

2. DECLARATION AS A RESERVE - STOPPED ROAD WORCESTER STREET, LATIMER SQUARE



The Board considered a report from Lewis Burn, Property Consultancy Team, asking the Board to recommend to the Council that it adopt a formal resolution to have that part of Worcester Street through Latimer Square, which has been previously stopped, declared a recreation reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

As noted in the report the section of Worcester Street that passes through Latimer Square has been stopped as provided for by the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974. The Council's decision of 28 August 2003 to stop this portion of Worcester Street was confirmed by the Environment Court on 9 February 2006. The stopped road is now held by the Council in fee simple and contained within a separate title.

The purpose to which the stopped road is to be put, as previously publicly notified, is that it be held as a recreation reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. This intention was confirmed in the Council resolution of 28 August 2003.

The Board considered this report and decided to recommend that the Council adopt the formal resolution required to declare the land as recreation reserve as contained in the staff recommendation in the report.

Since consideration of the matter by the Board, however, some four objections have been received to the public notification to declare the stopped road recreation reserve. It will be necessary therefore for a Council hearings panel to hear and determine these objections before further consideration is given to declaring this land as recreation reserve. As a consequence this item is therefore reported to the Council for its information only at this time.