

## 7. SHORT STREET (CHARLESTON): KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to consult with the community on the proposal to renew the kerb and channel, footpaths and grass berms in Short Street (see attached plan).

### BACKGROUND

The Charleston Neighbourhood Improvement Plan was published in September 2001. Since that time, the focus for the area has been on putting the plan into action.

A public meeting in September 2002 agreed to a co-ordinated solution for roading improvements in the area. Concept plans for Charles and Barbour Streets have been agreed too. The undergrounding of services is complete in Barbour Street and that section of Charles Street from Wilsons Road to Barbour Street. The rest of Charles Street is due to start shortly. This will be followed by kerb and channel renewal in both Charles and Barbour Streets.

### DISCUSSION

The next stage is to underground the services in Short Street. Before this work can proceed an indication needs to be made as to where the new kerb and channel will be placed.

Short Street is 100 metres long and 15 metres boundary to boundary with a 10 metre carriageway. The proposed design has an 8 metre carriageway that allows parking, grass berms and a footpath on both sides. The berms allow for greening of the street and tree planting. The trees are in keeping with those planned for Charles and Barbour Streets.

The concept plan for Short Street has been based on the approved proposals for Charles and Barbour Streets, including the cobble design at the intersection. Short Street is not long or wide enough to enable a chicane to be built. The design also has to take into account that the pastry factory has planning consent to use Short Street access but the hours of access are part of the conditions.

A hammer head turning facility has been included and it uses existing driveways as there is not enough road reserve to create any other turning facility.

### CONCLUSION

A preliminary copy of the proposal, with a covering letter, has been forwarded to the Charleston Neighbourhood Committee asking for its comment.

To continue the progress in Charleston and allow the undergrounding of Short Street to be undertaken, consultation and comment on the proposal needs to take place. A publicity pamphlet will be drawn and distributed to residents in the area.

#### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the proposal be approved for public consultation.

#### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the recommendation be adopted.