

## 8. SATURN CABLING UPDATE

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In March this year the City Manager, Mike Richardson, and the Saturn CEO, Jack Matthews, discussed the rollout of the Saturn network in Christchurch. During the discussions there had been mention of how *sensitive areas* of the City would be impacted by the introduction of new technology.

Mike's letter to Jack on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March stated that one task of the newly appointed Liaison Manager (John de Zwart) would be to "*highlight any areas of particular sensitivity or any possible options for reduced visual impact, This may include requests for undergrounding in particularly sensitive areas*".

Recent meetings between John de Zwart, John Dryden, Geoff English, Janet Reeves and Melinda Smith have started to define *sensitive area*. By identifying the areas requiring special attention early it is hoped a more pro-active approach to the treatment of these areas may be adopted, rather than a reactive approach to the designs submitted by Saturn.

### WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED TO DATE?

- 28 April – meeting to establish broad descriptors for *sensitive area*
- Start plotting sensitive areas on plan to aid further discussion

### WHAT IS YET TO BE COMPLETED?

- Complete plan showing what Christchurch City Council considers to be sensitive areas *first cut*
- Plan distributed to appropriate areas of Council to establish agreement
- Plan to Saturn for digestion
- Saturn give consideration to the impact on their operation and possible remedies
- Discussion and agreement on remedies between Saturn and Christchurch City Council

The team had agreed that sensitive areas are:

- Major park frontages
- Tourist routes
- Coastal routes, eg Marine Parade, Esplanade (North Beach to South Brighton)
- Waterfront roads, eg Ferrymead to Sumner
- Major, minor and collector arterial roads
- Neighborhood improvement plans (NIPs)
- Special amenity areas (SAMs), picking up fringe areas
- One-way streets in city centre?
- Lifelines routes

The Committee members will recall that, at its meeting on 23 March 2000, the Council resolved that the Saturn Subcommittee be authorised to advise staff on negotiations with Saturn regarding the cable network. Accordingly, recommendations from the Committee will be forwarded to that Subcommittee at its next meeting.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** For information.