

3. PROPOSED ROAD STOPPING: TRUSCOTTS ROAD/FERRYMEAD PARK DRIVE

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation to the Council that approval be given to commence the road closing procedure under Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974 for a portion of Truscotts Road and Ferrymead Park Drive, Ferrymead.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Heathcote Valley Park development, the project team has for some time been working towards beginning the closure of Truscotts Road and part of Ferrymead Park Drive (refer attached plan). The closure has received unanimous support from contributing Council units: Greenspace, City Transport and Facility Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

The road closure would seek to remove all legal status from those parts of road identified in the attached plan. The primary reason for closure would be to prohibit vehicle access out of the southern end of Truscotts Road and into the Martindale Road area; the residential area of Heathcote Valley. There have been issues with "boy racers" and speeding vehicles in the area using this southern exit as a convenient route to the motorway.

With the proposed Tamaki Maori Village and golf driving range and 9-hole course, it is anticipated that there will be a substantial increase in vehicle movement. Consent conditions for the Tamaki development require that access only be from Bridle Path Road, and note the closure of Truscotts Road.

It is intended that the road carriageway would be retained to enable the Tramway Historical Society trolleybus to continue to use the road, and also for emergency vehicles to access the area.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The closure of Truscotts Road was identified as a high priority by the community during a public workshop held in February 2001.

Public consultation was undertaken via the *City Scene* on the draft development plan in January and February 2002. Seven submissions were received with regard to the closure: four in favour, two against and one supporting partial closure. The Heathcote Valley Community Association and Ferrymead Heritage Park support the closure. Further opportunity for the public to make submissions will be available, pending approval of commencement of the road closing process.

The City Plan has listed Truscotts Road as "road to be closed" and includes that portion of the road currently submerged in the Heathcote River. This is referred to as the towpath.

Staff will be seeking the road closure be undertaken with the application split into two parcels, pre-empting any possible delays/objections with the towpath area. These two parcels are marked on the attached plan as A and B.

The road will remain in Council ownership to be administered by the Council's Greenspace Unit, similar in nature to the "park road" roading network at the Groyne.

Funding for the road closure will be provided from the Facility Assets Unit.

Formal resolution by the Council to close the road will be sought, pending the Council's approval to commence the road stopping procedure and preparation of survey plans and legal titles.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board support the commencement of the road stopping procedure for Truscotts Road and Ferrymead Park Drive in the areas marked A and B on the attached plan.
 2. That the Board recommend to the Council that approval be given to commence the road closing procedure under Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974 for portions of Truscotts Road and Ferrymead Park Drive, Ferrymead in the areas marked A and B on the attached plan.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.