

**16. WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
- REPORT OF 17 AUGUST 2004**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 17 August 2004 meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee
held on Tuesday 17 August 2004 at 8.00 am
involving Site Visits & Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton.**

PRESENT: Val Carter (Chairman), Sally Buck, George Hampton, Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall and Ron Wright.

George Hampton and Yiyi Ku retired at 9.00 am and 9.10 am respectively and were absent for clause 3. Sally Buck and Ron Wright arrived at 9.15 am and were absent for clause 2.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cheryl Colley and Pat Harrow and for early departure from George Hampton and Yiyi Ku and from Sally Buck and Ron Wright for lateness.

2. SITE VISITS

2.1 Benmore Gardens Reserve

The Committee visited the reserve to view the completed development work which had earlier involved the local residents in the form of a community planting day.

Members noted that residents had indicated a keen interest in being involved in the future of the reserve.

2.2 Jellie Park Pond Redevelopment

The Committee undertook a visit to the site to view the redevelopment occurring to the pond and the immediate surrounding area. Staff explained the extent of the project including the plantings to be carried out.

3. HIGHSTED ROAD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The Committee considered a report from the Transport and City Streets Unit which detailed the outcome of meetings held with community representatives affected by the proposal to install a pedestrian facility in Highsted Road.

Background information on the matter including the results of surveys earlier requested by the Board were set out in the accompanying report.

The report also summarised the outcomes of the two community forum meetings held in June and July involving representatives of the affected residents, school parents, school officials and Council staff which were convened in order to explore opportunities for an agreed solution for reporting back to the Board.

Three particular design options formed the basis of the discussions with a preference emerging for Option 2 being a single island, located between the intersections of Cardome Street and Drysdale Street. This option had subsequently been analysed and peer reviewed by an independent consultant who found that the option was not ideal in terms of safety for pedestrians and potential conflicts with traffic entering and exiting two vehicle entrances. To address this deficiency, a further plan (Option 4) was developed comprising of a single island located between the two intersections but more towards the Drysdale Street intersection. This later plan option had emerged after the second community forum meeting on 21 July.

The concluding view and recommendation of the Unit was to propose that the original two island plan (Option 1) be proceeded with as it best optimised the objectives of the project.

The Committee assessed in detail the component elements of the four options set out in the agenda report.

The preference to emerge from the resulting discussions was for a single island option to be positioned in Highsted Road between the two intersections. Other preferred features of a modified design were the provision of stop controls at the Cardome and Drysdale Street intersections and a single parking bay in Highsted Road.

The Committee felt that on balance, these features would best accommodate the interests of the various parties including the Council.

Ron Wright **moved**, seconded by Mark Kunnen "that a single pedestrian island be provided in Highsted Road in a position to be identified and reported on by staff to the 31 August Board meeting, and further that the modified proposal incorporate stop controls at the Cardome and Drysdale Street intersections, and a single parking bay in Highsted Road".

On being put to the meeting, the motion was declared **carried** on division number 1, by 5 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For (5): Val Carter, Mark Kunnen, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall, Ron Wright

Against (1): Sally Buck

The Committee **agreed** that one representative from each of the stakeholder groups who participated in the community forums, be invited to the Board meeting on 31 August to speak to the Committee's recommendation.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 am.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received.