

11. FORBES AND ANGUS STREETS

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to consult with the residents of Forbes and Angus Streets on two possible options for the intersection of these streets at Bradford Park.

BACKGROUND

Forbes and Angus Streets run from Colombo Street to Devon Street and are due for kerb and channel renewal in 2003/04 and 2005/06. The work will involve new kerb and channel, footpaths and grass berms where possible.

At the intersection of the two streets is an entrance into Bradford Park. The preliminary planning has involved working with residents and Council officers from several units to produce some options for the intersection area.

Initial discussions were held with internal stakeholders and fifty questionnaires were distributed to all residents and property owners, requesting information about their concerns and aspirations for the street. Eight replies were received.

DISCUSSION

The residents requested that consideration be given to traffic calming and undergrounding services. There is no money in the budget to underground the services in Forbes and Angus Streets, but the amount and quality of the lighting will be upgraded as part of the project.

The replies also asked that we look at the issue of through traffic and "race track" like behaviour that occurs when young people socialise at KFC in Colombo Street and then use the streets as a detour to get back into the traffic flows. The requests suggested investigations be made into making the streets into cul-de-sacs with no through traffic.

Council officers looked at several options for the intersection and the objectives for these proposals were to consider the requests from the community, discourage through traffic, and open up the entrance into Bradford Park so it is more visible.

There are two proposals for the intersection at Bradford Park:

Option 1

- Narrow Forbes Street carriageway from 13 metres to 9 metres.
- At the waterway narrow to two lanes with no parking and cobble.
- Create a driveway and parallel parking area at the end of Angus Street to serve the three properties and the park.
- Renew the Angus Street kerb and channel on its present alignment of 6 metres.

Option 2

- Narrow Forbes Street carriageway from 13 metres to 9 metres and cul-de-sac.
- Open up the waterway and park so there is walking access only to Angus Street.
- Create a driveway entrance at the end of Angus Street to serve the three properties.
- Cul-de-sac Angus Street in Forbes Street and create a turning area.

It is suggested that these options be the starting point for discussion with the residents. A combination of aspects of either or both options could be the final proposal.

CONCLUSION

The proposals have not yet been communicated to the community and the next stage will be to release the attached plan with a covering letter to the residents and property owners, inviting them to comment and attend a meeting to indicate which option or combination they prefer. The preferred option will then be distributed to the wider community for public comment.

Staff

Recommendation: That the proposals be approved for consultation with the residents and property owners, and a meeting with these people be organised to consider preferences before being distributed to the wider community for comment.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion.