

5. HALSWELL ROAD – LINCOLN ROAD: PROPOSED PARKING BAYS

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board of the results of an investigation into parking opportunities in Lincoln Road between Domain Terrace and Sylvan Street.

BACKGROUND

Following the Community Board's resolution at its 10 February 2004 meeting to approve for construction the proposed cycle lanes and pedestrian islands in Lincoln Road, as shown on plan TP 158401 (attached), and that officers investigate parking opportunities outside 44, 46, and 48 Lincoln Road and report back to the Board, possible parking facilities have now been investigated.

There is a demand for on-street parking on both sides of this section of Lincoln Road generated by businesses on the north-west side of Lincoln Road, and the residential properties and St Martins Church on the south-east side. There is off-street parking available in all these properties for their customers/visitors/church facility users. Several options were considered that would allow on-street parking on the south side of Lincoln Road to complement the on-street parking on the north-west side. Of these options two were considered feasible where road widening had been undertaken, which are:

1. The construction of a three vehicle bay as shown on the attached plan. These are expensive because they would involve the relocation of a shallow fibre optic cable. The estimated cost is \$69,800. This is the preferred option.
2. The sealing of an area between the existing footpath and the proposed front property/road boundary two and a half metres wide as shown on the appended plan. This would give one parking space in front of each of the three adjoining properties at a total cost of \$29,330. This option would probably generate parking issues in terms of vehicles being parked in driveways because of the way they would operate.

Extra funding for the proposed parking facilities has been requested from the Programme Control Group for Capital Work Projects. The Programme Control Group turned down the request for extra funding on the grounds that the benefits to be gained did not justify the extra funding, which would need to be taken from other projects. As there is no other funding available in the Capital Works Programme, the facilities will not be constructed. Work is scheduled to take place some time within the next ten years.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

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Recommendation: For discussion.