

## 7. BENTLEY STREET/PINEHURST CRESCENT – RUSSELY SCHOOL ACCESS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to implement a consultation plan (**attached**) for a proposed pedestrian refuge on Bentley Street for children attending the Russley School.

### BACKGROUND

Bentley Street is a collector road that runs between Russley Road and Cutts Road and carries approximately 1,000 vehicles per day.

Russley School is located in Cutts Road with a secondary entrance off Pinehurst Crescent, the school currently has approximately 350 pupils.

Children have experienced difficulty in crossing Bentley Street as both the Pinehurst Crescent and Fovant Street (informal) crossing points are obscured by the geometry of the bend in Bentley Street and parked vehicles.

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the project are:

- To improve safety for pedestrians
- To provide traffic calming
- Completing the project within budget and on time

Several options were investigated and the recommended option is outlined below.

### RECOMMENDED OPTION:

#### A PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ON BENTLEY STREET BETWEEN FOVANT STREET AND PINEHURST CRESCENT

The proposal is to install a slightly off-centre pedestrian refuge with a kerb build-out on the south side of Bentley Street and an intersection narrowing on the east side of Pinehurst Crescent.

The kerb build-out and the intersection narrowing improve pedestrians safety by reducing the area of roadway to cross, and providing adequate 'sight' distances.

### CONSULTATION

The consultation proposal is to distribute a publicity leaflet illustrating the proposed refuge accompanied with a text that will clearly explain to the community the reasons for the proposal and seeking their input.

It is anticipated that some residents may object to the banning of on-street parking. However, a safety audit conducted on the project clearly supports the amount of 'no-stopping' proposed as being an integral part of improving the roading environment at this intersection.

### ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The proposed work on this project meets the Council's requirements of providing environmental and social benefits to the community at reasonable cost by providing a safer roading environment for all road users, specifically the young and the elderly.

### CONSTRUCTION

It is anticipated that construction will commence in April 2003.

**PROJECT COSTS**

Bentley Street traffic calming	budget:	\$51,000.00
	Pre-design estimate:	\$51,000.00

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board approve the Bentley Street/Pinehurst Crescent project for consultation.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the foregoing recommendations be adopted.