5. STRATFORD STREET - PROPOSED KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve for construction the renewal of the dish channels for the full length of Stratford Street as detailed in the **attached** plan.

Stratford Street (a local road with an average traffic flow of 1100 vehicles/day) is on the capital works programme to have its kerb and dish channel renewed in the 2003/2004 financial year. The local residents have been given a concept plan/publicity pamphlet showing the proposed work. The following feedback has been received: -

Stratford/Idris Intersection

- We are totally supportive of the plan and like the way it will slow left turning traffic off Idris Road.
- There is an existing hedge and tree on the south side of the Idris intersection occupying road reserve.
- There needs to be right and left turning lanes out of Stratford Street into Idris Road (4).
- Stratford Street at its intersection with Idris Road needs to be wide enough for left and right turning vehicles to exit at the same time.
- Please provide left turn slip lanes from Stratford Street to Idris Road and from Wroxton Terrace to Stratford Street.
- The proposed plan is very acceptable with one exception. The eight metre exit onto Idris Rd is positively dangerous; it needs to be twelve metres wide to allow right and left turning lanes out of Stratford Street. The Wroxton/Idris intersection should be closed and Wroxton Terrace should be connected to Stratford by removing part of the exiting garden plot.
- A splitter island would improve safety at this intersection (see note on plan).

Narrowing in the Middle

- The narrowing in the middle of the street is not needed.
- I object to losing my on street parking because of the narrowing in front of my property and having to back into a narrow carriageway.
- There will be a dangerous situation if cars are allowed to park on each side of the narrow portion.

Landscaping

- Maple and magnolia is preferred as street trees.
- Suggested street trees firstly magnolia grandiflora (little gem) or prunus? 'Awanui'.
- Our preferred tree species would be the Japanese maple (4).
- Preferred street tree species is totara then maple or a mixture of the two.
- Would prefer the street trees to be totara with copper beeches at the narrowing.
- Acer palmatum is preferred as a street tree (2).
- Carpet roses (cream) or hebes in the landscaped areas please.
- Landscape existing area not grass but carpet roses.
- Request that most of the grass is eliminated and replaced with carpet roses.
- We like the design; it would be good to have grass berms.
- We especially do not want roses in the berm area.
- Street trees don't mix with power poles and overhead wires, one or the other.
- We would prefer low growing shrubs to grass in front of our property.
- Our driveway is in the middle of the section we would like a street tree each side of the drive please (No. 17).

General Comments

- The work must include the underground conversion of the power and phone wires.
- Put in underground wiring at the same time or delay the project until funds are available.
- It is a lot of money to spend on the street and not do the lighting.
- This design does nothing to reduce the speed environment, narrow the carriageway to 7.0 metres right through except for the narrow portion which should be 3.5 metres wide.
- Install pavers at the Fendalton Road entrance/exit.
- We especially do not want angle parking at the shop.
- No speed bumps please.
- Please relocate the power pole back against the front fence line/ boundary.
- The new kerb and channel work will be a big improvement.

After considering the above feedback it is recommended that the following responses be made: -

- The carriageway at Idris Road will be redesigned to allow left and right turning cars to exit Stratford Street at the same time.
- The proposed street tree be Japanese maple.
- A no stopping restriction be installed on each side of the narrow section.
- A street tree be planted on each side of the driveway at No. 17.

The amount of \$391,685 is budgeted for this project, which does not include the undergrounding of the overhead services in the street. Residents are hoping to put together a 50/50 cost sharing proposal to the Council before the end of May. An update of progress will be given at the meeting.

Staff

Recommendations:

- 1. That the submitted plan be approved for tender.
- 2. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on both sides of Stratford Street commencing at the northern boundary of No. 22 and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of twenty-nine metres (29.0 m).

Chairman's

Recommendation:

That the above recommendation be adopted subject to the known outcome of the residents endeavours regarding any funding contribution to the undergrounding of overhead services in Stratford Street.