


24. UNDERGROUNDING NARROW STREETS

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The LTCCP included a provision for \$200,000 per year for the undergrounding of narrow streets. This was a response to a submission from the Moa Neighbourhood Group, which stressed the difficulty in landscaping such streets and the extraordinary impact on them of overhead reticulation.

I have recently met the Moa Group, who have suggested criteria in selecting which streets to prioritise for first application of available funds. These criteria and the resulting prioritisation list are attached.

The group also considered the replacement street lighting. They prefer the standard design for the lamp poles but in a dark colour as used in Cambridge Terrace. They wish to see the lamps well placed to avoid excessive lighting spill into second floor windows which can often be close to the street in these areas.

Based on the above criteria the priority could be:

1. Ely Street. This is 320 metres, and at a cost of about 220 metres = \$200,000, this street will require 1.5 times the annual provision. Given that the provision starts in the 2006/07 year, it is suggested that **the provision be brought forward to the 2005/06 year**, so that expenditure of the expected cost of \$300,000 can occur in the 2006/07 year.
2. Moa Street. This is a short street of only about 80 metres which could therefore also be done in the 2006/07 year.
3. Otherwise priority as per the attached list.

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- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That staff prepare a report on:
 - (a) The priorities as indicated above.
 - (b) Criteria and process including integration with the kerb and channel programme.