

6. ALPINE VIEW LANE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the petition presented to the Board requesting the removal of the existing kerb build outs in Alpine View Lane in Burwood.

A petition organised by Sonja Barker from 30 Alpine View Lane was presented to the Community Board at the November 2001 meeting. The 98 signature petition requested the *“removal of all the kerb build outs currently situated in Alpine View Lane”*. The petition included 14 signatures from residents of Alpine View Lane. The remaining 84 signatures were from addresses from throughout the City, including Waitikiri Drive.

BACKGROUND

These kerb build outs were originally installed to resolve the issue of speeding vehicles and to reduce the number of trucks using the road. If the kerb build outs were removed it is considered that there will be an increase in traffic speeds and this may become an issue with residents that live in Alpine View Lane.

CONSULTATION

The Council circulated a questionnaire to all the residents of Alpine View Lane to seek their views. The response did not give a clear indication whether the residents wanted the kerb build outs removed or retained. However, they considered that there was a need to improve the existing kerb build outs and the road markings.

A speed check was carried out. The average speed that motorists travelled though the street was 39 km/h with 85% of vehicles travelling at 46 km/h or less. The speeds recorded showed that there is not an existing problem and therefore the existing traffic calming measures were having an effect. The volume of traffic is quite high at 971 vehicles per day.

A consultant was engaged to see what would be an appropriate treatment for the road. He considered *“it would be a mistake to take all the restraints out, but something has to be done about the related group of problems which lead to the first restraints being struck”*.

During discussions with the consultant, it was thought that the installation of additional traffic calming measures between the roundabout and the first kerb build out, and a side line to direct vehicles around it would be the best solution. The drawing attached shows how this could be achieved. It was distributed to the residents of the area for their comments.

The response is tabled below:

Residents' Replies	Supporting	Against	Comments only
Alpine View	9	3	2
John Morel Place/Timbers Lane and Waitikiri Drive	1	2	7

Total replies received = 24

A total of 42% supported the proposed work, 21% were against and 37% made comments only.

Summary of comments received:

- Suggested kerb build outs be staggered to avoid congestion.
- Road width at kerb build outs a concern.
- Poor lighting at roundabout at Waitikiri Drive.
- Opposed to proposed plan.
- Endorse proposed plan.
- Please retain all existing kerb build outs.
- Make Alpine View Lane one way traffic flow.
- Remove all kerb build outs, increase number of speed humps to full width of road.
- Afternoon sun a problem.
- Concern for cyclists passing traffic at kerb build outs.

- Remove all kerb build outs for better traffic flow.
- Traffic calming needed in Waitikiri Drive.

CONCLUSION

As noted in the consultant's report it was considered that it would be a mistake to take out all the restraints, and it was suggested that something had to be done to stop the first kerb build out being struck. The City Streets Unit agrees with the consultant's findings. To remove the existing traffic restraints would encourage a larger number of motorists to use this road as a short cut, and most likely at inappropriate speeds. To stagger the kerb build outs would create a slalom course for motorists and encourage some undesirable 'hoon' behaviour in the street.

The proposal for the installation of additional traffic calming measures between the roundabout and the first kerb build out, and a painted side line to direct vehicles around it, is considered to be the preferred solution by the residents. This work is estimated to cost \$12,000.

The proposed additional traffic calming measures in Alpine View Lane, does not gain a high enough priority for funding of this type of work on a citywide basis, at this time. Should the Community Board agree with the proposed work it is asked to consider funding the improvements. Timing of any work will depend on funding being allocated to the project.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board support the installation of additional traffic calming measures in Alpine View Lane.
 2. That the Board consider funding this work.
 3. That Sonja Barker and other residents be informed of the Board's decision.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the abovementioned recommendations 1 and 3 be adopted.
 2. That the Board consider the traffic calming measures as a capital works project proposal for 2003/04.