

9. SALTAIRE - A LIVING STREET

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The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Board concerning the progress with the Saltaire Street Living Streets Project and to seek the Board's endorsement of the draft objectives and options.

BACKGROUND

Saltaire Street is a short street linking Marriotts Road with Bower Avenue. It is scheduled for kerb and channel renewal in the 2003/04 financial year and a budget of \$195,000 has been allocated. It is part of the Living Streets showpiece project portfolio.

Members will be aware that approval was given by this Board at its July 2003 meeting to follow the community based Collaboration Process for Living Streets (see attachment).

WHERE ARE WE IN THE PROCESS?

We are currently at Stage 3 of the process having completed Stages 1 and 2. A public meeting and workshop was held on 11 August 2003. The meeting was well attended and very productive. Some key issues have emerged and from these a set of draft objectives has been formulated together with some draft options which seek to meet these objectives. Both the objectives and the options are presented to this Board for endorsement prior to the next public meeting and workshop (Stage 4 Work in Progress - Moving Forward Together).

DRAFT OBJECTIVES

The draft objectives have been formulated by the project team directly from the submissions both internal and external (submissions from public workshop attached).

1. To significantly reduce the volume of through traffic.
2. To reduce the speed of traffic.
3. To enhance the streetscape.

OPTIONS

Five options have been developed to meet these objectives (see attachments). They range in severity in terms of discouraging traffic speed and volume. All include significant improvement to the streetscape. At this stage it is not necessary to agree on any one option but to see if there are aspects of any that people want to embrace. They are more like "ideas" plans than options. The intention is to present these, together with the objectives, to the next workshop for discussion.

TIME FRAME

Stage 4 (including public workshop) is expected to be completed by November 2003. The final scheme plan for the area is expected to be completed by February 2004.

CONCLUSION

The project is progressing well and the collaboration process has proven to be well received by the public producing some complimentary responses. The group attending the workshop was particularly enthusiastic and there is a strong sense of community already well established. This will help ensure that Saltaire Street is a showpiece example of the practical application of the Living Streets philosophies.

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- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the Board support the draft objectives and options for discussion with the community.

Chairperson's**Recommendations:**

1. That the information be received.
2. That the next step in the consultation process for the Saltaire Street Living Streets proposal be deferred.
3. That the City Streets Unit provide a report on the implications for surrounding streets of reducing through traffic on Saltaire Street.