

14. WHITEHALL STREET TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with information concerning traffic problems experienced by residents in Whitehall Street.

Whitehall Street is of a relatively modern style local residential street that connects between Hills Road and Westminster Street. It has a 9m carriageway, wide berms with trees and a threshold treatment has been constructed at Westminster Street. The road curves toward each end.

A few of the residents have expressed concerns about the volume of traffic and the speed with which some vehicles travel through this street. There have also been complaints about young people at night, driving cars along the footpath, doing wheelies on the road at the entrance to Fernbrook Place and other similar anti-social behaviour.

Cursory half hour speed checks with radar at the morning peak, showed vehicles were travelling down the road at 44 - 56 kph with two caught at 62 kph and one vehicle at midday at 78 kph. The volume observed was very low, equivalent to about 400 vpd. Although there was an obvious proportion of through traffic, there does not appear to be any advantage for traffic to use this street in preference to Hills Road and Westminster Street as there are delays in accessing these main streets from Whitehall Street and the distance travelled is similar. There is no history of traffic crashes in the street.

The Mairehau South LATMS covered most of the traffic issues on local streets in this area and proposed threshold treatments for each end of Whitehall Street. The section of Hills Road between Acheson Avenue and Ailsa Street is programmed for kerb and channel renewal (both sides) in the 2000/01 financial year. Included with this work will be a threshold treatment for the intersection from Whitehall Street. This should improve the character and emphasise the local access nature of the street.

The complaints concerning antisocial behaviour are common with many streets in this area and can only be dealt with through Police action.

For discussion