12. LYTTELTON STREET – EDINBURGH STREET TO COBHAM STREET

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the result of consultation and seek approval to proceed with design and construction (see attached).

BACKGROUND

Lyttelton Street between Lincoln Road and Sparks Road will be progressively reconstructed with new kerb and channel, footpaths, grass berms and the undergrounding of services. The kerb and channel in Lyttelton Street from Edinburgh Street to Cobham Street is programmed for renewal in 2002/03 and is the second stage of the project.

Consultation has been undertaken with the community as follows:

- The properties where it is proposed to remove parking were door knocked and residents spoken to.
- Letters were sent to absentee land owners.
- A large-scale plan and information sheet were sent to the Baptist Church and the kindergarten for display on their noticeboards.
- 400 publicity leaflets were distributed to all the households in Lyttelton Street right through to Sparks Road.

DISCUSSION

Fourteen replies were received to the publicity plan, including seven telephone calls. The main issue raised was the proposed kerb build out at number 312. The residents runs a business from their home and require parking outside the property. After discussion with the designer and the project team, it is possible to mitigate this by removing the kerb build out at number 312 and opposite. The team will also look at lengthening the build out at numbers 301/305 to gain better target value (see attached altered plan).

The other replies were concerned with the placement and types of trees and whether it is possible to alter some of the grass berms to landscape areas. The tree positions and type will be discussed with the landscape architect. These requests and the alteration to landscaping and berms can be altered as requested to accommodate the residents' needs.

CONCLUSION

As the concerns raised in the replies to the publicity can be addressed, approval to proceed with the final design plans and construction is now sought.

Staff

Recommendation: That the second stage of the Lyttelton Street (Edinburgh Street to Cobham Street) project proceed to design and construction.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted, subject to there being appropriate continuity of the grass berms so that the 'street-scape' is aesthetically pleasing.