

21. CHAMPION STREET – GRESFORD STREET – STOP SIGNS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the installation of "Stop" sign controls against each leg of Champion Street at the intersection of Gresford Street. This will form a four-way stop intersection.

Gresford Street has recently been reconstructed through the kerb and channel replacement programme. Neighbourhood enhancement associated with this work included the formation of an intersection platform at Champion Street which is a long, straight, residential street running parallel with Hills Road.

Traffic surveys have shown that some drivers travelled at excessive speed along Champion Street as an alternative route to Hills Road. While the volume of traffic is not large for a street of this length, the speed of some vehicles and the presence of elderly people warrant some measure of traffic calming to improve safety. The platform construction provides definition of the presence of this intersection. It also acts as a safer crossing point for pedestrians and provides a better base for placing more visible signs out toward the carriageway.

The existing "Stop" signs against Gresford Street have been retained at this intersection. Four-way "Stop" signs have been used with success in several similar local road intersections such as Slater Street / Guild Street. Although drivers initially experience some confusion with the four-way stop sign layout, the general outcome is a controlled slow point intersection. Roadway priority is balanced.

Recommendation: That "Stop" signs be placed against each approach of Champion Street at its intersection with Gresford Street.

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Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.