

6. MACKWORTH STREET – FERRY ROAD TO BONAR PLACE

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to consult with the community on the proposal to renew the kerb and channel, footpaths and grass berms in Mackworth Street.

BACKGROUND

Mackworth Street runs northeast off Ferry Road to a right angle bend with Bonar Place and is due for kerb and channel renewal in 2002/03. This work will involve new kerb and channel, footpaths and grass berms.

Initial 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 entranceway to the Park.

168 questionnaires were distributed to all residents and property owners requesting information about their concerns and aspirations for the street. A 43% response was received.

DISCUSSION

The residents expressed concerns about the long straight nature of the street and the speed at which some motorists travel along it. There was also a request for more planting, better access to Linwood Park and that the flooding issues mid block be addressed.

The proposal for Mackworth Street is to reduce the 14 metre carriageway to a 9 metre carriageway with two one way sections and tree planting throughout the entire length. The areas around the narrowings will be landscaped. Reducing the road width, planting trees, the two narrow sections and the lowering of the crown of the road will create a slower speed environment.

The businesses at the Ferry Road end of Mackworth Street asked that the road not be narrowed as they require parking spaces. This section is to be constructed at 12 metres to retain parking and allow road space for manoeuvring of larger vehicles.

At the Bonar Place end of Mackworth Street 6 angle parks have been created and will be marked to provide access to Linwood Park. The area adjoining the park will be landscaped and the foot access to the park has been enhanced to provide a safer environment. The details of this area have been discussed and agreed to with Parks and Waterway staff.

CONCLUSION

The proposal has not yet been communicated to the wider community and the next stage will be to release the **attached** plan in the form of a publicity leaflet.

Staff

Recommendation: That the proposal be approved for public consultation.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.