

10. RIVERLAW TERRACE – NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT WORKS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation for Riverlaw Terrace be supported and consultation be commenced.

BACKGROUND

After the Council received a petition from residents in Riverlaw Terrace, a public meeting was held in May 1999 at which concerns about the traffic were raised. The residents' concerns were excessive speed and an increase in traffic volumes due to the traffic calming that had been carried out on Eastern Terrace.

Riverlaw Terrace was placed on the Neighbourhood Improvement Works priority list. It is proposed to install traffic calming in 2002/03.

Riverlaw Terrace is a local road with a 6 to 7 metre carriageway which runs between Wilsons Road and Burnbrae Street. The road is narrow and winds along the tree-lined Heathcote River. It has flat kerb and channel along the residential boundaries and no kerb along the riverbank.

A four-day speed and volume count was carried out in October 1999 and the vehicle numbers were 770, with an average speed of 50kph and an 85% of 58. To confirm these figures a second count was carried out over a seven-day period in early September 2002. The volume was 750 and the speed for both the average and the 85% had each dropped by 4kph.

A questionnaire was also sent out to 40 residents and owners asking whether they still had the same concerns and what they would like to see happen in their street. Nineteen replies were received. Sixteen stated that they would like some form of traffic calming and the main concern was speed. There was no clear indication as to the type of traffic calming, but some replies indicated they did not want speed humps.

The Parks and Waterways Unit has indicated that it has some future proposals for tree replacement along the riverbank, but the work proposed by City Streets Unit will not impact upon the riverbank.

PROPOSAL

The proposal attached was designed to address the issues of speeding vehicles and to discourage the number of vehicles from using the street.

To discourage the number, speed and size of vehicles using the road, a threshold is proposed at the intersections with Wilsons Road and Burnbrae Street.

Kerb buildouts at three positions along the road will reduce the overall carriageway width to 4.0 metres and create an angled slow point (chicane). This will reduce traffic to one lane. This narrowing of the carriageway will encourage low speeds through the street.

The budget for this proposal is \$80,000 for neighbourhood improvement works and the preliminary estimate for the work is \$80,000.

CONCLUSION

The proposal has not yet been communicated to the wider community and the next stage will be to communicate same to the Residents' Association and release the attached plan in the form of a publicity leaflet to the immediate community.

Staff

Recommendation: That the proposal be approved for public consultation.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion.