

## 5. LINWOOD AVENUE / WORCESTER STREET INTERSECTION

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Corporate Plan Output: Consultation	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the consultation that was undertaken prior to and the reasons for the alterations being carried out at the Linwood Avenue / Worcester Street intersection.

In July 1997 a publicity leaflet was distributed showing proposed alterations to the Linwood Avenue / Worcester Street intersection. This work was to improve safety at this intersection. The proposal was to close the median gap at Worcester Street to eliminate the unacceptably high number of cross road vehicle collisions.

Worcester Street is defined as a local residential road and traffic was to be encouraged to use the adjoining arterial roads being Gloucester Street and Hereford Street.

There was considerable public response to the proposal and a public meeting was held to hear the community views on the proposal. This resulted in changes being made to the proposed work. A second publicity leaflet was distributed in March 1998.

The second publicity leaflet showed a cut for vehicles in the median allowing right turn manoeuvres into Worcester Street while removing the often hazardous cross traffic and right turn manoeuvres out of Worcester Street.

768 leaflets of the second proposal were distributed and no adverse comments were received. As a result of the consultation the work to partial close the medium and restrict some traffic movement out of and across the intersection was carried out in June 1998.

In October 2000 the Land Transport Safety Authority supplied information of traffic collisions at the intersection and it has shown a reduction. Between 1993 and June 1998 there were 22 crashes and from June 1998 to June 2000 there was one. This a significant drop in crashes at the intersection from four per year to 0.5 per year. There has also been a reduction in the number of collisions per year at the Gloucester Street and Hereford Street intersections.

After a publicity campaign and consultation with communities Environment Canterbury rationalised the bus routes to the eastern parts of the City in November last year. This resulted in a change in the bus route from Worcester Street to Gloucester Street which is the arterial road.

These alterations have resulted in a better bus service and a safer intersection at Linwood Avenue / Worcester Street.

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

**Chairman's Recommendation:** For discussion.