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Corporate Plan Output: Capital expenditure	

The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the feedback received from the distribution of the publicity plan showing the proposed layout for Aikmans Road, and request that the work be approved as recommended in this report.

BACKGROUND

A Merivale landscape plan was commissioned by the Council and prepared by Boffa Jackman (Landscape Consultants) recommending that pin oaks be installed as shown on the plan to be tabled at the meeting.

The Board approved a publicity plan for distribution on 31 August 1999 and a public meeting followed at the Elmwood School Auditorium on 21 October. The following comments were noted from that meeting:

1. Where vehicles cannot park against the kerb, the berm should be planted with lavender, and/or agapanthus, and/or day lilies, and/or white and red carpet roses.
2. That the area of road widening outside No.14 be left as it is.
3. That the existing speed hump and platforms be made higher.
4. That a Give Way sign be installed against Aikmans Road at its intersection with Rossall Street and that the centre line be offset one metre to allow traffic to exit in two lanes.
5. That a Monday to Friday parking restriction be installed outside No’s 76 to 88.
6. That the vehicle entrances to No’s 83 and 78 be widened at the entrance to allow easier access for vehicles.
7. That the new footpath be installed against the property boundary (as shown on the publicity plan) except for outside the school.
8. That a second parking bay be constructed to the west of the school crossing at the Stirling Street intersection.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that the residents requests numbered 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8 be acknowledged, as shown on the plan to be tabled. It is further considered that the road widening owned by the Council outside No.14 not be used for landscaping as it would not fit in with this section of the streetscape. However, the widening owned by the Council outside No’s 78, 80, 82, 110, and 114 should be used to improve the streetscape as shown on the plan.

The existing speed hump should also be reconstructed to the Council’s new low profile design.

A possible parking restriction installation should be reviewed after the works are completed to determine its necessity, and if necessary, determining what is the preferred option by consulting with all the residents affected.

All vehicle entrances on the 6.5 metre wide section of the carriageway will be constructed with a wider cutdown for their entrances.

A parking bay in front of a pedestrian crossing point is to be avoided because manoeuvring vehicles would obstruct the view of pedestrians waiting to cross the road. The proposed parking bay shown on the original plan will however be constructed to extend to the eastern boundary of the school.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the kerb and channel renewal project in Aikmans Road be reconstructed as shown on the submitted plan, including the items numbered 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 above.
 2. That a Give Way sign be placed against Aikmans Road at its intersection with Rossall Street and that the centre line be offset one metre to allow traffic to exit in two lanes.

THE COMMUNITY ADVOCATE COMMENTS:

The matter of the options for use of redundant road widening was considered by the Board on 28 September, with an outcome in support of utilising such land where additional landscaping and footpath alignment variations could assist in enhancing of the streetscape.

While a request has been received in respect of the retention for occupation of Council land outside No.14 Aikmans Road, the Board should take the opportunity to review the existence, and future use, of **all** such strips of land in the vicinity.

This action will be consistent with the Board's past practice of reviewing options for the use of such Council owned land.

It would be relevant for the Works and Traffic Safety Committee to undertake this review.

Deputy Chairman's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the foregoing recommendations be adopted.
 2. That the Works and Traffic Safety Committee consider the future of other redundant road widening in the Aikmans Road vicinity and report back to the Board.
 3. That officers consider options other than the proposed provision of pin oaks as the main street tree.