

23. NEW BRIGHTON MALL UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on progress of the revitalisation of New Brighton Mall.

A progress report of the New Brighton Working Party was presented to the Community Board and the City Services and Environment Committees in January/February 2000. As a result of a recommendation by the City Services Committee the Council resolved:

To adopt in principle a one-way road east through the Mall to Oram Avenue, provided that the design, parking issues and connections to either or both Hawke Street (north) and Beresford Street (south) can be resolved.

And

That a special rating area be investigated to pay for the road

Subsequently the City Services Committee established a New Brighton Mall roadway Subcommittee in order to find a physical route for the road within the mall. Following an assessment of the exit options and a site visit, the subcommittee have now developed a plan to form the framework for progressing the vehicle lane. This has also helped identify how other projects might proceed that are affected by whether or not a vehicle lane is reinstated and in which direction it would exit.

In essence the plan is a 'statement of intent'. It establishes that a vehicle lane will pass through the Mall and exit via Oram Avenue. This will allow design work to proceed on the remodelling of the Beresford Street car park. The vehicle lane will only be established when the business community have carried out the rationalisation and upgrading of the Hawke Street car parks. Members of staff will be at the meeting to explain the plan in more detail.

The plan was presented to the New Brighton Mall Working Party on 12 July 2000 and it had the following comments to make:

1. That the plan show parking areas on it
2. Change the position of the playground
3. Toilets to be included in the mall

Meanwhile contracts are about to be let for the renovation of the eastern end of the Mall after the conclusion of the public consultation process. The publicity leaflets were widely distributed in the area following their voluntary delivery to an extra 1000 households by the New Brighton Residents Association (making a total of 1500).

Recommendation: That the Community Board support the ‘statement of intent’ plan.

Chairperson’s

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board support the ‘statement of intent’ plan put forward by the City Services Subcommittee.
 2. That the Board write to the New Brighton District Business Association supporting improvements to the Hawke Street car park.
 3. That the Board strongly support the suggested parking charges in Seaview Road (Hardy Street to Shaw Avenue).
 4. That the Board support the provision of a pedestrian link from Beresford Street into the mall.