

## 17. HASTINGS STREET EAST AND VIENNA STREET KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to proceed to final design, tender and construction of the Hastings Street East and Vienna Street kerb and channel renewal project.

### BACKGROUND

An initial consultation letter was distributed to residents in early 2003. The letter 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 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 treatments to deter the 'hoons', improvements made to the drainage system and enhanced landscaping.

Staff produced a concept plan incorporating the residents' suggestions, together with the Council's aims and objectives for these two streets. The concept plan was distributed to residents and the wider community and a public meeting held in the Waltham Community Cottage on 7 August 2003.

The concept plan showed a change to the give way control at the intersection of Hastings Street East and Vienna Street. Currently, the give way control is against Hastings Street East; however, the concept plan suggested that it could be removed from against Hastings Street East and placed against Vienna Street. At the public meeting residents requested that the give way control remain against Hastings Street East and the project control group has concurred with this request.

### RECOMMENDED OPTION

#### Hastings Street East

The proposal is to undertake a full reconstruction of the carriageway, but retain the existing width of 9 metres with on-street parking along 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, on the southern side and because of the lack of space to work with, there will only be a footpath installed. The exception to this is where there are currently grass berms adjacent to 196 and 204 Hastings Street, these grass berms will be retained.

The existing stop control against Hastings Street East at its intersection with Wilsons Road will be retained, but 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 control against Hastings Street East at its intersection with Vienna Street will be retained.

Proposed drainage improvements on Hastings Street East between Goldsmith Plane and Vienna Street along 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 East.

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 during the civil engineering work to ensure that minimal disturbance is caused to 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 on both sides of the Hastings Street East intersection. Unlike Hastings Street East, however, Vienna Street will not be a full reconstruction of the carriageway but a 'shoulder' reconstruction only which involves the upgrade of the kerb and channel and the footpath.

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

At the Vienna Street/Buffon Street intersection the carriageway will be reduced to 7 metres by installing kerb build-outs. It was originally proposed to landscape the kerb build-outs, but as a business located right at the intersection regularly has 12-wheeled trucks requiring access, it is sensible to install a commercial grade driveway access through the build-out instead of landscaping.

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. This will reduce the width at this intersection to 7 metres.

On the west side of Vienna Street outside the Waltham School and adjacent to the proposed angle parks the footpath will be 2.9 metres wide without a grass berm, this is to accommodate foot traffic from the angle parked vehicles. A 1.8 metre wide footpath along the east side will be constructed with grass berms and trees planted.

At the northern end of Vienna Street it is proposed to narrow the carriageway to 9 metres, but retain on-street parking along both sides.

Grass berms and street trees will be installed along both sides of Vienna Street north.

#### **BUDGET**

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

#### **CONSTRUCTION**

It is anticipated that construction would start in April 2004 and be completed by May/June 2004.

#### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board approve the Hastings Street East and Vienna Street kerb and channel renewal project for final design, tender and construction.

#### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.