

8. WILFRID STREET - PROPOSED KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve for construction the renewal of the kerb and dish channels on both sides of Wilfrid Street from Barlow Street to Ilam Road.

The Community Board approved for distribution in January 2003 a proposed kerb and channel renewal publicity pamphlet for this project. 40 pamphlets were distributed in Wilfrid Street and its neighbouring streets. 22 written and emailed responses have been received as summarised below. The figures in the brackets () identify where there is more than one giving the response.

Wilfrid/Barlow intersection

- I agree with the narrowing of Wilfrid Street at the east end.
- Don't narrow the Wilfrid entrance/exit onto Barlow Street (10).
- Consider the blocking off of Wilfrid Street to motorised vehicles (2).

Grass Berms

- Grass berms should be located on the road/kerb side, i.e. the footpath should be against the fence (14).
- Whatever the position of the footpath is it needs to be the same/uniform for the length of the street (9).
- The grass berms should be located on the inside against the property boundaries, however we want uniformity and therefore the majority should rule.
- We do not want grass berms (4), but if we have to have grass it needs to be uniform for the street.

Landscaping

- We do not want a tree outside No.s 3, 9, 11, 16, 34a.
- The existing tree outside No. 158 Ilam Road obscures, and the proposed tree will obscure, the vision of drivers turning right out of Wilfrid Street and both need to be removed to make the turn safer.
- Tree species requested are non-fruiting, Kowhai, Flowering Cherry, Callery Pear (3), Box Maple, Common Ash, Liquid Amber, and Italian Alder.
- Although I do not want a tree outside my property I like the suggested tree placement on the plan.
- We prefer uniformity in tree species (one said trees need to be all the same) and landscape selection.
- More trees need to be planted in Barlow Street too.
- Low plantings that are attractive the year round need to be planted in all the landscaped areas.
- The landscape planting outside No. 32 should be removed.

Design

- Some angle parking bays need to be constructed to cater for university parking demand now that the University is charging for the use of it's car park.
- A speed hump is suggested outside No.s 28/33.
- Please install speed bumps or island offsets (chicanes) on the approaches to the bend at No. 32.
- Street calming measures should be installed in Wilfrid Street and Barlow Street.
- I would rather see the street left in the present state than what is proposed.
- We find the narrowing at the Ilam Road end of the street hazardous and disagree with these narrowings.
- The area outside my property from the fence to the kerb should be completely sealed (3).

In response to the feedback the following alterations to the concept plan (see **attached** plan) have been made: -

- The entrance/exit to/from Wilfrid Street off Barlow St shall be altered to keep the same carriageway width without any narrowing at the intersection.
- The footpaths shall be constructed next to the property boundaries wherever possible. Some properties have significant trees and/or shrubs on the boundary that are worth preserving and would have to be removed/savagely pruned to allow the footpath to go against the boundary. In these cases staff will talk with the property owner/s on an individual basis and construct the footpath as close as practicable to the property boundary. This will allow the grass berms to be installed against the kerb.
- Callery Pear Street trees (non fruiting) are to be planted in the grass berm where underground services and the property owner/s allow.

Staff

Recommendation: That the amended plan be approved for construction.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.