

## 8. COLOMBO STREET – MOORHOUSE AVENUE TO BROUGHAM STREET – CYCLE ROUTE DEVELOPMENT

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the intention to use a participative and integrated planning approach to developing the length of Colombo Street from Moorhouse Avenue to Brougham Street. This is a corridor in which a multitude of interrelated activities occur and represents an opportunity to explore some of the ideas emerging from the “Living Streets” planning study.

### CURRENT PLAN

The length of Colombo Street from Brougham Street to Moorhouse Avenue is identified within the cycle network implementation plan for the development of a cycle route. Funding is budgeted for this purpose and spans both this and the next financial year.

### CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY

The mix of retail activity together with its position and role, which this street plays in the City’s transport network, offer opportunity to create a new balance between pedestrians, bicyclists, public transport, general traffic and adjacent land use activity. Both the balance and traffic control techniques can combine to create a unique setting.

The existence of a local business association, local residents group and the exploratory complementary meetings undertaken to date, collectively suggest that a participative and integrated approach could successfully identify many opportunities for enhancement of the area.

### CHARACTER OF STREET

This length of Colombo Street is a minor arterial road. Its predominant land use is retail. Most of the businesses have street frontages with pedestrian entrances. The Sydenham area is recognised as having strong historical roots for Christchurch.

### COMMUNITY

The Sydenham Business and Residents Association are actively investigating ways to enhance the area. Several meetings have recently taken place between members of the associations and Council staff. The purpose being to explore the concept of creating Colombo Street, in Sydenham, into a boulevard. (There is an active initiative to look at developing the whole of Colombo St into a Boulevard which could include tree planting the entire length). Progress is still in its infancy and would be enhanced by the City Streets Unit driving this approach and joining the Sydenham community initiative.

## **CONCLUSION**

There is currently a strong level of local activity in the community focusing on enhancing this length of Colombo Street. The projects mix of pedestrians, cyclists, public transport, general traffic and the adjacent land users needs excellent communication to achieve maximising benefits to the community and the City as a whole.

The City Streets Unit is currently working towards adopting a 'Living Streets Charter' as a working document for its projects and following a proposed seminar anticipates reporting this to the City Services Committee in November 2000.

When all these factors are taken into balance the potential benefits by undertaking an integrated participative approach and linking into the current boulevard initiative is considered prudent.

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.