

17. CASHMERE ROAD/HOON HAY ROAD/WORSLEYS ROAD INTERSECTION

The Committee considered a report from Brian Neill, Traffic Engineer, on a petition that was addressed to the Council and signed by 75 residents in this locality who were dissatisfied with aspects of the layout of the Cashmere Road/Hoon Hay Road/Worsleys Road intersection. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board had also considered the report and recommended that consideration be given to widening the carriageway to allow vehicles to pass between a stopped vehicle and the various traffic islands.

The petitioners had expressed concern at:

- “1. *The surface of the road is of coarse texture creating excessive traffic noise. With the increase of traffic and the recent resealing this noise has become intolerable.*
2. *The intersection configuration, as predicted at time of construction, has converted Cashmere Road into a speedway.*
3. *Parking restrictions and traffic islands are causing local frustrations.*
4. *Access to Cashmere Road from Hoon Hay Road and Worsleys Road is hazardous and promoting dangerous driving.*
5. *A roundabout, requested at the time, would solve most problems – although not the road noise which needs a smoother road surface.”*

The report advised that a further road safety audit had been commissioned on the intersection and advised the results of this. It noted the hazard caused by tall dense planting near the intersection and that traffic speeds through the intersection had reduced since it was reconfigured.

The Committee **decided**:

1. That the submitters of the petition be thanked for their views on the reconfigured intersection of Cashmere Road/Hoon Hay Road/Worsleys Road and that they be assured that a more appropriate landscaping plan for the south-western corner of the intersection will be developed and implemented.
2. That no further action (other than attending to minor signage and roadmarking deficiencies) be taken at this time.