

6. GARLANDS ROAD – GIVE WAY CONTROL

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval to change an existing “Give Way” control to a “Stop” control on Garlands Road at its intersection with Aynsley Terrace.

Concerns have been expressed at the existing traffic control at the above intersection. Currently this ‘Tee’ intersection is controlled by a “Give Way” on Garlands Road. The Committee will be aware of the proposal to install two pedestrian refuge islands to help assist school children cross Aynsley Terrace to access Opawa School at this intersection. The consultation feedback received from the recent publicity leaflet and an on-site meeting on that proposal has requested the existing “Give Way” control be changed to a “Stop” control for reasons of pedestrian safety.

Most vehicles must stop in order to assess the traffic conditions of the time. Pedestrians will be better aware that the vehicle driver has seen them within the roadway environment knowing the driver has had more time to assess the intersection conditions. The pedestrian will also be able to judge the best possible time to cross to the island knowing the vehicles have stopped on Garlands Road.

Therefore by changing the existing “Give Way” control against Garlands Road to a “Stop” control both pedestrian and vehicle safety will be improved.

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board at its 1 May 2001 meeting supported the proposal.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the existing “Give Way” control against Garlands Road at its intersection with Aynsley Terrace be revoked.
 2. That a “Stop” control be placed against Garlands Road at its intersection with Aynsley Terrace.