

13. REPORT OF THE NEW BRIGHTON MALL ROAD SUBCOMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the recommendations of the New Brighton Mall Road Subcommittee in respect to the provision of a slow road through the mall and implementation of the balance of the redevelopment project.

BACKGROUND

A meeting of the Subcommittee was held on 27 July 2000 attended by the Chairman, Councillor Denis O'Rourke, and Councillors Carole Evans, David Close and Ron Wright. The Subcommittee considered a report from the Project Manager advising of the assessment of submissions received from the City Scene article on the New Brighton Mall redevelopment. The report is reproduced below for the information of members:

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REVIEW OF RESULTS

A total of 523 responses were received from the City Scene article. People were asked to respond to two questions and also submit additional comments if appropriate. Details on the questions and a summary of the responses follows:

- Question 1: *Do you currently shop in New Brighton Mall? Yes/No*
 Question 2: *How often do you currently visit New Brighton Mall?*
Daily/2-3 times per week/Weekly/2-3 times per Month/Monthly/Less than once a Month/Never

The responses to the questions were categorised as follows:

Question 1 Response	Question 2 Response	In favour of Road	Opposed to Road	No Comment on Road
Yes	Daily	69	21	15
Yes	2-3 times per Week	61	52	8
Yes	Weekly	45	28	10
Yes	2-3 times per Month	8	9	8
Yes	Monthly	12	9	1
Yes	Less than Once a Month	8	17	4
No	Weekly	1	2	
No	2-3 times per Month	3	1	2
No	Monthly	1	2	
No	Less than Once a Month	19	25	12
No	Never	6	21	8
Blank	Blank	14	11	10

There were a number of responses with no comment and also a number of responses with comments that were not printable.

SUMMARY

There is a mixed response to the issue of a 'slow-road'. Of those people who shop in New Brighton, 203 supported the concept of a 'slow-road' while 136 opposed the idea.

There were a significant number of responses which proposed ideas associated with making New Brighton a seaside resort having marine/recreational type activities along the foreshore, thereby creating an identity for New Brighton and making it a destination as distinct from 'just another shopping mall'.

A number of supporters of the 'slow-road' concept clearly noted that there were in-sufficient parks along the length of the 'slow-road'.

The effect of the easterly wind was noted in a large number of responses. The significance of the wind on people's enjoyment of the mall was very clear, with many responses requesting some sort of cover/wind-break for the easterly.

A number of the items identified in the responses are things that will be dealt with as part of a detailed design process. Typical items are as follows:

- *Appropriate seating.*
- *Centrally located toilets.*
- *Trees/planting.*
- *Possible shading over playground.*

A number of the responses from those who did not visit New Brighton related to requests for money to be spent in other areas of the city.

Recommendation: *That the information be received."*

In addition to this report the Subcommittee also considered correspondence from the New Brighton District Business Association (attached) asking for reconsideration of the number of car parking spaces to be provided within the mall to provide additional parking. Correspondence from two consultants engaged by the Association was also provided supporting their request.

After discussion it was agreed that an additional three car parking spaces should be provided in the area of the proposed slow road between the Union Street and Oram Avenue entrances. This would involve making the pedestrian crossings slightly narrower and would increase the number of car parks by an additional three, from 9 to 12, within this area.

Members of the Subcommittee noted that the Special Order procedures to revoke the previous declaration of a pedestrian mall could take some considerable time and therefore expressed the wish that redevelopment outside of this should commence as soon as possible.

COMMENTS OF THE LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER

Comments from the Legal Services Manager are attached for the information of members regarding the Special Order process and the need for the Council to appoint a subcommittee to hear any objections. It should be noted that approximately three days only would be available for hearings.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council note the majority support in the City Scene survey amongst residents and shoppers for introduction of the slow road.
 2. That the Council commence the Special Order procedures for revocation of the 1978 Special Order declaring a pedestrian mall between Seaview Road and Oram Avenue and that the Council Secretary be authorised to give the appropriate public notices in terms of the Local Government Act.
 3. That the Council commence as soon as possible work on the following aspects of the New Brighton Mall redevelopment:
 - (a) Removal of kerb extension in Hardy Street opposite Hawke Street.
 - (b) Kerb modifications opposite the BNZ in Seaview Road.
 - (c) New work to make Union Street a two-way road.
 - (d) That the changes to the Beresford Street car park as per the concept plan be implemented.
 - (e) Installation of a roundabout at the Beresford Street and Oram Avenue intersection to include further consultation on planting with the community.
 - (f) Installation of a roundabout at the Union and Beresford Streets intersection.
 4. That work proceed in accordance with the plan as published in City Scene subject to an increase of car parks from 9-12 spaces within the proposed mall slow road.

5. That staff be requested to investigate a special limit of 20kms for implementation on the proposed slow road.
6. That a Subcommittee consisting of Councillors Sue Wells, Sally Thompson and David Buist be appointed to hear any objections to the revocation and recommend to Council.