4. GARLANDS ROAD - GIVE WAY CONTROL

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The purpose of this report is seek the Boards recommendation to the City Services Committee to change an existing "Give Way" control to a "Stop" control on Garlands Road, at its intersection with Aynsley Terrace.

Concerns have been expressed about the existing traffic control at the above intersection. Currently this 'Tee' intersection is controlled by a "Give Way" on Garlands Road. The Board may be aware of the proposal to install two pedestrian refuge islands to assist school children cross Aynsley Terrace to access Opawa School at this intersection. The feedback received from the recent publicity leaflet and an on-site meeting on that proposal has requested the existing "Give Way" control be changed to a "Stop" control for reasons of pedestrian safety.

Most vehicles must stop to assess the traffic conditions of the time. Pedestrians will be better aware that the vehicle driver has seen them within the roadway environment, knowing the driver has had more time to assess the intersection conditions. The pedestrian will also be able to judge the best possible time to cross to the island knowing the vehicles have stopped on Garlands Road.

By changing the existing "Give Way" control against Garlands Road to a "Stop" control, both pedestrian and vehicle safety will be improved.

Recommendation: That the Board recommend to the City Services Committee:

- 1. That the existing "Give Way" control against Garlands Road at its intersection with Aynsley Terrace be revoked.
- 2. That a "Stop" control be placed against Garlands Road at its intersection with Aynsley Terrace.