted for lights at the intersection. Three voted against lights. Argument for traffic signals included easier access and meeting's view that this should also improve safety at the intersection.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the work proposed on the pamphlet not proceed at this stage.
 2. That staff be asked to report on the viability of installing traffic signals at the intersection of Hawkins Road and Marshland Road, the speed issues on Marshland Road, safety at Ouruhia School and more recent traffic data.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and that discussion take place with the School's Advocate regarding road safety at Ouruhia and Marshland Schools.