

8. CASHMERE VILLAGE GREEN STONE SHELTER AND LANDSCAPE APPROVAL

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Community Board to approve the final plan for the location of the stone shelter (as per the Cashmere Village Green Management Plan 2001) and associated works (**Refer Attachment 1**).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Cashmere Village Green stone shelter development is a project on the Transport and Greenspace capital programme.
3. This project is a result of community consultation undertaken during the installation of a new playground on Cashmere Village Green, and a final Management Plan being established for the reserve in 2001.
4. Although a site for the shelter was determined in the Management Plan, a change to the bus route has occurred since, therefore consultation with the community was undertaken to present other location options due to the bus stop relocation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The funding for the stone shelter at Cashmere Village Green has been set aside in the Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme – Buildings/Equipment – New for 2006/07 (this fund has now been carried forward to 2007/08). Funding for the kerb realignment will be funded from the Neighbourhood Improvement Works section of the Transport Capital Works Programme.

Do the Recommendations of this report align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

6. As per 5 above.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. All necessary Resource Consents and Building Consents will be obtained before any construction is undertaken.
8. All work will be carried out by a Council-approved contractor.

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

9. As per 7 & 8 above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. LTCCP: Parks, Open Spaces and Waterways – Page 123
 - Community – By providing welcoming areas for communities to gather and interact.
 - Environment – By offering opportunities for people to contribute to projects that improve our city's environment.

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

11. As per 10 above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. Parks Access Policy
 - Older Adults
 - Open Space Strategy

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. As per 12 above

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. In August 2006 a public information leaflet was distributed to the local community and key stakeholders for feedback, giving three options for the location of the stone shelter. There was a high degree of community engagement in this project (approx 54% response rate), which were largely supportive of the project while also advising of their preferred option.
15. Following this consultation, and with further information being supplied to the project team, staff worked through ideas and comments received which resulted in a second round of consultation in March 2007.
16. The two options had the stone shelter in the original location as per the Cashmere Village Green Management Plan 2001, however one option has the bus stop in the original location at the end of the Green, and the second option retains the bus stop in its current location.
17. The second round of consultation received 92 submissions (46% response rate); a copy of the feedback comments is attached for your information (**Refer Attachment 2**).
18. Below are the results of the feedback received:
 - **Option A** (bus relocation back to the original location) 57
 - **Option B** (bus stop retained in current location) 33
 - **Neither Option** 2
19. A number of comments were related to safety. Currently the bus stops on Dyers Pass Road alongside Cashmere Village Green, this obstructs views for vehicles turning out of MacMillan Avenue and is also a hazard for both downhill vehicles and cyclists who need to manoeuvre around the bus when it is stopped.
20. Concerns were also raised by the Cashmere Presbyterian Church regarding the impact of Option A, with the bus then having to drive back past the church onto Dyers Pass Road. There were concerns for the church around noise, vibration and the inconvenience during weddings and funerals.
21. Following a site meeting with representatives of the church, and taking into consideration all comments received during consultation, especially around safety, the Project Team have made changes to the plans to reflect the considerable and valuable feedback received.
22. The proposal being presented for approval by the Board, addresses the safety concerns in relation to the bus stop location on Dyers Pass Road by creating a bus pull-in bay within the existing legal road boundaries.
23. This plan also reflects the concerns raised by the Cashmere Presbyterian Church by ensuring the bus route remains on Dyers Pass Road without having to drive past the entrance to the church.
24. There will be some slight re-contouring of the reserve along where the new footpath realignment will be behind the new bus pull-in bay.
25. The existing floral display on the south side of MacMillan Avenue will be enlarged to join up with the path alongside the Village Green, creating a far improved bedding display at this intersection.

26. The stone shelter will be located approximately five metres from the bus stop, and facing out towards the north, therefore enabling the shelter to be used as both a bus shelter and seating area for walkers and users of the reserve without creating any confusion for the bus drivers.
27. An additional note to Board members would be that the gum tree on the north east corner of the reserve will be removed in the near future due to health and safety concerns. This was communicated to the local community in the second round of consultation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board approve the final plan for Cashmere Village Green Stone Shelter location and associated works and to proceed to final design and construction.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.