3. ENSIGN STREET/LILLIAN STREET AND ENSIGN STREET/DUNBARS ROAD – PROPOSED "GIVE WAY" AND "STOP" CONTROLS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the installation of a "Give Way" control against Lillian Street at the Ensign Street intersection and a "Stop" control against Ensign Street at the Dunbars Road intersection.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received complaints from motorists concerning traffic behaviour associated with confusion as to priority and the subsequent conflicts that result at two intersections involving Ensign Street in the suburb of Halswell. The intersections of Ensign Street/Lillian Street and Ensign Street/Dunbars Road are currently uncontrolled "T" junctions. Rapid development of new residential subdivisions has generated significant increases in traffic volumes and turning movements through these intersections over recent years. The small block of shops on Lillian Street services a large catchment with many customers arriving and departing by car. This situation has put pressure on both intersections. There is a general concern regarding the level of safety at these intersections.

3. While both Lillian Street and Ensign Street are classified "local" roads, Dunbars Road is classified a "collector" road in the City Plan. All roads have a 50kph speed limit. There is a painted right turn bay on Dunbars Road for vehicles turning right into Ensign Street. Observations of driver behaviour at both intersections reveal that many motorists turning right into either Ensign Street (from Dunbars Road) or right into Lillian Street (from Ensign Street)

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Board agrees that:

(a) A “Give Way” control is placed against Lillian Street at the Ensign Street intersection.