

10. NEW BUS SHELTER LOCATIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval on locations for new bus shelters.

BACKGROUND

2. In 1998 a joint initiative between Environment Canterbury and the Christchurch City Council saw the development of the Public Passenger Transport Strategy (1998). The strategy set out a programme of improvements designed to dramatically improve public transport services in Christchurch. Among other things these improvements include a target of 500 bus shelters to be installed by June 2006.

BUS SHELTERS

3. Under Section 339 of the Local Government Act (1974) the Council has the right to erect a shelter on footpaths of any road subject to a number of considerations. One of those is giving a formal notice to the occupier and owner of land likely to be affected by the erection of the shelter and giving them an opportunity to formally object.
4. The options available to the Board are to either approve the locations and give staff the approval to issue the formal notice to the owners and occupiers of the properties, or to decline the request, which will mean staff will need to find another location.

CONSULTATION

5. Initial consultation has been undertaken with the owners and occupiers of the following properties for the erection of a bus shelter. The following table identifies which locations approval has been gained for and which approval has not been gained:

Location	Owner/Occupier Approval	Owner/Occupier Objection	No response from Owner/Occupier to Initial Consultation
Aldwins Road (Linwood High School)			✓
211 Armagh Street			✓
222 Bealey Avenue		✓	
436 Cashel Street		✓	
140 Ensors Road	✓		
561 Ferry Road	✓		
980 Ferry Road			✓
987 Ferry Road	✓		
1063 Ferry Road		✓	
246 Fitzgerald Avenue			✓
728 Gloucester Street			✓
369 Manchester Street			✓
517 Tuam Street	✓		
544 Tuam Street		✓	

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Costs

6. Should the site be approved the site will be offered as a suitable location for an Adshel shelter. If accepted, there would be no cost to the Council. If Adshel so not accept the site then the cost to the Council would be \$10,000 which will be met within existing budgets.

Legal

7. Under Section 339 of the Local Government Act (1974) the Council may erect on the footpath of any road a shelter for use by intending public-transport passengers or taxi passengers provided that no such shelter may be erected so as to unreasonably prevent access to any land having a frontage to the road. The Council is required to give notice in writing to the occupier and owner of property likely to be injuriously affected by the erection of the shelter, and shall not proceed with the erection of the shelter until after the expiration of the time for objecting against the proposal or, in the event of an objection, until after the objection has been determined.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the installation of bus shelters at the following bus stops where approval has been gained from the owner and occupier:

140 Ensors Road
561 Ferry Road
987 Ferry Road
517 Tuam Street
2. Authorise staff to issue the appropriate notices in terms of Section 339 of the Local Government Act (1974).

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.