

6. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM WORKS AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT OF 29 OCTOBER 1999 MEETING**

The Board received a report on the Committee meeting held on 29 October 1999.

6.1 **Islington Residents Association Petition**

A petition with 228 signatures had been received by the Committee.

The prayer of the petition asks *“for the removal of heavy vehicles using our residential roads and streets. The main areas of concern are Roberts Road, Gilberthorpes Road, Waterloo Road, Foremans Road and Parker Street.”*

On behalf of the Association, Messrs Alex Cameron and David Barry attended the committee meeting.

Further information was provided to members in support of the petition.

The Area Engineer will report back to the Committee on the petition and associated issues.

6.2 **Middlepark Road – Traffic Calming**

The Area Engineer reported on the subsequent discussions arising from a site meeting with the St Thomas of Canterbury College representatives. Their concerns related to excessive speed of traffic outside the school and the difficulties and dangers faced by school children crossing to and from the school and the playing fields.

A concept was promoted which introduced two speed humps and associated road narrowing on both sides of the bend at Middlepark Road outside the school. This concept was approved by the Board subject to favourable consultation with the school and local residents. The concept was presented to the City Streets Unit for a safety audit but the scheme failed due to the isolation of the humps with respect to the approach speeds of vehicles. It was considered that it would be safer to lower the speed environment of Middlepark Road rather than just in the localised area around the school.

There had been many concerns expressed to the Council over the years regarding the speed of traffic in this street. An amended scheme was therefore distributed which showed the introduction of a further three road humps.

Members were aware of a City Services Committee decision from its 10 October meeting that City Streets staff be instructed to seek to minimise the installation of speed humps in implementing current traffic control measures.

The Committee sought to have Board approval of the proposal for the placement of five speed humps on Middlepark Road.

The Board **agreed** to the proposal on a show of hands, six in favour and three against.

6.3 **Bus Stop Policy Review**

The Committee received a report which presented a guideline/framework for locating bus stops.

Members were aware of previous deputations to this Committee and the Board by residents on the siting of bus stops.

These guidelines were seen as an important document in the debate on locating bus stops in residential streets.

The Board **decided:**

1. To seek to have the guidelines enforced as policy.
2. That, in the interest of better community consultation, the City Council be requested to identify the exact locations of bus stops in any Canterbury Regional Council information pamphlets that are circulated to the community when promoting new or amended bus routes.

6.4 **Harakeke Street Traffic Issues**

At the 20 July meeting of this Committee local residents addressed members in respect of various traffic issues in the Harakeke Street/Rochdale Street area. Major concerns were traffic and safety issues, and erratic driver behaviour. Also identified were the use of these streets as a short cut and that drivers were not stopping at the Harakeke/Matai Street intersection.

A comprehensive report was received by the Committee and the officer recommendation was that a narrowing of the carriageway and a pedestrian facility be placed over the Harakeke Street bridge.

On behalf of the residents, Mr James Baines was in attendance.

The recommendation from the residents was for the installation of two speed humps on that section of Harakeke Street from the bridge to a point midway along Matai Street. Members were aware, however, of a City Services Committee decision at its 10 October meeting that City Streets staff be instructed to seek to minimise the installation of speed humps in implementing current traffic control measures.

On the casting vote of the Committee Chairperson, the Committee recommendation was promoted in support of the residents' request.

At the Board meeting there was debate on the engineer's report and recommendations and the issues raised by the residents.

Most members agreed that the traffic issues in Harakeke Street could not, at this time and on the information/evidence available, support the installation of any traffic management works.

Accordingly the Board **decided** not to approve the installation of any speed humps. (Neville Bennett declared an interest in this and took no part in the debate and decision.)