

9. 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 ON NEW BUS SHELTER LOCATIONS

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 s339 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
39 Frankleigh Street		✓	
103 Hoon Hay Road	✓		
287 Hoon Hay Road			✓
283 Lincoln Road		✓	
40 Mathers Road	✓		
Opp 88 Mathers Road (Hoon Hay Park)	✓		
56 Whiteleigh Avenue	✓		
22 Ensors Road	✓		
79 Wilsons Road			✓
64 Halswell Road			✓
75 Halswell Road			✓
105 Halswell Road			✓
126 Halswell Road			✓

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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 does not accept the site then the cost to the Council would be \$10,000 which will be met within existing budgets.
7. Under s339 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:

- (a) Approve the installation of bus shelters at the following bus stops where approval has been gained from the owner and occupier:

- 103 Hoon Hay Road
- 40 Mathers Road
- Opp 88 Mathers Road (Hoon Hay Park)
- 56 Whiteleigh Avenue
- 22 Ensors Road

- (b) Authorise staff to issue the appropriate notices in terms of s339 of the Local Government Act (1974).

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.