9. WORKS AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - REPORT OF 17 JULY 2001

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration, the report and accompanying recommendations of the Committee meeting held on 17 July as follows:

Report of a meeting of the Works and Traffic Safety Committee held on Tuesday 17 July 2001 at 8.00am at Site Visits and in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton

PRESENT: Val Carter (Chairman), Diana Bradley, Sally Buck, Barbara Stewart, Keith Nuttall

and Mike Wall

Diana Bradley left the meeting at 9.55am and was present for the site visits

only.

Barbara Stewart departed at 10.45am and was present for Clauses 1 to 7

inclusive.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Pat Harrow.

1. SITE VISITS

The Committee travelled to the following sites in the course of a bus tour to view first hand a number of current parks and City Streets issues:-

1.1 Jellie Park

Members viewed the site for the proposed Stage III landscaping adjacent to the Wairarapa Stream, the pond area between the Aqualand Pool and the access pathway from Ilam to Greers Roads, and the skateramp site adjacent to Greers Road.

1.2 Westburn Reserve

Members viewed the Westburn Terrace access to the Reserve and discussed matters raised recently by residents.

1.3 Grahams/Greers Roads

The Area Engineer updated the Committee with progress in consultation with the community on the matter of siting of pedestrian refuges along the section of road between Staines Street and Harewood Road.

1.4 Harewood Road

The Area Engineer informed the Committee of the recent planting of daffodil bulbs in the grass median between Greers Road and Farrington Avenue.

1.5 Isleworth School

The Committee met Murray Cameron (Principal) who explained the landscaping efforts initiated by the School over recent years, and informed Members of present use by the community of the classrooms and open areas of the School.

1.6 Styx River Reserve/Nunweek Boulevard

The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate informed the Committee of a recent meeting with residents to discuss future planting in the area. The longer term plans for further subdivision were also referred to.

1.7 Jennifer Street

The Area Engineer informed the Committee of the planning for the kerb and channel renewal project in the street.

2. JELLIE PARK

2.1 Landscaping

The Committee generally discussed the extent of the coverage of the Stage III proposal, the opportunity for tidying of areas on the opposite side of the stream, and the possibility of contribution to the tidying of some fences to adjacent properties. It was agreed that the work on Stage III should be deferred pending an investigation of work able to be carried out on the opposite (northern) side of the stream.

2.2 Pond

The matter of the suitability and safety of the timber edging structure around the perimeter of pond was discussed. It was agreed that a the involved in overcoming the deteriorating support should be sought through a "project proposal" in the forthcoming annual planning round.

Recommendations:

- 1. That the Stage III landscaping proposal be deferred pending an investigation into alternative work being carried out on the opposite (northern side of the stream).
- That a new project involving an enhanced method of bank protection for the pond area be included in the Board's list of 2001 "Project Proposals".

3. SKYEDALE SUBDIVISION

Members expressed concern at the ongoing need for tree removal at this, and other, sites in the community. The wish to have a policy providing for two replacement trees for every one removed was again discussed. With a view to exploring the means to address this particular concern it was agreed to invite the appropriate officers to the next meeting of the Committee.

Recommendation:

That appropriate officers be invited to the next meeting of the Committee to discuss opportunities for overcoming the loss of trees associated with subdivision and development proposals on private land.

4. **JENNIFER STREET**

Information relating to the timing of the work and the proposal for tree planting and landscaping was **received**.

5. STROWAN ROAD/ROSSALL STREET INTERSECTION

Information relating to landscaping at this intersection was received.

6. WESTBURN RESERVE

Correspondence from the Westburn Terrace Traffic Concern Group was received.

Following further discussion on the matter it was agreed that there should be no action taken to provide angle parking adjacent to the Reserve. It was however agreed that the demand for parking should continue to be monitored.

In noting the concerns regarding speeding traffic it was agreed that the residents should be replied to advising that they should make contact with the Community Constable and the residents be encouraged to provide details of offending vehicles/persons to the Police if these are known.

Recommendations:

- That no action be taken regarding angle parking adjacent to the Reserve, but that the demand for parking in the area continue to be monitored.
- 2. That the residents be written to advising them to contact the Community Constable should speeding problems continue. The residents also to be encouraged to provide details of offending vehicles/persons to the Police if there are known.

7. ISLEWORTH SCHOOL

The Committee endorsed the Council's present relationship with the School, and noted the extent of use of the School facilities by the community. The Principal's initiative in pursuing a programme of educational and environmental planting was strongly supported.

8. WAI-ITI TERRACE

The Area Engineer reported on feedback received from the latest publicity brochure, advising that a clear majority preferred the wider berm on the south side, and that adjacent residents were not in favour of the "cricket pitch" proposal. It was agreed to recommend that Plan B, without the cricket wicket, be approved for construction.

The matter of the residents success in achieving undergrounding as part of the overall kerb and channel replacement was noted, and the Committee briefly discussed the principle of the opportunity to do more undergrounding work in the city. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to include reference to this in the "Key Issues" section of the Board's 2001 Planning Statement. In particular a recommendation to achieve more undergrounding by reducing the annual commitment to kerb and channel renewal projects was supported.

Recommendations:

- 1. That Plan B, without the cricket wicket, be approved for construction.
- 2. That the Finance and Planning Committee be requested to include a statement regarding undergrounding in its development of the Boards 2001 Planning Statement.

The meeting	concluded	at	10.50am.

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Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.