

## 1. **PROPERTY PURCHASE FOR ROADING – BLENHEIM ROAD**

The purpose of this report was to obtain the Council's approval for the acquisition of a severance in Blenheim Road to enable the construction of a new off-road cycle path and pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Hansons Lane.

**Address:** 375 Blenheim Road  
**Owners:** Steel and Tube Holdings Limited  
**Area of Severance:** 44m<sup>2</sup>  
**Legal Description:** Part Lot 2 DP 16390 CT 559/38  
**Zone:** Business 4

**Comment:** The property owner is prepared to give the land to the Council in exchange for proper shaping and kerb installation at the entranceway and some remarking and kerb work within the property.

The value of the land is \$10,000, while the work to be carried out on the owner's land is worth \$25,000. However, the benefit of the cycle and pedestrian safety work is far in excess of the difference of \$15,000.

The Annex/Blenheim/Hansons Lane intersection has been a key area for cycle improvement for some time. It has over 300 cycle movements through it per day. The works originally designed are much improved by the obtaining of this land, and the actual expenditure remains the same.

**Proposed Settlement:** Agreement has been reached and settlement can be achieved on the Council carrying out shaping and kerb installation at 375 Blenheim Road in exchange for the acquisition of the area of 44m<sup>2</sup> from the landowner.

The Council's Transport Planner was in attendance for consideration of this clause. He advised the Board that obtaining this property would allow the installation of special cycle controls and a new off-road cycle path and pedestrian crossing at the intersection with Hansons Lane. The Board considered it appropriate, (should the recommendation be adopted by the Council), to write to Steel and Tube Holdings Limited expressing appreciation of their cooperation in achieving this exchange.

**Recommendation:** That the Council approve the above settlement.