

## 10. SPEIGHT 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 publicise the concept plan (attached) for the kerb and channel renewal of Speight Street.

### BACKGROUND

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

Speight Street is a local road and the existing carriageway is 14 metres wide.

An initial consultation letter was sent to residents in August/September 2003 outlining the Council's aims and objectives for the project and seeking feedback from residents on what they would like to see in their reconstructed street.

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 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 the project by July 2005.

Eleven written submissions were received. The submissions clearly supported the Council's aims and objectives and a majority of submitters requested that the Council consider closing off Speight Street. The submission comments are attached to this report.

Attached to one of the submissions was a petition from five residents of Speight Street requesting that the Council give serious consideration to closing off Speight Street as residents feel it is used as a race way, test strip and major thorough fare for a variety of motor vehicles, seriously compromising the safety of residents, their children and pets.

Most submitters would like enhanced landscaping as well as a reduction in the width of the street as long as it doesn't compromise the amount of currently available on-street parking. The undergrounding of aerial wiring has also been requested.

### RECOMMENDED OPTION

The recommended option is to renew the old dish guttering with kerb and flat channel. The carriageway width would be reduced to 8 metres wide with 1.65 metre wide footpaths on both sides adjacent to property boundaries. Grass berms and street trees would be installed along both sides of the street.

It is proposed to 'stop' Speight Street with a cul-de-sac head at the Aylesford Street end. A natural spring exists in Speight Street and the Parks and Waterways Unit have been approached and are in agreement that a water feature, incorporating the spring, could be installed within the 'stopped' area between Speight Street and Aylesford Street. Landscaping, trees and a seating area is also proposed within the 'stopped' area.

The 'stopping' of Speight Street will require a formal process and could delay the project.

All property access would be maintained, along with on-street parking, except in the area forming the cul-de-sac head.

### PROJECT COSTS

Currently project costs are estimated at \$445,000 which includes a contingency of 15%.

**Staff**

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

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the staff recommendation be adopted.