

**19. CLEVELAND STREET - KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL
(EDWARD AVENUE TO HENDON STREET)**

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The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Board to proceed to final design, tender and construction of the Cleveland Street (Edward Avenue to Hendon Street) kerb and channel renewal programme.

BACKGROUND

A letter was sent to all residents in this section of Cleveland Street on 15 October 2002 informing them that the Council was proposing to renew the old dish guttering in the 2003/04 financial year.

This section of Cleveland Street is 14 metres wide with grass berms and trees located within the carriageway.

The letter outlined to residents that the proposed civil engineering work could stress the existing trees and may reduce their life expectancy by up to five years. These trees are already heavily pollarded, caused by the branches being cut back, and this has reduced their attractiveness to some people.

The letter suggested that, along with the kerb and channel work, the roadway could be narrowed, the old trees removed, new established trees replanted and new footpaths and berms installed.

Residents were invited to a street meeting on Thursday 24 October 2002 at 6.30pm at the intersection of Cleveland Street and Hendon Street so that staff could discuss with them the aims and objectives of the proposal and record what the residents would like to see in their reconstructed street.

The meeting was successful with most of the residents attending. Staff from City Streets, Parks and Waterways and City Solutions also attended.

From this meeting a publicity plan for Cleveland Street was formulated and this was then delivered to residents in May 2003. It provided them with a month in which they could make further submissions on the plan. The consultation close off date was 13 June 2003.

RECOMMENDED PLAN

The proposal consists of a complete reconstruction of Cleveland Street with 6 metre wide entrances into the street from both Edward Avenue and Hendon Street.

The carriageway would be reconstructed to 7.5 metres wide with new kerb and flat channel and 1.8 metre wide footpaths.

It is recommended that all existing street trees be replaced with more appropriate large grade trees, planted in wide grass berms behind the kerb line.

Recommended trees for the street are:

Flowering Apple (deciduous)	-	Malus tschonoskii
Fastigate Hornbeam (deciduous)	-	Carpinus betulus 'fastigate'
Big Leaf Styrax (deciduous)	-	Styrax obassia
Lowland Ribbonwood (semi-deciduous)	-	Plagianthus regius

Landscaped planting beds are to be established against those property frontages with high front fences. Where properties do not have a front fence, a narrow section of grass berm is to be formed.

A kerb build-out on the east and west side of Cleveland Street, at its intersection with Hendon Street, will be landscaped. This landscaping will be reduced and grass berms extended into the build-outs in keeping with the residents request.

CONSULTATION

Six written submissions have been received on the Cleveland Street proposal. All except one of these submissions come from residents outside this section of Cleveland Street. They are not opposed to the proposed work but have made suggestions that I have recorded below.

- The submitter is concerned about the 'state' of the footpaths in Cleveland Street, specifically outside No.2. They have requested that the footpaths be upgraded as soon as possible. The proposed work is a complete reconstruction of the road that will include new footpaths.
- The submitter wanted to advise that vehicles travel along the length of Cleveland Street at high speed. Specifically, the submitter was concerned about the speeds along the already reconstructed northern end of Cleveland Street. This has been passed onto the Network Operations Team for further investigation and follow up with the submitter.
- The submitter is a resident of this section of Cleveland Street and, while happy with the proposal, has requested that the landscaping proposed outside his property at No.3 Cleveland Street be reduced and that the grass berm be extended instead. This submitter has also requested that 'English' style planting be installed in keeping with existing residential planting. The changes that the submitter has requested will be adopted.
- The submitter was concerned that the work proposed for Cleveland Street was 'happening' before the Edward Avenue reconstruction. The Edward Avenue reconstruction includes the opening up and enhancement of 'Bings Drain'; the cost for this project has come in over budget and the proposed work has been pushed out to the next financial year. The work, as proposed to the residents of Edward Avenue albeit with some minor modifications, is still programmed.
- The submitter from Hendon Street did not want to see any landscaping similar to that undertaken in Woodville Street. This seemed to be the general consensus at the on site meeting.
- The submitter would have preferred an illustration of the tree options outlined in the publicity leaflet and not just a list.

CONSTRUCTION

It is anticipated that construction could start in February/April 2004 and take approximately six weeks to complete.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board approve the Cleveland Street kerb and channel renewal project to final design, tender and construction.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the staff recommendation be adopted.