

11. SLATER STREET – DUDLEY CREEK ENHANCEMENT

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This report has been referred to the board for its consideration and recommendation to the Council.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to consider the purchase of a severance from 161 Slater Street as part of the Council's enhancement and walkway programme for Dudley Creek.

BACKGROUND

As the Board will be aware consent has recently been obtained to the redevelopment of the Hammersley site situated on the corner of Hills and Shirley Roads through the construction of a small shopping complex. As part of the consent process the Council was able to negotiate the enhancement of Dudley Creek with the developers with a view towards providing a linkage through to Slater Street and to the Shirley Community Centre. Prior to the development proceeding Dudley Creek at this point was a box lined drain running through privately owned property. As a consequence of the Council's involvement it is now being developed as a feature to the complex with the box drain being naturalised into a stream providing an attractive and public element to the complex.

PROPOSED ACQUISITION

In order to facilitate public access and to complete the naturalisation of the creek it is proposed to acquire a severance from the property situated at No. 161 Slater Street. The area to be acquired is depicted on the attached plan and shown as Section 1 containing approximately 368 m². To facilitate the development it will however be necessary to replace the garage situated on the property. At the present time the property has a partially completed driveway located to the north of the house and it is intended to site a new garage in the north-western corner of the section and to seal the new driveway. An agreement has been reached with the owner to acquire the area concerned subject of course to the Board's recommendation and Council's approval. The financial details relating to the purchase of the land, together with the other site improvements are included in the Public Excluded section of this report.

FUNDING

Provision has been included within the Annual Plan in the 2001/2002 Parks and Waterways budget for this project and sufficient funds are held to complete the purchase this financial year.

GENERAL

The acquisition of this land will provide a useful pedestrian link alongside the naturalised stream between Shirley Road and Slater Street and will complete the walkway system between Chancellor Street through the Community Centre to the new shopping complex. As a consequence of the proposal an area of Dudley Creek which until now has been in private ownership will be available for public utilisation and appreciation.

Recommendation: That Section 1 on the attached plan 23597/2 containing approximately 368 m² be acquired from the property situated at 161 Slater Street as Local Purpose (waterway) Reserve on the terms contained within the Public Excluded section of this report.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.