

## 5. RICCARTON/WIGRAM TRANSPORT AND ROADING COMMITTEE REPORT OF 22 JULY 2004 MEETING

The Board considered the report of the Transport and Roothing Committee meeting of Thursday 22 July 2004.

### 1. Issues discussed included:

- The Hornby Mall redevelopment and associated traffic and pedestrian issues
- The Christchurch-Rolleston and Environs Transport Study
- A request from the Riccarton Business Association to review the current parking restrictions (P120) in Rata Street
- ECan's new cross-suburban route proposals

### 2. Solway Avenue Neighbourhood Improvements

At its 31 March 2004 meeting, the Community Board gave approval to initiate community consultation on this proposal which would see angle parking installed along the eastern side of Solway Avenue (Dalrye Place to Parkstone Avenue) adjoining the College of Education site.

The Transport and Roothing Committee was in receipt of a report which showed that 45 responses (66% of the households surveyed) were received, and that 10 responses were in opposition and four were in support of the proposal.

Whilst the City Streets Manager was recommending that the project proceed to design and construction, the Committee felt that the resident response was such that more consideration needed to be given before deciding whether to proceed with the work at this time.

Further information was provided to the Board meeting, including:

- Those in general support of the improvement works also expressed a desire for minor amendments to the proposed plan, including signage at intersections, potential for a raised median strip on Solway Avenue at the Solway/Parkstone Avenue intersection and removal of car parks in Parkstone Avenue to improve sight visibility.
- Those in opposition oppose the 90 degree angled car parking plan within Solway Avenue for a variety of reasons which include amenity, pedestrian, cycle and traffic safety; noise, pollution, devaluation of properties, gain to the College, loss of on-street parking to residences, comparison with Dovedale Avenue, lack of community consultation and consultation with the Ilam Residents Association. One respondent considered that the design of the car parks was deficient.

The objective of this project is to relieve parking congestion in nearby localised streets by increasing the number of car parks in Solway Avenue between Dalrye Place and Parkstone Avenue. Very few residents responded from those localised streets yet the extent of circulation of the publicity leaflet was from 18 to 68 Solway Ave, and the leaflets were delivered only part of the way down each side street, except for Dalrye Place and Parkstone Ave which extended further. It could be assumed that residents from these localised streets (beyond the immediate environment) perceive the improvements as a positive means of discouraging the streets being parked in by students. Historically, parties who support the proposals do not respond to publicity/consultation leaflets.

It was moved:

"That the matter be referred back to the Board's Transport and Roothing Committee, to allow the Committee to discuss the matters further with those residents who oppose the Solway Avenue angle parking project."

The motion was **lost** on Division 2 by three votes to five with one abstention, the voting being as follows:

For (3)	Peter Laloli, Helen Broughton and Neville Bennett
Against (5)	Ken Cummings, Paddy Austin, Lesley Keast, Ishwar Ganda and Mike Mora
Abstention (1)	Bob Shearing

The Board then **decided**:

1. That approval be granted for the Solway Avenue project to proceed to design and construction.
2. To revoke the existing no stopping restrictions on the north east corner of Parkstone Avenue and Solway Avenue and the south east corner of Solway Avenue and the entrance to the College of Education, as covered by the proposed Solway Avenue neighbourhood improvements.
3. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south east corner of Solway Avenue and the entrance to the College of Education build out and that the no stopping lines extend 18 metres on the east side of Solway Avenue in a southerly direction and 11 metres on the south side of the entrance to the College of Education in an easterly direction.
4. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north east corner of Solway Avenue and Parkstone Avenue, and that the no stopping lines extend 20 metres alongside the eastern boundary of Solway Avenue in a northerly direction and 20 metres along the northern side of Parkstone Avenue in an easterly direction.