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The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council that approval in principle be granted to proceed with the “Road Stopping” process for two sections of Truscotts Road.

A public meeting was held on Monday 31 August 1998 to discuss the new road from Bridle Path Road to Truscotts Road. It became obvious that residents were concerned that the new road could create some traffic problems. It would allow motorists direct access to Heathcote via the intersection of Truscotts Road and Martindales Road. As there is poor visibility through the railway underpass this was seen as a problem. Also it would create a circuit that could be used for racing, particularly at night. Council staff gave an undertaking at this meeting that it would pursue “Road Stopping”.

Stopping a short section of Truscotts Road just before the bend where Truscotts Road moves away from the railway line (see plan) would prevent either of these two problems becoming a reality. It would also mean that all activities, both present and future, in the Ferrymead Historic Park area would have access from Bridle Path Road only. Residents agreed this was an advantage as the future use of a lot of this area is unknown.

A future report will be presented to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to determine a name for the new road and a name change for the existing section of Truscotts Road along the frontage of Ferrymead Historic Park. This leaves the northern section of Truscotts Road (from the new road to the Heathcote River) without a name.

The new road opens up public access to a whole new area. Because of this it is desirable to install a gate on the northern section of Truscotts Road and to discourage vehicles from entering the Ferrymead Historic Park Village after hours or pedestrians from using the Tram bridge across the drain. As the Council is the owner of all the land fronting onto the northern section of Truscotts Road, it is appropriate to legally stop this section of road as well.

This will allow the gate to be installed and remove any confusion with street names.

The processes involved in carrying out the “road stopping” takes a minimum of seven months providing there are no objections. It is anticipated that the new road will be open to the public in August 1999, so it is important that the process starts as soon as possible.

Recommendation: That approval in principle be granted to proceed with the Road Stopping process for two small sections of Truscotts Road as per the attached plan.