

4. DURHAM STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's recommendation to the Board that it approve consultation with stakeholders on a proposal to provide new traffic safety facilities in Durham Street from north of Tuam Street to south of St Asaph Street.

BACKGROUND

Since 1998, there have been six injury and 17 non injury crashes at the Durham Street/St Asaph Street intersection.

This safety improvement/crash reduction project is for work at the intersections of Durham Street with Tuam and St Asaph Streets. New signal locations and build outs at the corners are required.

The project team has identified further opportunities which have been incorporated into the plan to improve traffic safety in this length of the street. These include:

- Provision of tactile pavers at the intersection crossing points.
- Improving the road line and lane markings on the approaches and departure of each intersection.

The project is illustrated on the attached plan.

PROJECT'S OBJECTIVES

The project's objectives as set out in May 2004 are to:

- Reduce the number of crashes and improve safety at the St Asaph Street/Durham Street intersection.
- Improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
- Provide improved pedestrian/cycle crossing facilities.
- Upgrade any inadequate street lighting (location of street lighting to be looked at).
- Successfully consult with key stakeholders and residents along the route.
- Complete the project within budget and on time.
- A completed project which will satisfy the needs of the asset unit and the community.

IMPLICATIONS FOR STAKEHOLDERS

The road users of Durham Street would benefit by a reduction in crashes.

On street parking would be reduced as follows:

1. Durham Street South/Tuam Street Intersection

- Removal of one P120 restricted parking with parking meter outside No 243 Durham Street South (St Michael School Hall).

2. Durham Street South/St Asaph Street Intersection

- Removal of two P30 restricted parkings opposite No 221 Durham Street South (Euromarque Car Dealership).
- Removal of two P120 restricted parkings with multi-bay parking meter opposite No 144 St Asaph Street (Lean Machine Car Yard).
- Removal of one P10 restricted parking outside No 142 St Asaph Street (Auto Sound and Security).
- Removal of one P60 restricted parking opposite No 142 St Asaph Street (Auto Sound and Security).
- Removal of two P60 restricted parkings and proposed 10 metre long P10 restricted parking outside No 142 St Asaph Street (Auto Sound and Security).

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Recommendation: That the Committee recommend to the Board that the proposal for safety improvement crash reduction in Durham Street at Tuam Street and St Asaph Street be approved for consultation in terms of the attached consultation plan.