

14. AYSLEY TERRACE – “LOLLIPOP” PERSON

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The purpose of this report is to seek funding of \$2,600 from the Board's 2001/02 Discretionary Fund to provide a 'Lollypop' person to assist children to cross Aynsley Terrace near the Garlands Road intersection.

Background

Several requests have been received for the Council to provide safe crossing facilities in Aynsley Terrace near the Garlands Road intersection. This is one of the main crossing points for children going to and from Opawa School via the footbridge.

The Council has funding approved to install two pedestrian refuges, one either side of the intersection to improve pedestrian safety in Aynsley Terrace. The project has been delayed at least six months to allow the work to be done in conjunction with the new Living Streets concept.

Proposal

It is proposed that a Lollypop person be employed by the Opawa School to be on duty for 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon. This would be similar to the one operating at Birch Grove School in Briggs Rpad. The person(s) would be trained by the Police in the correct procedures involved and the Principal of the Opawa School has indicated they are confident that a suitable person(s) would be found.

The cost to provide this would be approximately \$2,600, which allows for 1 hour per day, 5 days a week for 26 months at \$10 per hour. Allowing for the Christmas holidays this would improve pedestrian safety until May when the Aynsley Terrace improvements are due to be completed.

Further consideration of options are being undertaken and a recommendation will be brought to the Board meeting.