

7. AYSLEY TERRACE – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITY

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of a proposal to assist school children crossing Aynsley Terrace when accessing Opawa School (refer attached plan) and to advise the Board of initial consultation with directly affected property owners.

BACKGROUND

For sometime, concerns have been raised about the safety of children crossing Aynsley Terrace at the Garlands Road intersection. Children travel to and from the north of Garlands Road (ie from the Richardson and Clarendon Terrace catchments); to and from the south of Garlands Road (ie the Grange Street etc catchment); and from Garlands Road (ie the Radley catchment).

On-site meetings have been held with Constable Mene, Police Traffic Safety Training Officer for Opawa School. It was noted that due to the differing traffic movements through the intersection, combined with the various road crossing requirements of the school children, there is potential for an incident between a child and a vehicle.

Aynsley Terrace is a significant cycle route, being a direct access road to Rapaki Track (one of the most popular recreational cycle tracks in Christchurch). Buses turn left into Garlands Road from Aynsley Terrace requiring adequate road space for this manoeuvre. Traffic signals will soon be installed at the Garlands/Opawa intersection with signalised pedestrian facilities to assist children and all pedestrians walking through this intersection. The left turn into Opawa Road for city bound vehicles, from the expressway, will be 'squared up' to reduce high speed turns.

THE PROPOSAL

It is proposed to construct two central islands on Aynsley Terrace, either side of the Garlands Road intersection, construct a sealed footpath linking the footbridge and the path end at Opawa Road, construct a sealed cycleway at the footbridge kerb extension which will be an off-road facility and construct angle parking protection kerb extensions.

This proposal will meet the following traffic safety and convenience objectives:

1. Provide a road crossing facility for children on either side of the Garlands Road intersection.
2. Provide adequate road space for left turning large vehicles, in and out of Garlands Road at Aynsley Terrace.
3. Provide adequate road space and off-road facilities for cyclists travelling along Aynsley Terrace.
4. Minimise effect on kerbside parking.
5. Provide for right turning traffic into Garlands Road from Aynsley Terrace south.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Affected residents and the Opawa Church have been contacted directly, prior to a general publicity leaflet being circulated. The residents have no problem with the required parking restriction, as they are corner properties, with parking on Garlands Road. While the minister has stated that he would not wish to compromise the safety of children, he would prefer to retain parking.

An option has been included in the scheme to provide angle parking on Opawa Road at the church frontage. This increase in parking would offset the parking loss in Aynsley Terrace, and not affect any resident in terms of privacy or windscreen glare. The church have indicated they would be happy with this scheme.

Recommendation: That the Board approve this proposal in principal, and its views be provided to the City Services Committee to assist that Committee in its recommendation to Council.