

6. STATION ROAD/FLAVELL STREET/MARSDEN STREET/ROLLIN STREET

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcome of the consultation on the proposal to renew the kerb and channel, footpaths and grass berms in Station Road and create a community focal point at the intersection of Station Road/Flavell Street/Marsden Street/Rollin Street, and seek approval to proceed with final design, tender and construction (refer also to clause 16.7).

BACKGROUND

The intersection of Station Road/Flavell Street/Marsden Street/Rollin Street has been promoted in the Heathcote Community as a focal point. With the renewal of kerb and channel in Station Road and funding made available to upgrade the intersection, an opportunity arose to pursue with the community, a focal point idea.

An initial meeting was held with residents on 25 June 2003, followed by meetings with the Heathcote Valley School, St Mary's Church and businesses in the area, to explain the aims and objectives of the project and gain insights into the community expectations.

A second meeting was held on 2 August 2003 to confirm the objectives of the project and comment on some options for the street and intersection.

CONSULTATION

The preferred option from the second meeting on 2 August 2003 was distributed as a publicity leaflet to all who had attended the meetings and residents and property owners in the area bounded by Martindales Road, Bridle Path Road and the railway line.

Twenty replies were received to the publicity leaflet and two site meetings were held. Of the replies 15 were in favour of the work taking place and four were against (see attached consultation comments).

The main issues of concern were:

- the footpath being placed approximately one metre from the boundary fence and grass between the fence and the path
- the number and type of trees
- the paving – the position, the busyness and the amount
- the landscaping at the Valley Inn.

The Project Team has worked through the issues raised and made the following amendments to the attached concept plan:

- The footpath on the eastern side of Station Road has been repositioned against the property boundaries and will be 1.8 metres wide.
- Trees - two of the proposed pin oaks have been removed. One outside No. 28 is a result of the repositioning of the footpath and one outside No. 22 at the request of the property owner. Pin oaks were shown as the street tree to complement those that are already in the street and the landscape architect has advised that they should remain. The six between the driveway at No. 20 and the intersection have been reduced to four and respaced – they will be planted at approximately 20 metre intervals. The proposed pepper trees will compliment the exceptional specimen in the grounds of the Valley Inn and some native planting was requested for the community focal area.
- The paving along the frontage of No.16 has been reduced to the length of the buildings only. At the intersection the radial lines of pavers have gone, the intersection will be completely paved, and so will the space at the entrance to railway land. The roading pavers will contrast with the footpath paving. This has removed the busyness of the paving but kept the community spaces.

- The landscape area to the south of the Valley Inn on Marsden Street will be altered to better reflect the grass and tree area on the land between Marsden and Rollin Streets.

The amendments to the concept plan have been distributed to the community and they have been notified that the Project Team is reporting to the Board and seek approval to progress the project.

CONCLUSION

As the Project Team has amended the concept plan to reflect the community's concern, Council officers seek approval to take the concept to final design, tender and construction.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Station Road kerb and channel, and the Station Road, Flavell Street, Marsden Street, Rollin Street community focal point project proceed to final design, tender and construction.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.