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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. CENTAURUS ROAD UPLIFTING OF ROAD WIDENING DESIGNATION

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The purpose of this report is to recommend that the Council uplift the road widening designation contained, in the City Plan, on the section of Centaurus Road between Aynsley Road and Glenelg Spur. The widening designation extends 2.5 metres into the two properties located on the north side of the street at numbers 343 and 347 Centaurus Road.

This matter has previously been considered by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee, the Transport Committee of the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board and the City Plan Committee and now requires a decision by the Council to uplift the designation from the City Plan. Since the previous meetings of the Council's various committees, a leaflet has been distributed to residents seeking comment on the proposals for the street. This report summaries the recommendations of the different Committees and the publicity to date and makes a case to withdraw the road widening designation.

The resolution adopted by the Council at its meeting on 25 July 2002 was:

1. *That the proposal to build this arterial road at a carriageway width of 9 metres be approved.*
2. *That the issues relating to road alignment be referred to the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board for implementation.*

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board as its meeting of 3 September 2002 supported the proposals and recommended:

1. *That the Designation be uplifted.*
2. *That a wider consultation process be developed, to include protection and awareness of the wider issue of the Aynsley Terrace/Port Hills Road, and the 'Living Street' concept as part of road progression rather than as a separate issue.*

The City Plan Committee received the information.

Over 25 submissions have been received as a result of the distribution of the leaflet and a local residents group was formed. There was general support for the proposals but there was concern, from a number of the parties, about the arterial nature of the road classification, the number of trucks using the road and the speed of traffic. There are points of issue regarding the location and extent of the parking areas. These can, to some extent, be addressed by adjustment to the proposed plan. There were no requests to widen the road or to provide parking in the area of the designation shown in the City Plan.

The project to reconstruct the road, underground the overhead services and provide a new footpath and kerb and channels is planned for the 2004/05 period. There are details still to be worked through with affected residents in the street and consultation with these parties is continuing. There are further issues which are presently outside this project that have been identified and together with other works in the area will require further consideration and reporting to the Council. Nevertheless, the conclusion from the investigations, submissions and design work that have been carried out to date, indicate that there is no need for the road widening designations in the City Plan on numbers 343 and 347 Centaurus Road to remain.

Recommendation: That the road widening designation affecting property numbers 343 and 347 Centaurus Road illustrated in the Proposed City Plan page 12/36 be uplifted.

CONSIDERED THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2002

MAYOR