

19. GRASSMERE STREET - RECONSTRUCTION

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The purpose of this report is to provide information for the Board concerning the reconstruction of Grassmere Street.

Until recently the eastern section of Grants Road and the southern part of Grassmere Street were narrow semi-rural local roads that carried low volumes of traffic. Part of the formed road was on private property. These sections of road were prioritised in the programme for reconstruction for 2003/04. The rapid development of the retirement village on the corner of Grants Road and Grassmere Street has out-stripped the rate of the City Streets Units asset renewal programme and the budgeted process. The development of this retirement village has necessitated some roading issues to be advanced.

As with new subdivision developments, the owners have been required to construct the frontage footpath along their boundary with Grants Road. Planning is now advanced for the next stage of their village and in conjunction with this work the footpath along their Grassmere Street frontage will be built.

It has been proposed that the City Streets Unit complete the link with this footpath along the western side to the established part of the street. Design work is in progress for this and the reconstruction of the carriageway at the same time. The legal road width here is generally only 15 metres and the Council had not designated to take any road widening. Negotiations have been underway to purchase frontage strips from the adjoining landowners but these have only been partially successful and reconstruction of Grassmere Road will take place only within the existing boundaries. With the narrowness of the available road and to retain some of the rural character, kerb-side parking will be restricted through these sections. Landscape treatment and traffic calming measures are to be included in the redevelopment. Speed humps would not be considered appropriate treatment for these roads as they are now part of the St Albans bus route.

At this stage it is envisaged that work will commence about May/June following installation of a new water main.

There are other currently proposed developments fronting these roads that will have an effect on the redevelopment of the roadway. The Grants Road carriageway will not be reconstructed until these proposed developments in are substantially completed.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

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