

8. DOMAIN TERRACE – NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT WORKS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcome of the consultation on Domain Terrace and seek approval to proceed with the final design and construction.

BACKGROUND

In 1999 residents raised concerns about traffic in Domain Terrace and these issues were investigated. A proposal for speed humps was withdrawn in October 1999 as this form of traffic calming was no longer considered appropriate.

Domain Terrace is a local road with a 14 metre carriageway that runs between Lincoln Road and Cobham Street. It has dish kerb and channel that is not due for renewal within the next ten years. Along the park frontage the dish channel has been filled and this would allow angle parking. There is a cycle/pedestrian pathway through the park from opposite Neville Street to Hoon Hay Road that is used by a number of school children.

DISCUSSION

A proposal to address the issues of speeding vehicles; discourage the number of vehicles, particularly heavy vehicles; and provide safe access to the park and its facilities, was distributed to residents, property owners, the Irish Society, the Bahai Faith Church and the Residents' Association in mid-January and closed mid-February 2003.

Twenty-five replies were received by mail and telephone. The majority (11 in favour to 5 against – 9 did not state one way or the other) supported the work that is to be done . Several raised the issue of speeding vehicles in other sections of Domain Terrace, particularly at the intersection with Cobham Street where the bend is not well-defined and has no kerb line – *this is beyond the present project and needs to be addressed as a separate issue.*

Some opposed the angle parking as they felt there was not enough road space and vehicles would be backing out into the traffic lane. The park is utilised more at weekends than during the week and there is enough road space to provide the extra parking. The traffic will be slowed because of the reduction in the through traffic lanes, the kerb build outs and the one-way narrowing on the bend. The kerb build out at Deejay Lane is to be extended so vehicles are not backing out into traffic exiting this lane.

The owners of numbers 72–78 had some concerns about the one-way section blocking access to their property as they regularly bring a large truck onto the site. A site meeting was held with the owner and agreement has been reached to provide a second access to the property as part of the work.

CONCLUSION

As the majority of residents are in favour of the work taking place and their issues have been addressed or are beyond this project, Council Officers request that approval be given for the proposed work in Domain Terrace proceed to design and construction (see attached plan).

Staff

Recommendation: That the Domain Terrace, neighbourhood improvements project proceed to design and construction.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the intersection with Cobham Street (where the bend is not well-defined) be addressed in conjunction with this project.