

**5. GARREG ROAD - KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL
(GLANDOVEY ROAD TO GALWAY AVENUE)**

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The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board to proceed to final design, tender and construction of the Garreg Road (Glandovey Road to Galway Avenue) kerb and channel renewal project subject to the outcome of the residents meeting on the undergrounding of the aerial wiring in Garreg Road.

BACKGROUND

The Council is proposing to renew the old dish guttering in Garreg Road in the 2004/2005 financial year.

Garreg Road is a local road and the existing carriageway is between 10 and 14 metres wide along its length.

An initial consultation letter, outlining the Council's aims and objectives for Garreg Road was delivered to residents in August/September 2003. The letter sought feedback from residents on what they would like to see in their reconstructed street.

34 written submissions were received from the initial consultation and the report to the 3 February Board meeting included a summary of the submissions received. During the initial consultation phase many residents advised, through written submissions, that they would like to see the undergrounding of the aerial wiring in Garreg Road during the reconstruction. In response to this request, a paragraph within the formal publicity leaflet sought to clarify the Council's policy on undergrounding on a local road (in a simplified form) while at the same time advising what the cost to residents would be should they wish to pursue the undergrounding option.

43 written submissions were received on the formal publicity plan for Garreg Road. There is a clear wish from residents and property owners for the reconstruction work to proceed. The project team is working on addressing the outstanding issue of the undergrounding of the aerial wiring in Garreg Road and some minor issues relating to vehicle crossings and plantings specific to one or two properties.

In response to the undergrounding issue and information, the residents have decided to hold a meeting on 19 May 2004 at 7.30pm in the Board Room of the Fendalton Service Centre to progress the discussion on the undergrounding of the aerial wiring in Garreg Road and to make a decision on whether to continue or not.

Staff have allocated additional time within the planning phase to accommodate the residents' meeting. If the outcome of the residents' meeting is to abandon the undergrounding option, then the current reconstruction programme for Garreg Road will remain in place and the anticipated start date of October 2004 will be met.

If, however, residents wish to pursue the undergrounding option and are confident that they will be able to contribute the 50% required of them, then the reconstruction programme will be 'pushed out' approximately 6 months. The additional six months will be required to finalise the financial contractual side of the undergrounding with residents and to work through the tender and construction process of undergrounding the aerial wiring. The undergrounding of the aerial wiring will need to take place before the reconstruction of the road.

The recommended plan (**attached**) for the reconstruction of Garreg Road is outlined below.

RECOMMENDED PLAN

The recommended plan is to completely reconstruct Garreg Road, boundary to boundary with a carriageway width of 9 metres, replacing the old dish guttering with kerb and flat channel.

New footpaths will be installed along both sides of Garreg Road with new grass berms and street trees installed the length of the street adjacent to the carriageway.

It is proposed to install paved thresholds at the Garreg Road/Jeffreys Road intersections, with a slightly lower profile than the existing platforms. The carriageway at the threshold will be narrowed to 8 metres wide. This is to reinforce the 'stop' control on Garreg Road at the Jeffreys Road intersection.

It is also proposed to narrow the entrance into both Taylors Avenue and Galway Avenue to 8 metres by installing kerb build outs. The build outs at these intersections will be landscaped.

LANDSCAPING

The proposed trees have encouraged a lot of comment, in particular the tulip tree and the snowbell tree. There are many knowledgeable gardeners in Garreg Road who are aware that the tulip tree can grow to at least 30 metres and consequently they are a little concerned about this tree being installed in Garreg Road. The landscape designer, however, is sure that while in a botanical garden setting tulip trees may well grow to 30 metres, within the carriageway they will not.

Along the east side of Garreg Road residents have also noted that the proposed tree to be installed, within the grass berm, is the snowbell tree. Residents would prefer to have the tulip tree along both sides of the street to ensure a total 'avenue' effect along the street. However, the difficulty is the overhead services and the resulting lack of width available for trees within the grass berm along the east side and consequently the necessity to install a smaller species of tree. If the undergrounding were to go ahead, then the carriageway alignment could be adjusted and the berm widened to ensure the successful planting of tulip trees along this side of Garreg Road as well.

WATER MAIN

As outlined in a previous report to the Board the water main in Garreg Road is programmed to be relaid in the 2004/2005 financial year also. This work will be undertaken prior to any reconstruction work and undergrounding work.

PROJECT COSTS

The project costs remain unchanged from the 3 February 2004 report to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board at \$826,000.

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

It is anticipated that if the residents reject the undergrounding option then the Garreg Road reconstruction can continue on the existing time line of an October 2004 construction date.

If the residents pursue the undergrounding option and are able to secure the necessary funding for their share then the project will be 'pushed out' six months to finalise details and to undertake the undergrounding of the aerial wiring before the reconstruction begins. It is important, however, to ensure that if the undergrounding takes place then, this work along with the reconstruction is completed within the 2004/2005 financial year to prevent any carry forward of the budget.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board approve the Garreg Road kerb and channel reconstruction project to final design, tender and construction subject to the outcome of the upcoming residents' meeting on the undergrounding of the aerial wiring.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.