

### 13. CHARLESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLAN – OUTCOMES OF PUBLIC MEETING

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcomes of the public meeting held with Charleston residents and businesses on Thursday 5 September and seek the Board's support for the next stage of consultation.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Charleston Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) was published in September 2001 and since that time the focus for the area has been on putting the NIP into action.

From 2002/03 forward, budget provision has been made to renew the old dish kerb and channel. Residents in the first streets that are to have kerb and channel renewed were sent a questionnaire that enabled Council Officers to capture their concerns.

The Urban Renewal Team with support from City Streets Unit employed Earl Bennett, a Landscape Architect, who has his offices in the area, to produce some concepts for the streets. These concepts included some designs that could become generic for the area.

The designs were then costed and presented to a residents' meeting on Thursday 5 September 2002.

#### **DISCUSSION**

At the public meeting the objective of the project was outlined – to renew the kerb and channel, the constraints to the project were given – services, budgets, and the business zone to the south, and other factors which may have an influence on the area were noted - 40k/h speed zone trial and the Ferry Road designation.

Earl Bennett presented his concepts. He explained the design criteria he used and how the designs presented had been developed.

#### **CONCLUSION**

An agreed co-ordinated solution was reached by those present at the meeting. The agreement included road narrowing and textured surfaces, platforms at the entrances to the area, textured intersections, offsetting of the carriageway where space permits, planting, and signage at the entranceways but no road humps.

A publicity pamphlet will be drawn for Barbour Street south of Charles Street, and for Charles Street. Copies of this pamphlet will be distributed to affected residents and businesses, the local Residents' Association and displayed at the local Post Shop and the Linwood Service Centre.

#### **Staff**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the Board support the proposed consultation proposal.

#### **Chairperson's**

- Recommendation:** That the recommendation be adopted.