

## 7. LONSDALE STREET/MARINE PARADE ROADSIDE ENHANCEMENT

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The purpose of this report is to confirm Board support for the Lonsdale Street/Marine Parade roadside enhancement plan following community consultation.

### BACKGROUND

A preliminary development plan was circulated to key stakeholder groups and residents in February 2004 for feedback on its design. The proposal sought to improve the roadside parking and landscape appeal of a 200-metre section of Marine Parade from Rawhiti Domain to Lonsdale Street. The final plan aims to reflect the views of the community and has been refined in response to community feedback.

The Greenspace Unit has \$40,000 available from the Coast Care budget to complete the development this financial year.

### RELEVANT CURRENT POLICY

Environmental Design and Management Plans.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

The attached plan shows the location of car parking, road shoulder treatment and fencing/bollards to redefine the road edge along Marine Parade.

Key features of the plan include:

- Defining the road edge and reserve with bollards.
- Creating safe roadside parking with landscaped shoulder islands.
- Extending the grassed area behind the car parking for passive recreation.
- Forming parallel car parks and surfacing them with chip seal.
- Creating a safer pedestrian crossing point across Marine Parade from Lonsdale Street to the beach.

This development is in alignment with ongoing enhancement work implemented under the Christchurch Beaches and Coastal Parks Management Plan (refer to sections 10 and 13 for general policy guidelines).

### CONSULTATION

A consultation package seeking feedback on the preliminary plan was distributed in February 2004 to 69 residents living on Marine Parade and Lonsdale Street, and the New Brighton Residents' Association. A total of 22 responses were received from the 70 consultation packages sent. Several phone calls were also received from interested residents wanting to discuss the plan. Respondents were asked to indicate their acceptance/non-acceptance of the plan and were given the option to comment. The results are listed below (figures in parentheses refer to actual numbers of respondents).

#### Responses

- 73% Accept the proposed plan (16)
- 9% Do not accept the proposed plan (2)
- 18% Chose not to indicate their preference but did comment (3)

Main reasons for choosing not to accept the plan were:

- Bollards are not needed and the access bridge across the road should be removed.
- Roadside kerbing is needed on the residential side of Marine Parade, and a crossing for pedestrians is needed.

Suggestions and comments that are appropriate to the design and can be integrated into the design include:

- Tidy up the existing macrocarpa trees by removal of dead materials to maintain their health.
- Landscape planting to be low level to ensure pedestrian and vehicle driver/passenger safety.
- Remove surface flooding at the existing edge of seal with seal widening and landscaped islands.

All comments related to traffic issues have been forwarded on to the Transport and City Streets Unit for their information.

#### **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Greenspace Unit anticipates that the development will commence sometime in early May 2004. Construction time is expected to be approximately four weeks. The proposed landscaping will be undertaken during the 2004 planting season.

A copy of the final plan will be circulated to residents and stakeholder groups prior to the construction date.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The redevelopment plan for the 200-metre section of Marine Parade seeks to re-establish the area as an attractive and safe roadside reserve. The revised plan has been amended slightly from the original proposed plan to take into account suggestions from the local community. The car park and landscaped area will provide a fresh look to the area and should prove to be a community asset.

#### **Staff**

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the Board support the implementation of the final proposed development concept for the Marine Parade/Lonsdale Street roadside enhancement project.

#### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.