

14. HAWFORD ROAD KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL (OPAWA ROAD TO BUTLER STREET)

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to publicise the amended plan for Hawford Road (see attached) and, further to this, approval is sought to allow the project to proceed to implementation should no significant issues arise from the amended plan.

Approval is also sought from the Board to acquire 77 square metres of land currently owned by the Risingholme Community Centre at 99 Hawford Road.

BACKGROUND

Hawford Road is a 14 metre wide local road in the Heathcote Ward with an average daily traffic volume of approximately 1,600 vehicles.

Hawford Road runs between Opawa Road and Butler Street. The street is primarily residential, however, the following facilities are located throughout.

- Opawa Cycles at the corner of Opawa Road and Hawford Street
- Opawa Mall entrance at 129 Hawford Road
- Risingholme Community Centre back entrance at 99 Hawford Street
- Chatswood Rest Home at 60 Hawford Road
- Entrance to Hansens Park is located at the Hawford Road/Butler Street bend
- Kidsfirst Kindergarten at 8 Butler Street
- Rudolf Steiner School on Fifield Terrace, which can be accessed from Hansens Park
- Jacksons Creek, which flows under Hawford Road between numbers 44 and 47

CONSULTATION

A publicity pamphlet for Hawford Road was distributed in early 2002. This pamphlet informed residents, rest-home operators, the kindergarten, school and businesses that the Council was planning to replace the old dish guttering in the 2002/2003 financial year. It also illustrated a concept plan for

Hawford Road including the intersections of Ford Road, Beckford Road and Omberseley Terrace and the text accompanying the plan outlined the new traffic management plan proposal, including parking and landscaping options for the area and seeking feedback from residents.

Seventy written submissions were received from the publicity leaflet. Generally, these submissions reflected support for the proposal, but residents did make several recommendations, outlined below, that have been incorporated into the new plan.

- In the publicity leaflet it was proposed that the roundabout at the Hawford Road/Ford Road intersection could be removed and the intersection formed into a 'T' intersection. Residents were not in favour of this and instead stated a preference for the roundabout to be retained, but upgraded, and better facilities for pedestrians be provided. Staff have redesigned the roundabout in line with the residents suggestion.
- Also in the original publicity plan was a proposal to install 'one way' only slow points. Residents supported the slow point proposal but preferred for them to remain 'two way'. Staff have redesigned the slow points in line with the residents suggestion.
- Residents expressed concern for cyclists at the slow points, they felt that cyclists could get 'squeezed' and in response to these concerns staff have provided an off road shared pedestrian/cycle path.
- Residents did not support the platform adjacent to no 132 Hawford Road and staff have removed it from the plan.
- Additional parking outside the Risingholme Community Centre was requested and this has been addressed through property acquisition.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Additional feedback from residents indicated that the main traffic problem has been vehicle speed along Hawford Road. The community believes that the long, wide street induces high speeds and, indeed, traffic research clearly supports this.

Speeding is a particular concern in that section of Hawford Road between Ford Road to Beckford Road and the 'bend' by the park.

The roundabout at the Hawford Road/Ford Road intersection is regularly hit by vehicles travelling too fast and the directional signs require replacement on a regular basis. It is also known that vehicles often take a shortcut in the anti-clockwise direction.

Congestion occurs at school start and end times near the Hansens Park entrance and in Omberseley Terrace. The current poor location of vehicle access to the park is encouraging motorists wanting to drive into the Hansens Park car park being on the wrong side of the roadway at the bend.

Concern with the level of street lighting, specifically near the park entrance, has also been raised.

PROPERTY ISSUES IN RELATION TO THE RISINGHOLME COMMUNITY CENTRE

The back entrance into the Risingholme Community Centre is located at 99 Hawford Street. Currently the boundary of the property extends to the kerb. The Property Unit entered into negotiations with the Community Centre with a view to acquiring 77 square metres of property and resetting the boundary back. The acquired land would then be utilised to provide additional angle parking not only for visitors to the Risingholme Community Centre but also for other residential properties in Hawford Road.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION DETAILS

Address:	99 Hawford Road
Owner:	The Risingholme Community Centre
Legal Description:	Part Lot 2 DP 10098
Severance Area	77m ² shown as Section 1 on attached plan 25400/1

PROPOSED PROPERTY SETTLEMENT

The Community Centre have agreed to provide the severance for no consideration provided Council install angle car-parks on the land for public use.

The Council will also be responsible for the legal, survey and associated landscape costs.

PROJECT SUMMARY

An amended scheme plan has been developed with the above issues in mind to ensure that the outcome for Hawford Road, in addition to the kerb and channel renewal work, including the traffic management plan and the street enhancement plan clearly reflects what the community wants.

The aims and objectives for Hawford Road are:

- To replace the old dish guttering.
- To reduce the width of Hawford Road to 9 metres.
- To install a 5.5 metre wide two way meander located between numbers 45 and 49 Hawford Road.
- To install a 5.5 metre wide two way meander located between numbers 107 and 113 Hawford Road.
- To upgrade facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.
- To enhance the streetscape.
- To maintain, where possible, a similar level of on street parking.
- To slow traffic at the right angle bend at the park.
- To provide better protection for vehicles wishing to access the park.
- To upgrade the existing street lighting.
- To install 'Give-Way' control will in installed on the north approach to the Hawford Road/Beckford Road intersection. Motorists travelling north along Hawford Road will be required to 'Give-Way' to those motorists travelling south on Hawford Road and turning right (west) into Beckford Road.
- To install a painted flush median on Hawford Road at the Hansens Park entrance to assist motorists right turning into the Park.

ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The proposed work on this project meets the Council's requirements of providing environmental and social benefits to the community at reasonable cost by providing a safer roading environment for all road users, specifically the young and the elderly and enhancing Hawford Road in line with the residents and the community's wishes and the Living Street philosophy.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction is planned to start in March 2003 and to be completed by August 2003.

PROJECT COSTS

Hawford Road Kerb & Channel Renewal and Traffic Calming:

Budget:	\$715,176.00
Pre Design Estimate:	\$715,176.00

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board approve the amended plan for Hawford Road, for distribution to residents and the wider community and, if no significant issues arise, then the project proceed to final design, tender and construction.
 2. That the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board approve the acquisition of 77 square metres of property, legal description Part Lot 2 DP 10098, located at 99 Hawford Road, for the purpose outlined in the report.

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Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and that the estimated costs be part of the final consultation document.