

18. FARNBOROUGH STREET: TRAFFIC CALMING

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The purpose of this report is to provide a response to the Board on a request for a Living Streets strategy in Farnborough Street in Bexley, including estimated cost and timing. The information was requested at the Board's meeting on 3 September 2001, following a report on the petition presented at the 30 July 2001 meeting expressing concern for the safety of children and traffic safety in Farnborough Street.

The "Living Streets Strategy" has been adopted by the Council and the ten 'key result areas' should be measured against all proposals for new work. In addition to this, the Council has selected a limited number of "pilot projects" which cover a range of traffic environments on Minor Arterials, Collectors and Local roads. This will enable the Council to know what sort of **physical treatments** are appropriate in the different environments, providing a sort of menu. These pilot projects are programmed over a number of years and there is no real opportunity to include additional projects at this stage.

Another aspect of "Living Streets" to be developed is the **community ownership** of the problems and hence the solutions. These involve programmes like:- community contracts, travelling blending, and street reclaiming. The nearest we have at the moment would be 'neighbour watch'. These programmes are yet to be trialled in Christchurch.

However, it must be stressed that any form of traffic calming that could be installed will not eliminate 'hoon' behaviour. In many instances physical features become a challenge and attract 'hoons'. Realistically enforcement is the best approach.

The need for Neighbourhood Improvement Work in Farnborough Street was identified in the Aranui Local Area Traffic Management Scheme. Two platforms were installed by the developer. A moderate threshold was considered appropriate at the intersection of Farnborough Street and Pages Road. However, this work has not gained a high enough priority for funding on a citywide basis for this type of work, at this time. The Board may wish to consider funding this traffic calming measure. An estimate for appropriate threshold work would be \$46,000.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the organiser of the petition be informed of the report.