

## 1. HAGLEY AVENUE PROPOSED CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PROVISION

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the resolution adopted at the ordinary meeting of the Council on 21 November 2002 that:

*'A joint meeting of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board be held for the purpose of considering the possibility of the earlier report on the Hagley Avenue cycleway being resubmitted to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee by the City Streets Unit.'*

A copy of the previous report considered by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee at its meeting on May 2002 had been previously circulated to members for their information and in addition staff of the City Streets Unit provided a presentation on the project covering:

- History of the work done to date,
- Project aims and objectives,
- Benefits and safety,
- Affects,
- Main issues raised,
- Further work,
- Budget,
- Timeline.

Mr Alix Newman, City Streets Unit also briefed members on the cycleway design and in particular the relationship between the proposed design for an on-road cycleway as opposed to an off-road cycleway utilising either the existing pathway through Hagley Park or a new route closer to the road. He advised that the desire line for cyclists was for direct access along Hagley Avenue and that for safety and convenience reasons an off-road cycleway was unlikely to receive a significant degree of use.

The opportunity was taken to allow members to ask questions which related to:

- Details of the proposed design,
- The benefits of an off-road as opposed to on-road cycleway,
- Relationship of the project to the proposed Lichfield/Tuam Street Swap and whether it could proceed independent from that proposal,
- The possibility of providing angle parking in Hagley Avenue,
- Future Community Board input.

In relation to timing of the project and the proposed Lichfield/Tuam Street Swap staff commented that the main objective of the proposal was for safety and that there were no significant costs which might later be written off should the project proceed now. They advised that the road geometry would not be altered and the main costs involved were in providing islands and kerb build outs for pedestrians crossing Hagley Avenue and for painting of the cycle lanes and signs etc.

In addition it was agreed that while the delegation for the project rested with the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee at the time any further report was sent to the Committee a copy would also be sent to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for its information.

At the conclusion of the discussion the joint meeting **resolved** that submission of the report on the Hagley Avenue Proposed Cycle and Pedestrian Facilities Provision to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee be deferred until a final decision is made on the Lichfield/Tuam Street Swap.

(Note: Councillor Denis O'Rourke requested that his vote against the above recommendation be recorded.)