

5. GRAHAMS ROAD - PROPOSED KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve for construction the proposed improvements to the Grahams Road cycle crossing as shown on the **attached** plan.

In a previous report (4 Sept 2001), the Board was introduced to the Safe Cycling to School' project. Since then, the issues identified through the public consultation stage have been resolved and the final designs have been developed. These works are intended to safeguard children cycling to Burnside, Cobham and Christ the King schools. They are part of the Council's 'Safe Cycling to School' project. This aims, through identifying problem spots and finding engineering solutions, to help children cycle safely and conveniently to school. In July 2001, publicity pamphlets were distributed. From the responses, a number of relevant issues were identified as needing resolution, leading to the identification of specific sites that needed attention to address the safety issues raised. One of these was the cycle facilities in Grahams Road between Memorial Avenue and Rubens Place. This is the last of four parts to the Burnside "bubbles"

In August 2002 the **attached** publicity plan (TP 130802) was distributed. The feedback received advised that limited numbers of school cyclists used the section of Grahams Road from Thurlestone Place to Rubens Place when cycling to and from school; and that the residents were opposed to losing the on-street parking in front of their properties. In response to this feedback the proposal has been revised to that shown on **attached** plan (TP 130804), the principle change being the removal of the intended no-stopping on both sides of Grahams Road.

The proposed changes address the issues of providing a safer passage for cyclists and pedestrians crossing Grahams Rd at Hewlings Stream. In detail, this involves altering the two paved areas in the median, these will be merged into one area and re-aligned to face oncoming vehicles. Two ageing trees will need to be felled to achieve the improvements. The trees have been assessed by the Council's Tree Officer from Parks and Waterways and their loss is considered minor. Holding rails will be added and positioned on the median and on the two paths. The path on the eastern side will have a telegraph pole re positioned to improve visibility.

It is expected that the number of people using this crossing point will increase with these improvements. In the future Parks and Waterways have intentions of developing the pathway on the eastern side of this crossing to better match the natural desire lines of path users and this will again potentially attract more users to this crossing point.

The estimated cost of the project is \$7,500 to be financed from the Burnside "bubble" budget.

Staff

Recommendation: That the proposed alterations to the cycle facilities in Grahams Road as shown on Plan TP 130804 be approved for construction.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.