

9. BELLAMY AVENUE KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to proceed to final design, tender and construction on the Bellamy Avenue kerb and channel renewal project.

BACKGROUND

Bellamy Avenue is 14 metres wide and the proposed works are located from the existing threshold at the Estuary Road end of Bellamy Avenue to Pine Avenue.

An initial consultation leaflet was distributed to residents in November/December 2002. The leaflet advised that the Council would be renewing the old dish guttering with kerb and flat channel and sought some initial feedback from residents on what they would like to see in their reconstructed street.

Four written responses were received and approximately the same number of telephone calls. Residents are happy with the kerb and channel renewal project but also requested that:

- Landscaping in the street be improved.
- Footpaths be sited away from boundary fences as in the winter time Bellamy Avenue gets very little sun and the footpaths remain icy all day.
- Safety changes that would discourage the 'hoons'.

Staff produced a concept plan taking into account the initial feedback from residents and including the Council's aims and objectives and publicised the plan during June 2003.

The publicity plan resulted in one written submission from a resident of Bellamy Avenue and one telephoned submission from another resident.

The written submission expressed a concern that there would only be a grass berm on the north side of this section of Bellamy Avenue and minimal landscaping on the south side. The submitter requested that staff reconsider the plan with the view to putting a grass berm on the north and south side of the street and to also consider the possibility of street trees being planted.

Currently the underground services and the stormwater requirements along this section of Bellamy Avenue prevent a grass swale or berm being installed on the south side. Also, the intersection of Bellamy Avenue at Pine Avenue has been narrowed and 'off-set' to prevent motorists speeding along Bellamy Avenue, one of the main concerns raised during the initial consultation round.

Street trees could be planted within the berm on the north side and this could be investigated further at the final design stage.

The telephoned submission also requested that grass berms be installed on both sides of the street and that any landscaping that is undertaken should provide colour and interest. This submitter gave as an example the suburb of Sumner where a more exotic type of plant appears to have been installed, rather than the mainly native planting in New Brighton.

RECOMMENDED OPTION

It is proposed to reduce the width of Bellamy Avenue to 9 metres and to take the carriageway closer to the south side of the street. On the north side the footpath will be adjacent to the kerb with a grass swale and then significant landscaped areas against property boundaries. On the south side the footpath will also be adjacent to the kerb with smaller areas of landscaping adjacent to the property boundaries.

A kerb build-out is proposed on the north side of Bellamy Avenue at its intersection with Pine Avenue. This is to ensure that this section of Bellamy Avenue is 'off-set' to the eastern end of Bellamy Avenue and will encourage lower speeds through both sections.

LANDSCAPING

It has been noted that Bellamy Avenue is very exposed to the easterly wind making a harsh growing environment. Therefore the landscaped areas may require mostly hardy coastal species. However, staff will also ensure that, where possible, street trees and landscaping that provides colour will be installed.

CONSTRUCTION

While the report to the 26 May 2003 meeting of the Board on this project estimated that construction would be completed by June 2004, this date has now been brought forward and we anticipate that construction would be completed by February 2004.

BUDGET

The budget for this project is \$132,000.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board approve the Bellamy Avenue kerb and channel renewal project for final design, tender and construction.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.