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<p>Corporate Plan Output: Activities on Street</p>	

The purpose of this report is to seek the Council’s approval to extend the footpath onto High Street and to remove the left turn movement from Lichfield Street into High Street.

This is one of the larger projects that is part of the enhancement works along Manchester Street. The objectives of these projects are to give definition to the core area of the central city, to upgrade Manchester Street and to add an interest to this locality. This project includes the proposed extension of the footpath onto that part of the roadway between the footpath on the north-eastern side of High Street and the small triangulate area reserve between Manchester Street and High Street. A diagram illustrating these works is attached. The existing traffic lane for left turn vehicles from Lichfield Street will be removed and the area paved with new seating and additional planting.

Traffic access from Lichfield Street into Manchester Street will be improved by introducing a new left turn slip lane, controlled by a Give Way. This will also assist with the operation of the intersection, which is one of the critical ones on the one way system. Lichfield Street traffic wishing to gain access to High Street/Cashel Street precinct area will be able to use this new left turn facility and then turn left adjacent to the existing reserve.

The design will increase the area of pedestrian space, provide the opportunity for extra outdoor tables and chairs and better access to the cycle stands. The amenity will be improved by providing shelter from the prevailing easterly wind with the planting of a bamboo screen. The walls of the planters will be made bright and lively with the walls being clad in colourful blue and gold tiles. The paving areas will cobbled with "autumn tone' paving stones similar to those used elsewhere in the city.

In order for these works to be carried out, the Council needs to:

1. By Special Order procedure to remove the present one way control on the section of road from Lichfield Street into High Street,
2. Approve the extension of the footpath; and
3. Remove the left turn from Lichfield Street into Manchester Street from the operation of the traffic signals.

This work has been circulated for public comment and has the support of shop occupiers in the immediate area.

- Recommendation:**
1. That special order procedures be commenced to remove the one way section of road from Lichfield Street into High Street from Schedule Six of the Councils Traffic and Parking Bylaws.
 2. That the development of the area be generally in accordance with the diagram attached to this report.
 3. That the left turn slip lane from Lichfield Street into Manchester Street be free of the operation of the adjacent traffic signals and controlled at its intersection with Manchester Street with a “give way” sign.

**Chairman’s
Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.