

9. TRUSCOTTS ROAD – STRUCTURE ON STREET APPLICATION

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for the re-siting and construction of the Wood Hill signal tower on legal road outside the entrance to Ferrymead Heritage Park. (Refer attached plan).

BACKGROUND

As part of the “Ferrymead Trust and Christchurch City Council Land exchange” document (section 4.5), the signal tower is to be moved from Wood Hill to outside the entrance to Ferrymead Heritage Park.

Wood Hill is part of the land that is to be used for the proposed cultural village. For the earth works to be undertaken for the waterways and the village proposal, the tower needs to be moved.

DISCUSSION

A similar application was brought to the Board for approval at the 31 July 2002 meeting and approved. However further investigation has found that it is not possible to erect the tower over the existing drain and so a new position has been proposed. This position is entirely on road.

The signal tower has a 6 metre diameter base and is approximately 14.3 metres in height. The structure will be used as an entrance marker to the Ferrymead Heritage Park and will house administration offices for the park. It also has potential to be used as a changing room for those visitors who wish to dress up for colonial events. The top floor of the tower may be used by Council as a viewing platform and interpretation display for the Heathcote Valley floor.

The Ferrymead Heritage Park Director has undertaken the responsibility of organising the removal and erection of the signal tower. He has engaged Smiths Cranes and Eliot Sinclair Engineers to undertake the work.

The tower was to be erected over the existing drain and it encroached approximately 2 metres onto the road reserve. Further investigation has resulted in a significant increase in cost to erect the tower over the existing drain and a request has been received for the tower to be erected entirely on the road reserve. The proposed site does not result in any impediment to traffic flows around this area and will not cause any safety issues for vehicles as it is approximately 7 metres from the sealed carriageway.

The proposed new site for the erection of the tower will mean the structure will encroach 6.5 metres into the road reserve.

If Truscotts Road is to be closed and it becomes Council park land, as is the long term proposal for this section of road, the building will then be solely on Council land.

CONCLUSION

I recommend that approval be given for the erection of the Wood Hill signal tower on legal road at the entrance to Ferrymead Heritage Park, subject to:

1. A building consent for the tower structure being obtained
2. The owner being entirely responsible for the stability, safety, and future maintenance of the structure.
3. The site being kept in a tidy condition at all times during the course of construction.
4. Construction of the structure being commenced within six months and completed within twelve months or this approval will lapse.

Staff

Recommendation: That the resiting and construction of the Wood Hill signal tower be approved subject to the above conditions 1 to 4.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.