

13. HENDON STREET KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL

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The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to consult on the concept plan for the Hendon Street kerb and channel renewal project (attached).

BACKGROUND

The Council is proposing to renew the old dish guttering in Hendon Street in the 2004/2005 financial year.

Hendon Street is a local road and the existing carriageway is 11.5 metres wide.

Staff prepared a preliminary list of aims and objectives for the project and delivered this list to residents in Hendon Street in August/September 2003.

The initial consultation letter also provided residents with the opportunity to provide feedback on what they would like to see in their reconstructed street.

The Council's objectives of the project are:

- To replace the existing dish guttering with kerb and flat channel.
- To improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- To enhance the landscaping.
- To complete construction by July 2005.

Fourteen written submissions were received from residents and they are as follows:

- I would like deciduous trees so light will not be blocked during the winter; wider access areas to driveways; quite a lot of cars park in the street so you need to ensure that adequate spaces is kept – but not at the cost of losing trees! Thank you for the consultation survey.
- A smoother entrance from Hills road, ie no 'dip'; I don't want to see a narrower street; grass verge; trees or speed humps; **Please note:** a home business across the road (we are at no 21 Hendon St) uses several parking space around our house.
- Please remove the bamboo – it is too destructive to other properties; I don't want judder bars, grass berms or a narrowed road; please ensure that the proposed plan is distributed to Hendon Street homeowners.
- We are at no 16 Hendon and would like the grass verge retained, including the trees that line the south western end of the street; the grass verge needs kerbing to stop cars parking on it; the extension of the grassed area outside No 16 towards and outside no 20; I don't want to see the removal on the on street parking area opposite No 16 and 20.
- I would like all aerial wiring under-grounded; improved street lighting; to have trees and sound protection from Hills road end, grass areas around the trees and edges to be concrete; flowering shrubs and more mature trees planted; I would like speed humps; Don't want to see paths made from the same material as the road; I have two oak trees about four years old, these will clearly grow too large for a small front garden, the Council could remove them and use them elsewhere(!)
- I would like to see many tussocks, as in Edward Avenue, hebes, cabbage trees(?), daffodils. **Please note: submitter made reference to a home operated business in the street, dog washing/grooming, the operator pours all the insecticide, shampoo and dog-hair into the gutters, I have followed this up with a call to an enforcement officer.** I don't want a narrowed street; roses or scrubby plants; we badly need a pedestrian island at the Hills Road/Hendon Street intersection. To help children and parents cross our street.
- I would like the trees continued down the street; the entrance into Hendon Street widened; I don't want speed bumps; I think that the brick paving at the end of streets gives a false impression to pedestrians, they think it is their 'right of way'.

- I would like speed humps; I don't want existing trees removed; I would like low maintenance plantings I don't want planted areas that allow weeds to grow rampant.
- I would like speed humps; I would like to see some 'work' undertaken at the Hills Road/Hendon Street intersection; the redevelopment of the Hills/Shirley intersection has made getting out of side streets a very risky and dangerous manoeuvre; I don't want any narrowing of the street.
- I would like angle parking in Hendon Street on the south side but only at the western end; a raised intersection at Cleveland /Hendon to slow traffic; I don't want large trees.
- Landscaping is important and the sooner the work happens, the better.
- Very happy with your proposal.
- A seating area to encourage a gathering/chatting; this street could look very good.
- Planting along the whole street.

LAND OWNERSHIP

The Council surveyor identified that some road reserves are occupied by the landowners at 129 Hills Road (corner of Hills Road and Hendon Street), 31, 39 and 41 Hendon Street. Property owners were approached and offered the opportunity to purchase the land, however, at this stage property owners are happy to have the 'status quo'.

RECOMMENDED OPTION

Based on submissions received from residents, staff have produced a concept plan.

The recommended option is to reduce the carriageway width to 8.5 metres wide. A paved mid block section would reduce the carriageway to 3.5 metres wide. The purpose of the mid block narrowing is to 'break' up the street into sections and make it less desirable as a short cut while supporting Hendon Streets local road status.

The paving and proposed corner kerbs on both sides of the threshold at the intersection of Hendon Street and Hills Road will be extended to highlight the presence of pedestrians. The carriageway width at the kerb build-outs is 7 metres.

The proposed kerb alignment will be held at the current alignment due to the location of the water main and Telecom underground services and consequently grass berms will not be installed on the north side of Hendon Street. However, grass berms will be installed on the south side of the street and street trees installed.

It is proposed to install kerb build-outs on the north side of the Hendon Street/Cleveland Street intersection along with a flush paved platform.

A formalised cul-de-sac turnaround area will be installed at the end of Hendon Street.

LANDSCAPING

A report from the Council arborist has highlighted that the majority of the existing trees in Hendon Street are in poor condition with a life expectancy of up to five years. The arborist does not advise waiting until the trees die completely and as inter planting is seldom successful as it creates an uneven design feature, the existing trees will be removed. The exception to the existing street tree removal are pin oaks at the corner of Hills Road and Hendon Street, while appearing to be held back in growth, they are nevertheless healthy and will be retained.

Proposed specimen trees and landscaping species as follow:

Specimen trees	Podocarpus totara 'Aureus' (Golden Totara)
	Sophora microphylla (South Island Kowhai)

Landscaping species Carex testacea (Sedge)
 Azalea mollis (Deciduous Azaleas)
 Phormium "Platt's Black' (Flax Cultivar)
 Leptospermum (Prostrate Manuka Cultivars)

PROJECT COSTS

The project cost is \$392,000.

CONSTRUCTION

It is proposed to have construction complete by the end of July 2004.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board approve the Hendon Street kerb and channel renewal project for consultation.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the staff recommendation be adopted.