

31. MURITAI TERRACE – FOOTPATH

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the progress that has been made on the proposal to construct a footpath in Muritai Terrace.

Some years ago, at an on site meeting, residents expressed a desire for a footpath in Muritai Terrace. This project has now come near the top of the work list. However before proceeding with the proposal a questionnaire was circulated to the residents to see if the footpath was still wanted.

Muritai Terrace is a cul-de-sac street that serves 22 residences. Observations indicate that there is not a lot of pedestrian traffic using the street and during the day there is very little vehicle traffic.

Construction of the footpath would be on the north side of the street. It would consist of a 1.5 metre footpath, a kerb and channel and a 6-7 metre carriageway. This would allow two way traffic but may restrict on-street parking. It could cause the need to alter driveways and possibly some garage doors that open directly onto the road.

The questionnaire was delivered to residents and sent to absentee property owners asking whether they still considered a footpath was necessary. 27 questionnaires were sent out and 14 replies were received. The replies were split almost 50/50 for and against a footpath being constructed (6 in favour and 8 against).

Some replies have suggested that the footpath should go on the south rather than the north side of the street but this would result in the reconstruction of at least two driveways and costly retaining walls having to be built to retain the bank and obtain an acceptable grade for the footpath. Other replies indicated that the ability to park is more important than the construction of a path.

In many instances when a footpath has been constructed on the hill, vehicles have parked on it. Parking enforcement officers are reluctant to ticket these residents who then query where they should park. As Muritai Terrace is not as wide as some hillside roads and the space that would be used to construct the footpath is where some residents park at present, this problem could occur.

Because there is not a clear indication from the residents that the footpath is necessary, City Streets Unit can not support the expenditure at this time.

Recommendation: That the Board recommend to the Council that the proposal to construct a footpath with kerb and channel in Muritai Terrace be deleted from the Capital Works programme.