

3. CATHEDRAL SQUARE STAGE 5: FINAL CONCEPT ROADING PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to seek adoption of the concept plan for the roading layout for Stage 5 (north–west quadrant) of the Cathedral Square (copy attached).

1. BACKGROUND

Following consultation involving a series of meetings regarding the traffic engineering aspects of the Stage 5 redevelopment together with the section of Worcester Street between Oxford Terrace and the Square, the Cathedral Square Subcommittee resolved on 3 May 2004 that a partial two-way solution for traffic be introduced for the Stage 5 redevelopment.

It was agreed, based on this resolution and other issues identified in the consultation, that staff should prepare possible design solutions.

2. OPTIONS

Four options were considered. They were:

Option A:

This option retained both existing islands with a drop-off area for two shuttle buses between the islands for east bound shuttles. The larger islands acted as a split for east and west bound traffic. A mixture of public and shuttle bus parks were located on each side of the roadway.

Option B:

This option retained four of the angle parks from the original proposal but replaced the balance of the angle parking with two parallel parks for drop-off parking. Both existing islands were removed. Shuttle bus parking was retained on the northern side of the roadway.

Option C:

This option retained both of the existing islands with the southern island modified to provide an indented one way westbound drop off area for shuttle buses. Public car parks were relocated to the north side of the roadway.

Option D:

This option removed parallel and angle parks to accommodate a narrower crossing area for pedestrians from Chancery Lane.

3. RECOMMENDED OPTION

A modified Option C incorporating a two way drop-off area for shuttle buses was agreed by consensus to be forwarded to the Cathedral Square Completion Subcommittee for adoption at its next meeting.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Cathedral Square Completion Subcommittee adopt the concept plan (modified Option C) as attached
 2. That the Cathedral Square Completion Subcommittee approve the preparation of contract documentation (working drawings, specification and schedule of quantities) and the tender negotiation with an approved contractor.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.