

8. UNFORMED ROTHESAY ROAD CORRIDOR - ASTON DRIVE EXTENSION TO BOWER AVENUE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the subdivisional development works that are occurring and the new roadworks that will eventually link Burwood Road and Queenspark Drive, and to seek the Board's approval to proceed with the community consultation on the design concept for the extension of Aston Drive to Bower Avenue.

The proposal is consistent with the concept plan adopted by the Council in 1998 for the Bottle Lake Forest Park - Rothesay Recreation Corridor.

BACKGROUND

The transport network in this report focuses on the residential developments in Tumara Park, Forest Park and Northshore. The attached plan (Road Connections - Burwood Road and Aston Drive) shows the location of Rothesay Road corridor and road linkages from Burwood Road to Aston Drive. The residential developments in the area are coming to their final stages and linkages are starting to occur in the next two years. As developments occurred new roads serving the developments were added to the City's transport network and road connections outside these subdivisional requirements were programmed in the Council's capital works programme. Two road connections were identified:

1. Approximately 40m of roadway from the end of formed Rothesay Road (Forest Park) to Queenspark Drive.
2. Extension of approximately 540m of Aston Drive from Northshore to Bower Avenue.

The road connections of the three substantially large developments can be reported in three parts.

Burwood Road to Queenspark Drive

The development of Tumara Park is at a stage when a more direct route from Burwood Road to Queenspark Drive could occur soon. The Council has received a subdivision consent showing the position of "Rothesay Road" from Burwood Road joining up with the remaining Rothesay Road constructed in the last two years. It is anticipated that the 40m of Rothesay Road at the Queenspark end will be constructed at the same time as the Burwood Road end. The width of Rothesay Road in Tumara Park is 9.0m wide and it narrows to 7.5m at the Forest Park development reflecting the Bottle Lake Forest Park setting.

The narrower road width will provide flexibility for future design or issues like road widening, car parking or an informal park stop area along the park's frontage. Rothesay Road in this location is anticipated to be completed by early 2005.

Queenspark Drive to Bower Avenue

The transport network link between these two roads was completed following the extension of Broadhaven Avenue to Bower Avenue two years ago. The road is a 10.0m wide collector road serving a typical residential suburb. The "unformed Rothesay Road" along the Bottle Lake Forest Park is identified as road to be stopped in the City Plan. Staff will likely recommend that the Board initiate road stopping procedure to this section of road when all road connections are in place.

Bower Avenue to Aston Drive

The final stage of the Northshore development has already been consented with the Aston Drive extension to be constructed along the "Unformed Rothesay Road" corridor. The new road extension is 7.5m wide with one side footpath along the properties. The construction of this road is expected to commence in June and will likely be complete at the end of the year. The remaining construction of the roadway from the Northshore subdivision to Bower Avenue (along the Golf Club frontage) is in the Council's capital work programme for 2004/05 and 2005/06. The proposal is to construct a 7.0m wide sealed road along the "unformed Rothesay Road" corridor. The design concept shown on the attachments (Aston Drive Extension to Bower Avenue) is consistent with the Bottle Lake Forest Park development plan adopted by the Council in 1998 (a colour copy has been circulated separately for Board members). The road extension will ultimately provide a more direct route to recreational activities on the beach and also provide a shorter travel route for Northshore residents travelling to the northwest direction.

The Aston Drive extension proposal has been developed in consultation with the staff of the Greenspace Unit. Planting and bank retention along the Golf Club frontage will be carried out as part of the roading work. The roadway will consist of a typical rural 7.0m wide sealed road with no concrete kerbing.

Staff

Recommendation: That the concept plan for the extension of Aston Drive to Bower Avenue be approved for community consultation.

Chairperson's

Recommendations:

1. That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.
2. That the Board recommend the Council commence road stopping in principle in relation to the unformed Rothesay Road between Willoughby Lane and Bower Avenue.