

7. NEW BRIGHTON MALL CONCEPT PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to update the Committee with regard to the progress of the revitalisation of New Brighton Mall.

BACKGROUND

As a result of a recommendation by the City Services Committee the Council resolved in February 2000:

“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.”

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.

PROGRESS

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.

The plan was presented to the New Brighton Mall Working Party on 12 July 2000 and the Burwood Pegasus Community Board on 31 July 2000, both of whom generally supported the plan.

The plan was discussed at a meeting of the New Brighton Mall roadway Subcommittee on 22 September 2000 and it was agreed that:

1. The concept plan, with minor amendments, be released for public consultation.
2. That in conjunction with the above, a survey of public opinion be conducted, subject to funding being available.

The purpose of the survey would be to try and ascertain whether the proposed changes would make the area more attractive to shop in.

RENOVATION OF EASTERN END OF MALL

Meanwhile, work to the eastern end of the Mall is nearing completion. At the time of writing, 7 of the 12 Phoenix Palms have been installed.

Recommendation: For discussion.

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- Recommendation:**
1. That the recommendation of the Subcommittee contained in clauses 1 and 2 above be confirmed.
 2. That the costs and source of funding for the public consultation be investigated.