

8. NAYLAND STREET: PEDESTRIAN ISLAND

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcome of the consultation on the pedestrian island in Nayland Street and seek approval to proceed with final design, tender and construction (see attached plan).

BACKGROUND

The Board requested that Council Officers investigate a crossing facility at the shopping area in Nayland Street. Many residents cross from the village shops to the community facilities across the road.

With the work in Nayland Street west of Wakefield Avenue the intersection was offset and tightened up to slow traffic speed. A splitter island at the intersection caters for those who wish to cross at Wakefield Avenue. There are kerb build outs between the entrances to the carpark.

DISCUSSION

A publicity leaflet of the proposal to construct a pedestrian island between the existing kerb build outs was distributed to the properties between Wakefield Avenue and Stoke Street and throughout the shopping area, with additional copies being given to the Library and the Residents' Association.

Six responses were received and three were generally in favour of the proposal, one was against it and two did not state whether they supported it or not.

The concerns raised were access to the carpark area and that if a vehicle was waiting to make a right turn into the carpark it would block through traffic.

Design staff have looked at the issues raised. A second option of placing the pedestrian island further towards Stoke Street was investigated but would have resulted in 60 metres or more of no stopping either side of the road, resulting in a large reduction in on-street parking. The initial design has been modified – the island will now be placed on the north east side of the centreline rather than straddling it. This will leave a 5.5 metre traffic lane on the southwest side, allowing a vehicle to pull to the island and another to go through to the intersection. The traffic lane to the northeast will be 4.5 metres wide.

CONCLUSION

As the majority of replies were in favour of the work proceeding, and the modifications to the design have addressed the concerns raised, Council Officers request that approval be given for the proposed work to install a pedestrian island in Nayland Street to proceed to final design, tender and construction.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Nayland Street pedestrian island project proceed to final design, tender and construction.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.