

5. MACKWORTH STREET – KERB AND CHANNEL

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcome of the consultation on Mackworth Street and seek approval to proceed with final design, tender and construction (see attached plan).

BACKGROUND

Mackworth Street is a local road with a 14 metre carriageway that runs northeast from Ferry Road to a right angle bend with Bonar Place and is due for kerb and channel renewal in 2002/03.

CONSULTATION

Discussions were held with internal stakeholders including the Parks and Waterways Unit. The Bonar Place end of Mackworth Street adjoins Linwood Park and is an entrance to the park.

Questionnaires were distributed to all residents and property owners requesting information about their concerns and aspirations for the street. 43% responded. Their concerns were the long, straight, wide nature of the street, and the speed at which some motorists travel along it.

DISCUSSION

The concept plan took into account the consultation with internal and external stakeholders. 270 copies were distributed or posted to residents and property owners of Mackworth Street, Bonar Place, Okeover Street, Matlock Street from Smith Street to No.36 and Ferry Road from Smith Street to No. 437.

33 replies were received. 19 were in favour of the proposal and 6 were against, either because of the narrowness in places, they did not feel there was a need to do any work, or they wanted the one-way sections to be two way.

Six of the replies requested speed humps be placed in the narrowings but two requested no speed humps. *The narrow one way sections will address the speed issue in the street therefore speed humps are not required.*

Three replies felt the narrowings would restrict parking, two way traffic and prohibit "U" turns. *The 9 metre carriageway will allow two way traffic and parking on both sides of the street. This is the recommended width of local roads. "U" turns will be able to be executed by carrying out a three point turn or using a driveway.*

Drainage in sections of Mackworth Street has been raised and this will be addressed as part of the design process. The road has a valley at about 43/45 and water flows from both Linwood Park and Bells Creek to this point. The present sumps and pipes are inadequate.

Another request was for undergrounding of services. Provision has not been made in the budget for this but street lighting will be upgraded as part of the street work.

The species of trees has been an issue that has concerned some residents. They feel that the proposed plane trees will grow too big and cause problems with leaf fall. *This issue will be addressed with the landscape architect and the request from a Board member that all the trees be of the same species to create an avenue will also be taken into account.*

Attached is a copy of the letter sent to those who responded to the publicity leaflet.

CONCLUSION

As the majority of residents are in favour of the work taking place and their concerns have been addressed, Council Officers request that approval be given for the proposed work in Mackworth Street to proceed to design and construction.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Mackworth Street kerb and channel project proceed to final design, tender, and construction.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.