11. STATION ROAD/FLAVELL STREET/MARSDEN STREET/ROLLIN STREET

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to consult with the community on the proposal to renew the kerb and channel, footpaths and grass berms in Station Road and to create a community focal point at the intersection of Station Road/Flavell Street/Marsden Street and Rollin Street.

BACKGROUND

The intersection of Station Road/Flavell Street/Marsden Street and Rollin Street has been promoted in the Heathcote Community as a focal point. With the renewal of kerb and channel in Station Road and funding made available to upgrade the intersection, an opportunity has arisen to pursue a focal point idea with the community.

DISCUSSION

A public meeting was held with residents on 25 June 2003 to explain the aims and objectives of the project. Those present told Council Officers what they would like to see kept/stay and what they would like to see changed.

Consultation was also carried out with the students of years 7 and 8 at Heathcote Valley School, the School Board of Trustees, St Mary's Church and businesses in the vicinity of the intersection.

On 2 August 2003 a second meeting was held with residents. This meeting confirmed the following project objectives:

- 1 Renew the dish channel in Station Road
- 2 Retain existing trees
- 3 Provide better definition to the intersection
- 4 Improve pedestrian and cycle safety
- 5 Maximise landscape opportunities
- 6 Improve residential environment

The meeting was then presented with five options for the intersection and the attendees were asked to assess each option as to whether they felt it met the objectives and what they envisioned for the focal point.

CONCLUSION

After some minor adjustments to the preferred option, the attached concept plan is the result of the residents' meetings. The plan meets the project objectives. Council Officers propose that this concept plan be distributed to those residents who attended the two public meetings and to the wider community.

Staff

Recommendation: That the concept plan be approved for public consultation.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.