

## 19. LOCHEE ROAD – PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING

At its meeting on 10 August 2001 the Works and Traffic Committee heard from two Lochee Road residents speak on their concern regarding the proposed traffic calming devices, being considered (by City Streets Unit) to combat problems of excessive speed.

It was agreed that they be encouraged to gather local support for their stance and return to the Committee at a later date.

The following information was provided by the Area Engineer to the meeting held on 24 August 2001.

The issue of excessive vehicle speeds in Lochee Road was brought to the attention of the Board in 1996. The need to address the issue of excessive speed in Lochee Road has been raised again by virtue of funding (\$25,000) being allocated in this financial year.

Traffic speeds were surveyed in September 1996 and again in June 2000. Both the average and 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds are still high which poses a safety concern.

A leaflet describing and illustrating the proposal was delivered to households in the local community. A summary of the submissions is as follows:

Total Submissions received	30
Submissions in Support	12
Submissions in Opposition (including a petition)	17
Irrelevant	1

There are a wide variety of reasons why people are opposing the proposal. These include; not warranted, unsafe, noise, vandalism and poorly positioned.

Technically the proposal is sound, the effectiveness of the proposal remains doubtful and angle slow points do increase the risk of crashes by reckless drivers.

This is the second attempt by Council to address the issue of excessive speeds in Lochee Road. Regrettably there is not a cost effective, practicable, engineering solution that will be supported by residents or that is permissible given the moratorium.

In view of the feedback results, the Board that the Lochee Road proposed traffic calming project be abandoned.

Also, that the Police be asked to look at enforcement measures in Lochee Road, in acknowledgement of the current excessive speed of motor vehicles.

The Board has **requested**, by recommendation to the City Services Committee for the funds now made available from the abandoned Lochee Road project (\$25,000) be transferred to the Roberts Road and Buchanans Road traffic management works as identified in outcomes relating to the Hornby – Hei Hei and Islington Heavy Commercial Vehicle Study or that the funds be retained within the Riccarton ward.