

10. STUDHOLME STREET – KERB AND CHANNEL

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcome of the consultation on Studholme Street and to seek approval to proceed with final design, tender and construction (refer attached plan TP156201).

BACKGROUND

The kerb and channel in the section of Studholme Street from Barrington Street to Somerfield Street has been completed. In 2003/04 funding is available to renew the kerb and channel in the next section of Studholme Street.

The section of Studholme Street from Somerfield Street to Ashgrove Terrace is a local road with an estimated traffic volume of 500 vehicles per day. It has a 14 metre carriageway, with the trees in the carriageway near the channel and footpaths either side of the road.

DISCUSSION

The proposal shows an 8.5 metre carriageway with a threshold at Somerfield Street and a narrowing at Ashgrove Terrace, providing a calming effect and a safer crossing point to the bridge. After discussion with the Parks and Waterways Unit, it has been agreed to remove the railing at the end of the bridge and install landscaping to stop cyclists riding straight on to the road.

The trees throughout the street have been retained and it is proposed to plant trees (same species) in the gaps. Landscaping is planned for the Ashgrove intersection, but grass has been retained at the Somerfield intersection in keeping with the other side streets off Somerfield Street.

A concept proposal was distributed to residents in Studholme Street from Somerfield Street to Ashgrove Terrace, Holcombe Place, Selsey Lane and eight houses either side of Studholme Street in Ashgrove Terrace and Somerfield Street, Somerfield School, Cashmere High School, and the four rest homes in the area.

Eight replies were received. One reply asked that three or four speed humps be installed, as Studholme Street is part of the 'hoon' circuit; another requested that the new tree be a reasonable size. A third requested that the lighting be upgraded, and the Foundation for the Blind requested that the footpath cut downs be in line with the entrances to the pedestrian refuge island.

The installation of speed humps would be out of character with the residential street and will not eliminate the hoon element. The landscape architect has been requested to consider the tree size when ordering the replacement trees. The lighting has been checked as part of the project and will be upgraded at the Somerfield Street intersection, and the design team has been asked to ensure that the cut downs and entrances to the refuge island line up.

CONCLUSION

As the majority of replies are in favour of the work taking place and their concerns are being addressed, Council officers request that approval be given for the proposed work in Studholme Street from Somerfield Street to Ashgrove Terrace proceed to design and construction.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Studholme Street kerb and channel project from Somerfield Street to Ashgrove Terrace proceed to final design, tender and construction.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the staff recommendation be supported.