

6. GRAHAMS ROAD AND GREERS ROAD/PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN ISLANDS

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Council approve construction of two pedestrian islands in Greers Road and one in Grahams Road (both are minor arterial roads).

At its meeting on 4 September 2001 the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board, after considering public feedback, recommended the work shown on the attached publicity plan for construction. Two hundred and thirty-eight publicity plans were distributed to affected residents. Feedback from the residents responding to the publicity plan which asked which was the residents preferred position for the middle pedestrian island was:

For the proposition 'A'	13
For position 'B'	9
Do not mind which position	3
For a painted median but against a pedestrian island	1
Total	36

From the above results it can be seen there is support for both positions. Position 'A' is the preferred crossing point for pedestrians, however position 'B' effects the entrances to only three properties, while position 'A' effects the entrances to seven properties. The Area Engineer recommends the installation of this island in position 'B'.

General agreement has been received for the installation of the other two islands. The first in Grahams Road south of its intersection with Greers Road, the other in Greers Road south of its intersection with Ardmore Place.

There is also a situation at Bygrave Place where there are adequate sight distances in both directions along Greers Road for a driver turning right from Bygrave Place. However there is some confusion over turning priorities when a vehicle from Greers Road (carrying 17,700 vehicles per day) and a vehicle from Bygrave Place (a local road carrying approximately 120 vehicles per day) wish to turn right at the same time. The most appropriate way to remove the confusion would be to install a give way sign against Bygrave Place as recommended in the New Zealand Land Transport's manual of regulatory signs and markings.

To enable the pedestrian islands and painted medians to be installed parking will have to be banned on one side of the road at these facilities.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council approve for construction three pedestrian islands as shown on the attached plan, and that the middle island should be constructed in position 'B'.
 2. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at all times:
 - (a) On the east side of Greers Road commencing at the northern boundary of No. 392 and extending in an southerly direction for a distance of 98.5 metres.
 - (b) On the west side of Greers Road commencing at the northern boundary of No. 359 and extending in an southerly direction for a distance of 282 metres.
 - (c) On the west side of Grahams Road commencing at the southern boundary of No. 273 and extending in an northerly direction for a distance of 39 metres.
 - (d) On the east side of Grahams Road commencing at a point 6 metres north of the southern boundary of No. 280 and extending in an northerly direction for a distance of 26 metres.
 3. That a give way restriction be placed against Bygrave Place at its intersection with Greers Road.