

7. BELLAMY AVENUE KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to consult on the Bellamy Avenue kerb and channel renewal project.

BACKGROUND

Bellamy Avenue is 14 metres wide and the proposed works are located from the existing threshold at the Estuary Road end to Pine Avenue.

An initial consultation leaflet was distributed to residents in November/December 2002. 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 to see in their reconstructed street.

Four written responses were received and approximately the same number of telephone calls. Residents are happy with the kerb and channel renewal project but also requested that landscaping in the street could be improved. They also did not want to have the footpaths against boundary fences as in the winter time Bellamy Avenue gets very little sun and the footpaths remain icy all day. Residents also requested that Bellamy Avenue be made safer by making changes that would discourage the 'hoons'.

Staff have produced a concept plan taking into account this initial feedback from residents and would like to publicise this plan and provide another opportunity for residents to comment.

RECOMMENDED OPTION

It is proposed to reduce the width of Bellamy Avenue to nine metres and to take the carriageway closer to the south side of the street. On the north side the footpath will be adjacent to the kerb with a grass swale and then significant landscaped areas against property boundaries. On the south side the footpath will also be adjacent to the kerb with smaller areas of landscaping adjacent to the property boundaries.

A kerb build-out is proposed on the north side of Bellamy Avenue at its intersection with Pine Avenue. This is to ensure that this section of Bellamy Avenue is 'off-set' to the eastern end of Bellamy Avenue and will encourage lower speeds through both sections.

LANDSCAPING

Bellamy Avenue is very exposed to the easterly wind making a harsh growing environment therefore the landscaped areas will require mostly hardy coastal species.

CONSTRUCTION

It is anticipated that construction could be completed by June 2004.

BUDGET

The budget for this project is \$132,000.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board approve the Bellamy Avenue kerb and channel renewal project for consultation.

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Recommendations:

1. That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.
2. That the City Streets Unit be commended for the incorporation of the results of initial consultation in the concept plan.