

8. NEW BRIGHTON ROAD: PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND

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The purpose of this report is to ask the Board to recommend to the City Services Committee the installation of a pedestrian refuge island and the introduction of parking restrictions in New Brighton Road at the Kate Sheppard Retirement Village (see attachment).

This report replaces the earlier report on this matter, which was withdrawn from the 20 November 2000 Board agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Board will recall a report to the 28 June 1999 meeting with a petition from the residents of the Kate Sheppard Retirement Village requesting a refuge island in New Brighton Road (a Minor Arterial). The petition asked, "the Community Board to place an island in New Brighton Road near the intersection of Barkers Road to allow safe access for people from Kate Sheppard Retirement Village to the bus stop."

The Board resolved to fund \$9,000 from its 2000/01 Discretionary funds for the installation of the pedestrian refuge island.

PROPOSAL

The Parks and Waterways Unit proposes to demolish the pump house building on the riverside of New Brighton Road opposite Barkers Road in March/April 2001. This work provides an opportunity to reconsider the proposed location of the refuge island in New Brighton Road outside the Kate Sheppard Retirement Village.

As shown on the attached plan, an island could be installed to the west of the Kate Sheppard Retirement Village entrance leaving the existing bus stop and seat on the north side of New Brighton Road to remain. A temporary footpath would be constructed on the south side of New Brighton Road from a position opposite the refuge island to the existing bus stop and shelter.

After the pump house has been removed and the expressway bridge is complete, the Parks and Waterways Unit proposes to carry out enhancement work along the riverbank from the bridge to the vicinity of Barkers Road. New kerb and channel work is also programmed in New Brighton Road between Avondale to Wainoni Road during 2001/02. These two improvements will allow the opportunity to relocate the existing bus stop and shelter to the area of the existing pump house.

CONCLUSION

The changes that are proposed in this report would improve safety for pedestrians and road users on New Brighton Road outside the Kate Sheppard Retirement Village.

Ongoing discussions have taken place with the General Manager of Kate Sheppard Retirement Village and the property owner of number 419 New Brighton Road on this matter. Both are agreeable to the proposed work.

Environment Canterbury is also agreeable to the future relocation of the bus stop on the south side of New Brighton Road opposite Barkers Road.

Recommendation: That the Board recommend to the City Services Committee that it approve the following parking restrictions:

1. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of New Brighton Road commencing at its intersection with Barkers Road and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 55 metres.
2. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of New Brighton Road commencing at a point 20 metres from opposite the eastern kerb line of Barkers Road, and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 70 metres.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.