

1. PROPOSED ROAD STOPPING: TRUSCOTTS ROAD/FERRYMEAD PARK DRIVE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to gain the Council's approval to commence the road stopping procedure under Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974 to stop a portion of Truscotts Road and Ferrymead Park Drive, Ferrymead.

This report was referred to the Community Board for its consideration and recommendation to the Council. The Board decided to support the commencement of the road stopping procedure for Truscotts Road and Ferrymead Park Drive in the areas marked A and B on the attached plan.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Heathcote Valley Park development, the project team has for some time been working towards beginning the stopping of Truscotts Road and part of Ferrymead Park Drive (refer attached plan). The stopping has received unanimous support from contributing Council units: Greenspace, City Transport and Facility Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

The road stopping would seek to remove all legal status from those parts of road identified in the attached plan. The primary reason for stopping would be to prohibit vehicle access out of the southern end of Truscotts Road and into the Martindale Road area; the residential area of Heathcote Valley. There have been issues with "boy racers" and speeding vehicles in the area using this southern exit as a convenient route to the motorway.

With the proposed Tamaki Maori Village and golf driving range and 9-hole course, it is anticipated that there will be a substantial increase in vehicle movements. Consent conditions for the Tamaki development require that access only be from Bridle Path Road, and note the closure of Truscotts Road.

It is intended that the road carriageway would be retained to enable the Tramway Historical Society trolleybus to continue to use the road, and also for emergency vehicles to access the area.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The stopping of Truscotts Road was identified as a high priority by the community during a public workshop held in February 2001.

Public consultation was undertaken via the *City Scene* on the draft development plan in January and February 2002. Seven submissions were received with regard to the stopping: four in favour, two against and one supporting partial stopping. The Heathcote Valley Community Association and Ferrymead Heritage Park support the stopping. Further opportunity for the public to make submissions will be available, pending approval of commencement of the road stopping process.

The City Plan has listed Truscotts Road as "road to be closed" and includes that portion of the road currently submerged in the Heathcote River. This is referred to as the towpath.

Staff intend to undertake the road stopping with the application split into two parcels, pre-empting any possible delays/objections with the towpath area. These two parcels are marked on the attached plan as A and B.

The road will remain in Council ownership to be administered by the Council's Greenspace Unit, similar in nature to the "park road" roading network at the Groynes. Funding for the road stopping will be provided from the Facility Assets Unit.

Formal resolution by the Council to stop the road will be sought, pending the Council's approval to commence the road stopping procedure and preparation of survey plans and legal titles.

Recommendation: That approval be given to commence the road stopping procedure under Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1974 for portions of Truscotts Road and Ferrymead Park Drive, Ferrymead in the areas marked A and B on the attached plan.