

1. SURPLUS ROAD LAND

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to commence the road stopping procedure to stop two parcels of surplus road land as indicated as Sec 1 and Sec 2 on Plan SM1283-05. The total area of land is 438 m².

BACKGROUND

Following several discussions with the management of Glass Tech on Tower Junction Development, and traffic management in the area between Whiteleigh Avenue and Troup Drive, a proposal was received from Glass Tech to extend their car park onto legal road. Glass Tech's business has progressively expanded over the last decade and their site is bounded by Whiteleigh Avenue, Troup Drive and Clarence Street. With the Tower Junction developments directly opposite the business, on street parking has been substantially reduced to allow for safer traffic movements. The position of road land for the car park is in the old Clarence Street which is surplus to roading network requirements following the construction of Whiteleigh Avenue and the realignment of Clarence Street in the early 1990's.

In 1996 and again in 1998 the Council stopped two parcels of road land enabling Glass Tech to develop car parking. The business now wishes to acquire two further parcels of road land which, like the previous two parcels, contain numerous utilities. It is highly unlikely that buildings will be built without prior extensive utilities' relocations. Utilities and private accesses to these parcels of land will be able to be protected by way of easements, as was the arrangement made for the previous parcels. In this proposal Glass Tech has offered to enhance the remaining road land by planting 10 extra trees. This project also has the support of the owners of adjacent properties and the reduction of road land will have little effect on roading assets.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the two parcels of road land Sec 1 and Sec 2 on Plan SM1283-05 be declared surplus to roading requirements; and
 2. That the Council commence the required procedure to stop these two parcels of land.