

25. BRIDGE 2000 – NORTH HAGLEY PARK

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The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the proposal to build a footbridge across the Avon River opposite Dorset Street. This is a millennium project promoted by the Art 2000 Advisory Group called 'Bridge 2000'.

HISTORY

- The Art 2000 Advisory Group decided on the project in mid 1998 and launched a design competition in December 1998.
- Report to the City Services Committee on 11 February 1999 (annual plan meeting) for additional funding for the pedestrian works in Park Terrace associated with the project (attached).

The Committee decided not to recommend funding and in the report to the annual plan working party recommended:

1. That the proposed millennium footbridge be relocated to a site close to the Carlton Mill Bridge.
 2. That a significant budget provision be made for pedestrian safety should the bridge proposal proceed.
- There is no record to show how this recommendation was progressed by the annual plan working party but no funding was provided from the City Streets budget.
 - During 1999 there were discussions between the Bridge 2000 Working Party and City Streets Unit staff over the preferred location for the bridge if it was to be located close to the Carlton Mill Bridge.
 - In October 1999 a report to the Parks and Recreation Committee advised them of the bridge location opposite Dorset Street and provided details of the bridge design. Funding for the bridge and associated works was to be provided by the Community Trust 2000 project and the Parks Unit. The report was received and appeared as a received item on the Council agenda.
 - In October 1999 a resource consent application was lodged for the bridge. There were a number of objections and a hearing was set down for 31 January 2000. The 2000 Advisory Group have since asked for an adjournment to the hearing.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

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Recommendation: For discussion.