

23. HOLLISS AVENUE – NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT WORKS

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The purpose of this report is to ask the Board to recommend that the planned work for Holliss Avenue be supported and consultation be commenced.

BACKGROUND

In 1999 a petition was received from residents requesting that the Council consider the installation of “judder Bars” at Hollis Park to address the problem of speeding in the street.

Holliss Avenue is a local road running off Centaurus Road up onto the hill area. Towards the Centaurus Road end of the street, the road is flatter and on the eastern side of this section is a park that is popular with children and families.

PROPOSAL

Holliss Avenue has a 12 metre wide carriageway that allows two way traffic and parking on both sides of the road. It is a straight down hill run from Gunns Crescent to Centaurus Road and there are no visibility problems through this section. These factors encourage faster speeds.

The project team looked at several options for the section of road adjacent to the park:

- Option one was to build a raised platform at 8.5 metres wide. This would have allowed two way traffic but it was felt that this would have little effect on slowing traffic and it could create confusion for pedestrians who may cross here thinking they had the right of way.
- Option two was a long flowing chicane. This would have been a one way section that would remove on street parking. There was the possibility that it may have become a “challenging” piece of carriageway for some local drivers. The costs for this were considerably more, being nearly four times the budget.
- Option three was a shorter chicane. This would reduce the carriageway to one way, create a safe crossing area for pedestrians and remove some on-street parking. The project team felt that this option best meets the community concerns and the aims and objectives of the project.

The proposal attached (option three) is designed to address to issues raised in the petition and to provide a safe area for park users to cross the street.

The budget for this proposal is \$20,000 for neighbourhood improvement works and the preliminary estimate for the work is \$55,000. The City Streets Unit supports this work and to be able to undertake this work it is proposed to take budget from the Bowenvale Avenue Neighbourhood Improvement work scheduled for next year and redistribute it to both Domain Terrace and Holliss Avenue.

CONSULTATION

The proposal has not yet been communicated to the wider community and the next stage will be to communicate it to the Residents’ Association and release the attached plan in the form of a publicity leaflet to the immediate community.

Staff

Recommendation: That the proposal be approved for public consultation.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: Not seen by Chairman.