9. KEA CROSSINGS – EXTENSION OF TRIAL

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the Land Transport Safety Authority's (LTSA) extension of the trial of kea crossings and request that the Council grant approval to five additional schools in Christchurch City to operate kea crossings. A fact sheet describing the kea crossing concept has been separately circulated to members of the Committee for their information.

BACKGROUND

Christchurch City is at the forefront in developing and improving road safety regimes at schools located on busy traffic routes. Following submissions by the Council to the LTSA, Halswell School was granted approval to operate a kea crossing. The LTSA then granted an extension of the trial to allow a further 38 schools in New Zealand to operate kea crossings.

This trial has been so successful, that the LTSA has now approved a further 88 schools in New Zealand for inclusion in the trial.

CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOLS IN TRIAL

The Council applied for six schools to be included in the new extended trial. The LTSA declined to approve Harewood School, due to the low number of children crossing, and the possibility of school zone trial being approved for that school.

The schools approved in Christchurch City by the LTSA are:

- 1. Phillipstown School, Nursery Road
- 2. Russley School, Cutts Road
- 3. Redwood School, Prestons Road
- 4. St Josephs School, Vagues Road
- 5. St Andrews College, Normans Road

Recommendation: That the installation and operation of kea crossings be approved at the above five sites.