

28. PROPOSED ROAD STOPPING: MONCK'S SPUR

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The purpose of this report is for the Board to reconsider its earlier recommendation not to commence road stopping procedure to parcels of road land outside 178, 186 and 183 Moncks Spur Road. The earlier decision was made in June 2003 and a copy of the report is attached.

BACKGROUND

Towards the later part of 1999, the Council commenced road stopping procedure for the parcels of road land outside 197 and 207 Moncks Spur Road. These parcels of surplus road land were adjacent to 183 and opposite 178 and 186. It was during the road stopping process that these owners requested the staff to initiate similar processes that would enable them to acquire surplus road land.

On June 2003 a report (attached) was presented to the Board to consider "the strips of road land that are surplus for road":

- a) Outside house numbers 178, 186 and 183
- b) Outside house number 220
- c) Eastern side of Moncks Spur Road (between no. 207 and Mt Pleasant Road)

The Boards decisions were:

1. That the Board decline to approve the commencement of the road stopping procedures for that portion of Moncks Spur Road shown on the attached plan and outlined above in Clauses A and C.
2. That a further report be brought back to the Board on that portion of Moncks Spur Road shown on the attached plan and outlined above in Clause B, so that it can be considered in detail for safety reasons.

In reaching the decisions the Board was concerned that no long term plan has been developed for this section of road.

The owner of no. 183 has raised concerns with the Council on numerous occasions on issues relating to land drainage, zonings, land developments, adjacent property and disposal of road land and hence this report.

When reconsidering its earlier decision, the Board needs to take into consideration:

1. That the land owners have taken care in maintaining the hedges.
2. That the trees are over 50 years old.
3. That conflicts with existing planting will occur with more residential activities along this part of the road.
4. That the staff have considered the parcels of road land as being surplus to roading purposes.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board recommend to the Council that approval be given to commence the road stopping procedure for parcels of road land outside 183, 178 and 186 Moncks Spur Road with a covenant to protect the existing planting.
 2. That a new valuation be obtained for the parcels of road land for disposal.

Chairperson's Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairperson.