

16. HAGLEY AVENUE CYCLEWAY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

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The purpose of this report is to advise of the process being employed in response to the Council's resolution that this issue be referred to the Committee for further consideration.

BACKGROUND

In April 2002 a draft plan of traffic improvements for Hagley Ave was presented to the Committee requesting approval for it to be released for public consultation. The draft plan had been previously presented to both the Spreydon/Heathcote and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Boards and their comments had been reported to the Committee. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board also made a deputation to the Committee expressing its concerns. The Committee subsequently resolved to proceed with the draft plan for public consultation.

In May 2002 the Council resolved not to adopt the Committee's resolutions. Instead it resolved that no decision should be made on the proposal until a decision was reached on the proposed Tuam Street/Lichfield Street one-way pair swap.

In November 2002 in response to the direction the one-way pair swap was taking, the Council resolved that a joint meeting of the Committee and Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board be held for the purpose of considering the possibility of the April 2002 report and draft plan being resubmitted to the Committee.

The joint meeting was held and the minutes were reported to the Council in April 2003. The Council resolved:

1. *That this issue be referred to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee for further consideration and report to Council.*
2. *That members of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board be invited to participate in the discussions regarding this issue when it is considered by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.*

PROCESS

Members will be aware that the original draft plan is now a year old and that it was effectively shelved following the Council's May 2002 resolution.

It is therefore planned to present an updated draft plan to the Committee in July 2003. This will allow staff to further develop the original report and plan so that it reflects the current conditions and includes consideration of the Committee's April 2002 suggestions. These will include the pedestrian signals at the College, and possible changes at Grove Road to provide more parking and improve the efficiency of the Hagley Ave intersection. The report will also re-visit and address other options for the location of the cycleway raised in 2002 and at the recent combined meeting, and explain the logic behind the considerations that lead to the updated draft plan option recommended.

There will be limited consultation in May/June 2003 with key stakeholders (who were consulted in January 2002) to update them on the process and establish their position with regard to options.

This will ensure the Committee is making decisions based on the best and most current information we are able to provide. It is proposed to present the report to the July 2003 Committee meeting with members of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.