

1. SALTAIRE STREET - A LIVING STREET

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to progress the Saltaire Street project to final design, tender and construction.

SUMMARY

2. Saltaire Street is a local road in North New Brighton that owing to the age and condition of the kerb, channels and footpaths is scheduled for renewal in the 2004/05 financial year. Saltaire Street was selected to be a Living Streets Project, and the objectives of the project, in addition to the aim of renewing the kerb, channel and footpath, are to reduce the volume of through traffic, the speed of traffic, and to enhance the streetscape. A community based collaboration process for Living Streets was used for consulting with the community on the project.
3. A public meeting in August 2003, along with internal and external submissions established the objectives for the project, and these were endorsed by the Board in September 2003. Five options were developed to meet these objectives and these were presented to the community at a public meeting and workshop in October 2003. The community (those attending the workshop) gave full support to the 'partial closure' option (Option 5) which involved the partial closing of Saltaire Street at the Marriotts Road end to form a cul-de-sac with left turn entry into Saltaire Street from Marriotts Road. Consultation on Option 5 was undertaken with the wider community in November 2003, and 536 responses (including a petition) were received in opposition to the Saltaire Street/Marriotts Road intersection design. The main reason for opposition was the disadvantage for through traffic.
4. At the March 2004 Board meeting, feedback from the consultation was reported to the Board and seven resolutions were adopted, including that the value of Saltaire Street for accessibility by North New Brighton residents be acknowledged, that the Marriotts Road/Saltaire Street intersection be designed to safely carry two-way traffic, and that the word 'significantly' be removed from the first objective so that it now reads "To reduce the volume of through traffic". A public meeting and workshop in May 2004 discussed further options for Saltaire Street in respect of the Board's recommendations. The outcomes from the workshop showed that the residents in general supported a carriageway of 9 metres, a mid-block traffic calming measure, a splitter Island at the Bower Avenue intersection and a threshold treatment at the Marriotts Road intersection. A concept plan was developed to reflect the outcomes of this workshop and distributed for consultation to the wider community in August 2004. Feedback on this concept plan showed that the residents of the wider catchment were supportive of the concept as two-way access was maintained. However, the residents of Saltaire Street were opposed as it did not address their concerns in respect of traffic volume and speed, and prioritised the needs of the wider community.
5. Given the constraints of the Board's resolutions it would not be possible to develop a scheme that would satisfy the Saltaire Street residents as two-way access needs to be maintained. As the concept plan satisfies the Board's resolutions, and the aim and objectives of the project, it is recommended that the concept plan (see attached) be approved for final design, tender and construction.
6. In summary, the immediate Saltaire Street community preferred a 'partial closure' option for their street. This was disputed by the broader community when put out to wider consultation. The Board then sought a further option which allowed full through-access. This option has been consulted on, and while the broader community is happy with the option, the local street residents are not. This option is, however, the option that is now recommended by the City Streets Unit.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The estimated total cost for this project is \$388,000 inclusive of all consultation, design and project management.
8. Saltaire Street is part of the Street Renewal Programme and is programmed for construction in the 2005/06 year. The annual budget for Street Renewal is around \$15 million. Design costs are provided for in the 2004/05 budget and the 2005/06 draft budget provides sufficient funding to construct this project.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) That the concept plan for Saltaire Street be approved for final design, tender and construction.
- (b) That the concept and landscape plan and design be referred to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and community for discussion before final approval.