

8. CANON STREET – GERALDINE STREET TO BARBADOES STREET

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the results of the consultation with the community on the proposal to renew the kerb and channel, footpaths, and grass berms in Canon Street and seek approval to proceed to final design, tender and construction.

BACKGROUND

Canon Street runs east west from Geraldine Street to Sherborne Street. In 2004/05 it is proposed to renew the old dish channel with new flat kerb and channel in the section of Canon Street from Geraldine Street to Barbadoes Street.

Initial discussions were held with internal stakeholders and 31 questionnaires were distributed to all residents and property owners requesting information about their concerns and aspirations for the street. Five replies were received.

The proposal shown on the publicity leaflet for this section of Canon Street was to reinforce the local road status by reducing the carriageway to nine metres. The intersection with Barbadoes Street has been changed from a splitter island to a threshold. It is proposed to combine this proposed work into the work being carried out in Geraldine Street at the other end.

CONSULTATION

Approximately 70 publicity leaflets were distributed in this section of Canon Street and across to Madras Street and about six properties along each side street.

Seven replies were received. Five agreed generally with the proposal and two were non-committal. The concerns raised were:

- Parking in the street. There are lot of multi tenanted properties and this creates a demand for on-street parking.
- The narrowing of the carriageway results in a need for traffic to pull over when two vehicles are moving along the street in opposite directions if there are a number of vehicles parked.
- Landscape planting – that this not be native grasses because they lack colour and are untidy.

The proposal to relocate the bus stop from north of the intersection to south of the intersection to create better visibility is not supported by either the property owners or tenants. All were written to or visited and no agreement could be reached.

CONCLUSION

The proposal reinforces the local road status, meets the aims of the St Albans Neighbourhood Improvement Plan and will blend with the work carried out in Geraldine Street. It also has general community agreement except for the bus stop position. Council Officers recommend that the project proceeds to design, tender and construction, and that the bus stop remains in its present position to the north of the intersection.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Canon Street (Geraldine Street – Bardadoes Street) kerb and channel project proceed to final design, tender, and construction.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the staff recommendation be adopted.