

1. PROPOSED ROAD STOPPING - OFFICE ROAD (OUTSIDE NO.S 29, 100, 108, 124 AND 126)

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to:
 - (a) Declare small parcels of road land outside no.s 29, 100, 108, 124, 126 Office Road as shown on plan SM1649 as surplus to the Council's requirements; and
 - (b) Commence the procedure to stop the affected parcels of land, after the owners of the adjoining properties have made application to purchase the subject land when stopped.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Staff have received requests from owners at 124 and 126 Office Road to acquire parcels of road land outside their properties.
3. The entire length of Office Road has been upgraded and owners of the properties at 29, 124 and 126 are currently occupying small parcels of road land in front of their properties.
4. The road land outside no.s 100 and 108 Office Road is being used for car parking by the occupants of these properties.
5. These parcels of road land are surplus to the Council's roading requirements and will be able to be stopped and sold to the owners of adjoining properties. Office Road was upgraded between early 1990 and 2003.
6. In previous years three parcels of road land outside no.s 31, 57 and 126 Office Road have been stopped and sold to the adjoining owners.
7. The sale of these identified parcels of land will create a uniform property boundary along Office Road.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. There will be no financial cost to the Council for this project.
9. The cost incurred in the road stopping process including surveying will be recovered from the owners of the affected properties.
10. The current values of the individual parcels of road land will be determined by a registered valuer appointed by the Council. The land (when stopped) will be offered to the owners of the adjoining properties at prices which reflect the values determined by the Council's valuer.
11. Section 116 Public Works Act 1981 – Stopping Road. This section states that subject to the consent of the territorial authority and the owner(s) of the land adjoining the road in writing to the stopping, then the road can be declared formally stopped by notice in the gazette. In this instance there will be no loss of public access along Office Road

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Declare the parcels of road land outside no.s 29, 100, 108, 124 and 126 Office Road (as shown on the attached drawing SM1649-06) to be surplus to the Council's requirements; and
- (b) Authorise staff to commence the requisite procedure to stop the affected parcels of land, after the adjoining property owner/s have made application to acquire the subject land when stopped.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.