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The purpose of this report is to initiate procedures to stop the section of Cambridge Terrace between Barbadoes Street and Salisbury Street.

This section of Cambridge Terrace, that is the subject of this report, is classified as a local access road. It is part of the road that generally runs along the north and west banks of the Avon River. On the north side of this section of Cambridge Terrace is a residentially zoned section which prior to the Council purchasing the property contained a private dwelling unit. This land is presently held as a freehold section by the Council and is to be included as part of the riverbank reserve if the proposed road closure is successful. A plan showing the development of this area is attached to this report .

The Council has previously advertised the stopping of this section and received one objection. This objection, from a motorcyclist, concerned the loss of movement along Cambridge Terrace when travelling in an east bound direction. Although there are alternative routes via the One Way system and using other streets this gentleman preferred this particular route. This objection placed the project on hold. Nevertheless, since that time the Council has included the road stopping in the City Plan, illustrated the intention to stop the road in the City East Neighbourhood Plan and purchased the adjacent section. There have been no objections to the road stopping as part of these processes or to the purchase of the property.

The proposed road stopping has a number of advantages to both the river frontage, the adjacent reserves and in terms of the traffic amenity of this area. It is one of the few locations where the river is able to be viewed from the One Way system. It will provide a continuous green link between the Barbadoes Street Cemetery and the river and it will help reduce some of the rat running traffic through this area. The only adverse impact would be the loss of motor vehicle movement from the western side of the Bardadoes Street intersection with Cambridge Terrace to the eastern side. It is proposed that a cycle and pedestrian link will be provided along the existing alignment of the road.

There has been no recent public consultation. The Parks Unit has \$15,000 in the 1999/2000 budget set aside for improvements to the proposed reserve. The Parks Manger supports the closure which will facilitate the integration of the vacant section with the river and general enhancement of this focal point , once consultation has been carried out

**Recommendation:** That the Community Board support the road stopping and the circulation of the attached plan for comment.

**Chairperson’s Recommendation:** For discussion.