

7. FORBES AND ANGUS STREETS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to go to public consultation on the proposal for kerb and channel renewal in Forbes and Angus Streets.

BACKGROUND

Forbes and Angus Streets run from Colombo Street to Devon Street and are due for kerb and channel renewal in 2003/04 and 2005/06. The work will involve new kerb and channel, footpaths, and grass berms where possible.

Initial discussions were held with internal stakeholders and fifty questionnaires were distributed to all residents and property owners, requesting information about their concerns and aspirations for the street. Eight replies were received.

The residents requested that consideration be given to traffic calming and undergrounding services. There is no money in the budget to underground the services in Forbes and Angus Streets, but the amount and quality of the lighting will be upgraded as part of the project.

The replies also asked that we look at the issue of through-traffic and "race track" like behaviour that occurs when young people socialise at KFC in Colombo Street and then use the streets as a detour to get back into the traffic flows. The requests suggested we look at making the streets into cul-de-sacs and there be no through-traffic.

At the intersection of the two streets is an entrance into Bradford Park. Council officers looked at several options for the intersection and two options – one closing the road to through-traffic and the other a narrow carriageway to slow traffic – were presented to residents at a meeting on 20 May 2003.

DISCUSSION

The outcome from the meeting of three Community Board members, nine residents (including two of the businesses in the area) and two Council officers, was that the intersection be designed in such a way as to eliminate through-traffic, open up the entrance to the park and enhance the waterway (Jackson Creek) and the area. The decisions from the meeting were unanimous.

The proposal is to renew the kerb and channel in Angus Street on its present alignment with an indented parking area outside the Council housing units. Some landscaping is possible at each end of the parking area to add some enhancement in this street.

At the intersection of Angus and Forbes Streets there will be a landscape build-out that will give the appearance that the street finishes at this point. Behind the build-out will be a driveway entrance into the three properties at the western end of Angus Street.

The park will be extended into Forbes Street and this will create an opportunity to remove through-traffic and enhance Jackson Creek.

Forbes Street kerb and channel will be replaced to create a 9 metre carriageway that will allow parking both sides and two-way traffic. Two parking spaces have been created outside No. 29 to allow parking in this area and still retain space to turn round. The driveway to No. 30 will also provide a footpath access between the two streets.

CONCLUSION

The proposal for Forbes and Angus Streets (refer attached) includes the aspirations of the residents and other Council Units, and meets the objectives of the project.

It is proposed to distribute the proposal to residents in Forbes Street, Angus Street, Beaumont Street, Devon Street, Shelley Street and that section of Colombo Street from Devon Street to Angus Street.

Staff

Recommendation: That the proposal be approved for public consultation.

Chairman's

Recommendation: As there has been a careful consultation process to date, I support the officer's recommendation.