


1. HARAKEKE STREET – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL AND UNDERGROUNDING



The Area Engineer submitted a proposed publicity plan for the renewal of the existing dish channels in Harakeke Street for the section from Daresbury Lane to the cul de sac head at its northern end. Earlier feedback from the residents had been obtained and incorporated in the plan, details of which were explained. The funding for the project did not allow for the undergrounding of overhead services.

Members were made aware of the residents' willingness to contribute to the cost of the undergrounding in accordance with the Council's cost sharing policy however it was understood that the current estimated cost per property would make this difficult to achieve. An option to upgrade the remaining uncompleted section of Harakeke Street including undergrounding as part of a widened project had been proposed to the Council in recent correspondence from the residents.

The Board empathised with the residents and in support of their situation, felt that an approach should now be made to the Council for the necessary funding to be allocated to have undergrounding included as part of the renewal project.

Recommendation: That the Council consider possible sources of additional funding for the Harakeke Street kerb and channel renewal project to allow the undergrounding of overhead services in the affected northern section of the street.