

4. THE ORBITER: RATIONALISATION OF GREERS ROAD BUS STOPS

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At its meeting on 12 October 1999, the Fendalton/Waimairi Works And Traffic Safety Committee considered the report of the Assistant Planner, City Streets Unit, seeking approval for the installation of two bus stops for the Orbiter bus service on Greers Road.

The Committee supported the installation of a bus stop outside 363/365 Greers Road, but requested that the Assistant Planner investigate the location of 409 Greers Road as an alternative to the recommended 405/407 Greers Road.

The location of a bus stop outside 409 Greers Road was not recommended by the Assistant Planner and Area Traffic Engineer due to issues of traffic safety, and the difficulty in which a bus would encounter entering the turning lane. This opinion was further supported by Leopard Coachlines, the Canterbury Regional Council and the Land Transport Safety Authority.

At its meeting on 26 October 1999, the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board considered the above mentioned report along with the additional information sought by the Works And Traffic Safety Committee regarding 409 Greers Road. The Board recommended to the City Services Committee that bus stops be installed at both 363/365 Greers Road and 405/407 Greers Road.

The City Services Committee heard submissions from Mrs Chrys Johnson, 405 Greers Road, who expressed strong opposition to the location of a bus stop outside her property. She commented that views would be blocked by buses, passengers would damage her property, and the pedestrian safety was not being improved by the proposed location of the bus stop.

The Area Traffic Engineer had advised that an alternative location was not favoured because traffic turning right into Ardmore Place would block Greers Road if the bus stop is resited.

The Committee decided to support the Community Board's recommendation with regard to 363/365 Greers Road but held over the proposal to site a bus at 405/407 Greers Road. A subcommittee (Councillors Wright, Buck and Manning) will report to the Committee on 30 November.

Recommendation: That a bus stop be installed on the western side of Greers Road commencing at a point 49 metres from its intersection with Kilburn Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 13.5 metres. (363/365 Greers Road).