

7. **BUNYAN STREET – TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS: PARKING, BUILD-OUTS AND INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT**

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the result of consultation and to seek approval to proceed with design, tender and construction.

BACKGROUND

Bunyan Street is currently used as a “rat run” and safety issues have been identified centred around parking, speed, Bunyan Street/Waltham Road intersection, cyclist and pedestrian uses, streetscape and lighting.

The proposal attached indicates angled parking along the park side of Waltham Park, kerb build-outs at Domett Street and the realignment of the Waltham Road intersection to better define the parking area.

The entrance to Bunyan Street will be tightened and this will reduce the speed of vehicles entering and exiting the street from Waltham Road. This will include no stopping lines (parking restrictions).

The Bunyan Street/Domett Street intersection will also be tightened by the construction of build-outs to reduce traffic speed. This will include no stopping lines (parking restrictions).

DISCUSSION

The proposal detailed in the leaflet (attached) was delivered to 100 property owners and nine were mailed to landowners along Bunyan Street, Domett Street, Buffon Street (numbers 2 to 48), Wilson Road (numbers 214 to 257).

Eight responses were received to the publicity plan, including one telephone call. Details of each response are provided in Sheet 1 (attached). The main issues raised were:

- Flood lights at Waltham Park – A resident of Bunyan Street has expressed difficulty reversing out of his property because of the floodlights beaming light into his vision and the presence of parked vehicles.

To resolve this issue an extra block for the vehicle crossing will be installed on each of the crossings opposite the proposed car parks to enable a tighter turning arch. In addition, the flood lights are being checked by an Environmental Health Officer (Environmental Services Unit) to ensure they comply with the lease agreement (lux, direction and management).

- Bunyan Street width – A resident raised concerns that the proposed road width of Bunyan Street when vehicles park on both sides may restrict or cause difficulties in reversing out of their property. The additional block and the 12.7 metre width inclusive of the parking should provide adequate space for turning into and out of properties.
- Wilson Road parking – A respondent has highlighted the need to extend no parking restrictions along Wilsons Road from Fifield Terrace to improve this intersection. This matter is beyond the scope of the Bunyan Street Project; however, it is worth noting that the Wilsons Road parking project is due for consideration in the near future, and should include the Fifield Terrace/Wilsons Road intersection.
- Parking and Security – The resident of 228 Wilsons Road considers the best result would be angled parking and security cameras to monitor activities. Use of security cameras is not an activity carried out by the Council; however, this issue has been passed onto the Beckenham Community Advocate (Beckenham Service Centre) to encourage other methods such as neighbourhood watch/support.
- Street Safety – The resident of 22 Wilsons Road considers the trees overhanging the footpath create an unsafe street environment. That respondent has suggested trimming of these trees to 4.5 metres could be appropriate. This issue is beyond the scope of this project and has been directed to Council officers at the Beckenham Service Centre, who are dealing with this matter.

- Domett Street Parking – Some residents outlined that in Domett Street they have problems exiting their properties because of the narrow road width and parked cars congesting the area of their turning arch. Suggestions by some residents have been made to restrict parking along one side of Domett Street.

A subsequent survey has been carried out with Domett Street residents and found that, of those who were contacted, there was a 50/50 split in those who support and oppose parking restrictions. Those who supported parking restrictions generally preferred the park side to restrict parking.

As a result of the survey, no parking restrictions are proposed at Domett Street; however, some monitoring of the success of Bunyan Street parks will be carried out. Should it be found that Domett Street is still “parked-out” often enough to cause problems to residents, then further investigations will be carried out.

CONCLUSION

As the concerns raised in the replies to the publicity are generally (6 to 2) in favour of the work being undertaken and the parking and vehicle crossing issues can be addressed as specified above, it is considered that the Board could give approval to proceed with the final design plans and construction.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board approve the Bunyan Street improvements project for design, tender and construction.
 2. That the Board revoke all existing no stopping restrictions relating to the area covered by the proposed Bunyan Street traffic safety improvements.
 3. That the Board prohibit the parking of vehicles at any time in the following areas:

Waltham Road/Bunyan Street Intersection

- (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Bunyan Street at the intersection of Bunyan Street and Waltham Road. The no stopping lines extend 17 metres in a northern direction on the east side of Bunyan Street and 13 metres in a easterly direction on the north side of Waltham Road.
- (ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the west side of Bunyan Street at the intersection of Bunyan Street and Waltham Road. The no stopping lines extend 16 metres in a northerly direction on the west side of Bunyan Street and 23 metres in a westerly direction on the north side of Waltham Road.

Bunyan Street Build-Out

- (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Bunyan Street adjacent to the build-out, 63 metres from Waltham Road intersection, between Waltham Road and Domett Street. The no parking extends for 14 metres around the build-out.

Bunyan Street/Domett Street Intersection

- (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Bunyan Street and south side of Domett Street at the intersection of Bunyan and Domett Streets. The no stopping lines extend on the east side of Bunyan Street 17 metres in a southerly direction and on the south side of Domett Street a distance of 11 metres in a easterly direction.

- (ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Bunyan Street and north side of Domett Street at the intersection of Bunyan and Domett Streets. The no stopping lines extend on the east side of Bunyan Street 17 metres in a northerly direction and on the north side of Domett Street a distance of 8 metres in a easterly direction.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** For discussion.