

10. THORRINGTON, WHERSTEAD AND WOODBRIDGE ROADS – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Community Board approve for distribution and consultation the publicity leaflet showing the proposed kerb and dish channel replacement work in Thorrington Road, Wherstead Road, and Woodbridge Road.

Thorrington and Wherstead Roads are on the Capital Works Programme to have kerb and dish channel renewal work carried out during the 2002/2003 financial year, with Woodbridge Road in 2006/2007. In the interests of efficiency and economy, Thorrington and Wherstead Roads have been combined into one project. It is considered desirable to include Woodbridge Road residents in the consultation process, as the three streets (Thorrington, Wherstead and Woodbridge) are contained in a distinct neighbourhood. The issues and views of Woodbridge residents are important and need to be considered in developing the scheme option for the neighbourhood as a whole.

An amount of \$438,272 is budgeted for Thorrington Road, \$205,639 for Wherstead Road and \$214,800 for Woodbridge Road.

Local residents have been contacted by way of an initial survey to reveal any issues that should be addressed with this work before the publicity plans were drawn. The residents requested that the following issues be considered:

- Slow the traffic down on the corner of Thorrington Road at Majestic Lane.
- Can it be done in a similar style to Prossers Road?
- Don't install judder bars.
- Don't close off the Cashmere Road end of Thorrington Road (from a Cashmere Road resident).
- It would be a good idea to make the Cashmere Road end of Thorrington Road left turn out only (Thorrington Road residents).
- Don't close off the Colombo Street end of Thorrington Road (a Thorrington Road resident).
- Traffic should be encouraged to use Thorrington Road to reduce traffic congestion at the Dyers Pass Road/Cashmere Road/Colombo Street/Centaurus Road roundabout (from a Cashmere Road resident).
- Please install a one-way section or speed humps in Thorrington Road between Wherstead and Woodbridge Roads.
- It would be acceptable to install islands in Thorrington Road to slow cars down.
- Please fix the flooding problems that occur with medium to heavy rain at the Colombo Street and Cashmere Road ends of Thorrington Road.
- Please make sure my section drainage functions as well as or better than it does now.
- Keep the existing street trees.
- Please remove the street trees outside No. 5 Woodbridge Road and No. 1 Thorrington Road.
- Please do something about the shading the high trees cause in Thorrington Road.
- Why should the Woodbridge Road residents have to wait till 2006/07 to have their street done?
- Please resurface the street using asphalt rather than chipseal.

Council staff also identified that the following objectives should be met with the work:

- Replace the existing kerbs and deep channels with kerb and flat channel.
- Minimise traffic taking a short cut through Thorrington Road.
- Reduction of traffic speeds in these local roads.
- Improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
- Provide improved pedestrian/cycle crossing facilities.
- Provide suitable parking to meet the needs of the residents.
- Retain existing street trees and enhance the streetscape.
- Upgrade any inadequate street lighting.
- A completed project which will satisfy the needs of the asset unit and the community.

After considering the above issues and objectives different options have been considered and the proposal shown on the appended publicity leaflet has been drawn up.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Community Board approve the attached publicity plans for distribution.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be supported.