

11. HASTINGS STREET EAST & VIENNA STREET KERB & CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board and the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to publicise the concept plan for the Hastings Street East and Vienna Street kerb and channel renewal project.

BACKGROUND

An initial consultation leaflet was distributed to residents in early 2003. The leaflet advised that the Council would be renewing the old dish guttering with kerb and flat channel and sought some initial feedback from residents on what they would like see in their reconstructed streets.

Nineteen written submissions were received. Residents indicated that they were happy with the proposed work and would like to see included in the reconstruction work, improved footpaths; engineering treatment to deter the 'hoons'; improvements made to the drainage system and enhanced landscaping.

Staff have produced a concept plan (see attached) that takes into account most of the suggestions from residents, together with the Council's aims and objectives for these two streets, and would now like to publicise this plan and provide another opportunity for residents to comment.

RECOMMENDED OPTION

Hastings Street East

The proposal is to undertake a full reconstruction of the carriageway, but retain the existing width of 9 metres and on-street parking on both sides.

The existing kerbside layout is to be retained, with the footpath adjacent to the kerb and the berm adjacent to the property boundary on the northern side, with a footpath only on the south side. The exception on the south side is where there are currently grass berms adjacent to property Nos. 196 and 204 Hastings Street East these will be retained.

The existing 'Stop' control against Hastings Street East at its intersection with Wilsons Road will be retained. However, it is proposed to install two landscaped kerb build-outs to align the centreline on Wilsons Road, both sides of the intersection.

The existing 'Give Way' against Hastings Street East at its intersection with Vienna Street will be removed and a 'Give Way' control will be installed against Vienna Street instead, thereby maintaining priority on Hastings Street East.

Proposed drainage improvements on Hastings Street East between Goldsmith Place and Vienna Street, together with the drainage improvements along the northern end of Vienna Street, will significantly improve the drainage system in this area.

Eighteen trees will be planted along the northern side of Hastings Street and the recommended trees for this area are:

- Two large trees outside the Waltham Community Cottage at 201 Hastings Street East
- A crack willow and a cabbage tree, due to their size, will require extra care at road reconstruction time to ensure that minimal disturbance is caused within their root zone.

Vienna Street

The proposal is to replace the existing dish guttering with kerb and flat channel along both sides of the carriageway either side of the Hastings Street East intersection.

It is proposed to retain the existing kerb alignment along the west side of the southern end of Vienna Street and to install 20 angle parks outside Waltham School. On-street parking will be retained on the east side and the carriageway will be reduced to 9 metres.

At the Buffon Street corner landscaped kerb build-outs are proposed. This will reduce the carriageway at this point to 7 metres and encourage a slower speed environment.

On Vienna Street on the west side of the Hastings Street intersection the existing kerb build-out will be retained and replanted and a similar build-out installed on the east side of this intersection. This will reduce the width at this intersection to 7 metres.

A 'Give Way' control will be installed on the north approach to the Vienna Street/Hastings Street East intersection.

On the west side of the southern end of Vienna Street the footpath will be 2.9 metres wide without a grass berm, to accommodate foot traffic from the angle parked vehicles, and a 1.8 metre wide footpath on the east side with grass berms and trees.

At the northern end of Vienna Street it is proposed to narrow the carriageway to 9 metres, retaining on-street parking along both sides. On the west side of Vienna Street at the Vienna Street/Hastings Street East intersection the existing kerb build-out will be retained, creating a 7.5m wide entranceway. The current alignment on the east side of Vienna Street at this intersection will be retained.

A 2.7 metre wide berm on the west side of Vienna Street and a 4.8 metre wide berm on the east side, together with street trees, will be installed.

LANDSCAPING RECOMMENDATIONS

A mixture of low-growing flowering shrubs and native groundcovers for both Hastings Street East and Vienna Street.

A total of 19 street trees will be planted in Vienna Street, and 18 trees along the northern side of Hastings Street East. The recommended trees for these areas are:

Hastings Street East: Scarlet Oak
 Liquid Amber
 Snowbell Tree

Vienna Street Deciduous Magnolia
 South Island Kowhai
 Lowland Ribbonwood

BUDGET

The budget for this project is \$572,000.

CONSTRUCTION

It is anticipated that construction would start in January 2004, taking 12 weeks, with completion due in April/May 2004.

CONSULTATION

It is proposed to consult with all residents, property owners, and interested parties (eg, local schools).

Staff

Recommendation: That the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board and the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board approve the Hastings Street East/Vienna Street kerb and channel renewal project for consultation.

Chairman's

Recommendation: Board members may have some suggestions, particularly to assist with the consultation.