

12. WITHELLS ROAD/PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN ISLAND

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The purpose of this report is to request that the City Services Committee approve the construction of a pedestrian island in Withells Road (a collector road) opposite No. 189.

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board allocated \$6,000 from its 2000/2001 discretionary spending for the construction of a pedestrian island outside the Council pensioner housing (Margaret Murray Courts) in Withells Road. The attached publicity plan showing the proposed pedestrian island was distributed to local residents in April. Feed back from the residents is:

Unconditionally for the proposal	7
With no comment either way	1
Unconditionally against the proposal	2

Total	10

One of those against the proposal was the owner of No. 188 Withells Road who objected to the location of the pedestrian island on the grounds that it would be nearly impossible to back a trailer out of his drive without hitting the proposed island. To reduce this inconvenience it is proposed that the position of the island is shifted to the other side of the road centreline as shown on the attached plan.

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board recommends the construction of the proposed pedestrian island as it will represent an improvement in traffic safety for pedestrians wishing to cross the road in this section of Withells Road, and present little inconvenience to traffic from neighbouring properties.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the construction of a pedestrian island in Withells Road as shown on the attached plan be approved for construction.
 2. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the west side of Withells Road commencing at a point 5.0 metres south of the northern boundary of 187 Withells Road and extending in a northerly direction for a distance 36.0 metres.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.