

4. CASHMERE GREEN – COMMUNITY SHELTER

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of progress with the landscape plan for Cashmere Green, and for the Board to consider funding options.

BACKGROUND

As the Board is aware, the landscape plan for the Cashmere Green included a proposal for a community shelter. This would in effect be sited for use by bus passengers as well as walkers, bikers, and park users.

Funding for the shelter was not included in the original development, however, it is now on the capital programme for year 2006/07. A rough estimate for the building is approximately \$20,000.

RECENT DEVELOPMENT

In mid-December 2003 residents became aware that a section in the vicinity of Cashmere Green was being developed and, as part of the site works, a quantity of volcanic rock was being removed to allow for a residential dwelling. In discussion with the architect, it was suggested that some of the rock could be used for building the shelter. Discussions with Parks & Waterways staff have indicated that this could be possible. It would, of course, mean that the rock would need to be stored until the shelter was built.

PROPOSAL

During last year, a proposal was put to the SCAP Committee requesting consideration of some funding towards completion of the shelter as a SCAP project. While no decision has been made by the SCAP Committee, it was suggested that perhaps the shelter could become a community project, with input from local residents, in some way, towards its completion.

It is worth considering that if the excavated rock were used, with some voluntary involvement from the community, the cost of the shelter may be less than estimated. The Board may also consider providing some funding from its 2004/05 Project Fund, which could mean that the project could be brought forward to the next financial year. It should be noted that at the time of writing this report negotiations and discussions are just commencing, but further information should be available at the time of the meeting.

Staff

Recommendation: For discussion.