

**10. BANKS AVENUE KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL
(NORTH PARADE TO ACHILLES STREET - NORTH SIDE ONLY)**

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The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Board to publicise the concept plan for the Banks Avenue (North Parade to Archilles Street - north side only) kerb and channel renewal project.

BACKGROUND

The Council is proposing to renew the old dish channel in Banks Avenue (North Parade to Archilles Street) in the 2004/05 financial year.

Banks Avenue is a local road and the existing carriageway in this section is between 6 metres and 11 metres wide.

An initial consultation letter, outlining the Council's aims and objectives for this section of Banks Avenue, was delivered to residents in August 2003. The letter also sought feedback from residents on any traffic safety issues they would like addressed when this section was partially reconstructed.

Seventeen written submissions were received on this project and are attached to this report.

A project team meeting with the Greenspace Unit was convened to discuss Dudley Creek (south side of Banks Avenue), the issue of landscaping and the condition of the trees adjacent to the creek. The Greenspace Unit is happy with the way that Dudley Creek is functioning and does not intend to undertake any enhancement at this stage. However, it was identified that a large number of trees on the banks of Dudley Creek require either removal or significant pruning/surgery. The proposed kerb and channel work on the north side of Banks Avenue does provide an opportunity to coordinate both the civil engineering work and the replacement of some of the trees to coordinate the street enhancement.

RECOMMENDED OPTION

It is proposed to maintain a consistent seven metre wide carriageway through this section of Banks Avenue and to not formalise any on-street parking by installing parking bays.

The no stopping restriction would be extended on the south side of this section of Banks Avenue so that it extends from the existing threshold at the Banks Avenue/North Parade intersection to just east of the Banks Avenue/Achilles Street intersection.

The kerb and channel on the north side will be replaced and the existing edge of seal will be retained on the south side.

The existing threshold on Banks Avenue at its intersection with North Parade will be retained to support the change in road hierarchy from a collector road to a local road.

The Water Services Unit has a sub main replacement project scheduled for completion in Banks Avenue in 2003/04. This work will be completed before the partial road reconstruction work is started.

SCHEME PLAN AUDIT

A scheme plan audit indicated that the existing power poles adjacent to the existing kerb outside the properties at 9a and 23 Banks Avenue should be moved as the new kerb and flat channel will provide less protection for motorists than the existing dish channel.

The project cost outlined below allows for the relocation of these poles away from the kerb line and footpath.

PROJECT COSTS

The cost estimate for this project is \$141,000 including a contingency sum of 15%.

CONSTRUCTION

It is anticipated that construction will be completed before September 2005.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board approve the Banks Avenue (North Parade to Archilles Street - north side only) kerb and channel renewal project for public consultation.

Chairperson's**Recommendations:**

1. That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.
2. That the City Transport Unit be asked to install a rubbish bin in Banks Avenue, near to North Parade.
3. That the City Transport Unit be asked to report to the Board on the need for further traffic calming measures in Banks Avenue prior to the commencement of the kerb and channel renewal work.