

## 1. ROLLESTON AVENUE – BUS ISSUES

The Committee had before it the report of the City Streets Manager to the Bus Stops and Shelters Subcommittee which detailed the consultation findings for the proposal for three bus stops to be made available on the north side of Hereford Street between Rolleston Avenue and Montreal Street, to allow

for the removal of temporary bus stops from Rolleston Avenue outside the YMCA. It also introduced the alternative option of relocating seven bus services stops from Rolleston Avenue to a new peripheral terminal in the Latimer Square area.

The Committee was advised that the Bus Stops and Shelters Subcommittee had approved the report's recommendations being:

1. That the three temporary shrouded bus stops in Rolleston Avenue be removed.
2. That no additional bus stops be provided in Hereford Street.
3. That five bus stops be provided in Latimer Square between Gloucester Street and Worcester Street.
4. That one or two additional bus stops be provided in Gloucester Street between Colombo Street and Latimer Square as required.
5. As part of the Parks Unit consultation with local groups and residents concerning Latimer Square the meeting be informed of the Subcommittee's recommendations to the Council regarding a new peripheral terminal in Latimer Square.

In the discussion that followed, while members generally agreed that the proposal would provide some benefits through less congestion in the Rolleston Avenue area, and savings in bus mileage, they noted that the relief provided could only be regarded as short term.

There were however several concerns raised including:

- the loss of parking outside the AMI building
- the deep roadside channels
- the existing congestion situation would remain in Colombo Street
- discussions needed to be held with bus companies on advancing through routes
- whether there were alternatives for the buses coming from the Riccarton Road area by using Tuam Street.

It was reported that a report being done would cover most of the concerns raised, but it was emphasised that for the system to be improved, traffic management improvements needed to be completed, so that buses could use key corridors and constant running time schedules could be determined.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.