11. MAIN ROAD: ENTRANCEWAY TREATMENT AT REDCLIFFS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcome of consultation on the entranceway treatment on Main Road at Redcliffs and seek approval to proceed with final design, tender and construction (see attached plan). Refer also to subclauses 18.3 and 18.4.

BACKGROUND

Council Officers have been following some ideas for an entranceway into Redcliffs Village for some time. Several ideas and options were looked at and rejected because of safety or noise factors. These ideas have been worked through with the Residents' Association over the years. Any textured surface would create a noise issue for adjoining residents and a raised area has implications for large vehicles (this is the oversized route to the port).

A proposal for some brightly coloured bollards, planting, and a village sign has been pursued with the community. It is proposed, because of budget restraints, to put this in place on the town approach to Redcliffs Village only, as a start.

The proposal is to use the kerb build out and pedestrian refuge island area outside property Nos. 81 and 170 (service station). The concept plan showed the present kerb build out on the north side extended west to the next driveway, with yellow bollards in the kerb build outs on both sides of the road to give a narrowing effect, a free standing "Redcliffs Village" (with a Moa) sign in the new build out area, and new planting. The narrowing effect on the approach into the shopping area should slow the traffic through this area.

DISCUSSION

A publicity leaflet of the proposal was distributed to the community and 24 replies were received (see attachment). Of these replies, 15 stated that they generally supported the idea and five stated they did not support the proposal.

Those against the proposal have raised concerns about the two parking spaces that will be removed outside No.79. It is felt that this will have an effect on the businesses at the corner of Beachville Road. The parking spaces are 35 metres from the first business. There are three other parking spaces between the kerb build out and the first business and there is parking directly outside the businesses.

The butcher in the shopping area has indicated that he would support the entranceway if the parking outside the businesses could have a time limit. This request has been passed to the Network Operations Team to investigate.

The lengthening of the build out is to create a narrowing effect. If the bollards were placed on the present kerb build out they would not be seen, as the beginning of the build out is a driveway entrance.

Another concern is that the work will not slow the traffic and the money could be better spent moving or highlighting the pedestrian crossing at the supermarket.

The proposal is to highlight the village shopping area. The issue of the pedestrian crossing is being looked at as a separate project.

The colour of the bollards has been questioned and a suggestion has been made that they be wooden. The yellow colouring was proposed because they would stand out and better highlight the entrance.

No formal reply to the proposal has been received from the Residents' Association but it was the initiator of the project and the proposal was put to the Association prior to it going out to the community for comment.

CONCLUSION

The majority of the replies to the leaflet support the proposal. The businesses are some distance from the project and the removal of two car parks will not have a detrimental effect on these businesses.

The project meets the objectives of highlighting the Redcliffs shopping area and therefore Council Officers request that approval be given for the proposed work to install bollards, a sign, lengthen the kerb build out and address the design layout of the pedestrian island to proceed to final design, tender and construction.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Redcliffs Village Entranceway Treatment project proceed to final

design, tender and construction.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.