

10. BUS STOP – 56 ILAM ROAD

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information for the Board concerning the bus stop currently at 56 Ilam Road in the Board's area (refer attached). The Board is asked to consider the possibility of repositioning this bus stop to another location.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The resident owner at 56 Ilam Road has requested that the bus stop be moved away from along the frontage of this property. The stop has been at this location for many years.
3. Staff consider that the existing location is the most suitable position for the bus stop.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The direct cost for uplifting and relocating the existing bus stop furniture and road marking would amount to about \$1,500. Reinstating the footpath and berm area at both locations would amount to a further \$2,000.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

5. The Transport and Greenspace Unit budget for public transport infrastructure maintenance for the current financial year contains financial provision for this type of work.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. Land Transport Rules Traffic Control Devices 2004 provides for the erection of bus stop signs.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

7. Yes, see above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. Providing bus stops within 800 metres spacing along a bus route.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

9. Yes, see above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Liveable City (3) Provide safe, efficient and affordable transport system. Ensure access to goods and services, and work opportunities.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

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CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Agreement has not been gained from either of the owners of the adjoining properties to establish a permanent bus stop along the outside frontage of their property.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board decide and make a resolution as to the location of the bus stop along this section of Ilam Road.

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

13. The resident owner of the property at 56 Ilam Road, Mr Peter Douglas, has expressed his strong dissatisfaction with the continued use of the road frontage along his property, for the use as a bus stop. He has requested that another location be found for the siting of this stop.
14. An investigation of this area of Ilam Road has been undertaken to assess other potentially suitable sites. Inspection identified that the stop could be moved to the frontage of the adjoining property to the north, No. 58, or to a site two properties to the south at No. 52. These two properties have suitable frontage characteristics. When approached each owner / resident of both these properties strongly disapproved of relocating the bus stop to a placement in front of their site.
15. This bus stop has been located to maximise access to the surrounding catchment area while allowing the bus to travel as freely as possible and to stop a minimum number of times. The spacing between the bus stops is convenient for bus drivers and patrons.
16. In locating new stops, the Christchurch City Council investigates a number of locations to assess suitability. It consults as a courtesy the property owner adjacent to a suitable location. It is preferred to locate stops where agreement has been gained from the property owners, however, where agreement is not reached a decision and recommendation has to be made as to what is the safest and best location for all parties; bus users, potential bus users, motorists and residents.
17. The owners have been invited to express their viewpoints to the Board at this meeting.

THE OBJECTIVES

18. To provide amenities for the public transport system which are safe, efficient and convenient.

THE OPTIONS

Option A: Relocate the bus stop one property to the north at No. 58.

19. The bus stop located on the eastern side of Ilam Road at a point 50 metres to the south of the intersection with Kirkwood Avenue be rescinded and a bus stop be created on the eastern side of Ilam Road at a point 32 metres south of the intersection with Kirkwood Avenue.

Option B: Relocate the bus stop two properties to the south at No. 52.

20. The bus stop located on the eastern side of Ilam Road at a point 50 metres to the south of the intersection with Kirkwood Avenue be rescinded and a bus stop be created on the eastern side of Ilam Road at a point 82 metres south of the intersection with Kirkwood Avenue.

Option C: Status Quo

21. The bus stop be retained at its present location along the frontage of 56 Ilam Road.

THE PREFERRED OPTION

22. Option C: Status Quo.