

1. CATHEDRAL SQUARE STAGE 5: FINAL CONCEPT ROADING PLAN

The Subcommittee considered a report by Ross Herrett, Project Manager, seeking the adoption of the concept plan for the roading layout for Stage 5 (north-west quadrant) of the Cathedral Square (copy attached).

1. BACKGROUND

Following consultation involving a series of meetings regarding the traffic engineering aspects of the Stage 5 redevelopment together with the section of Worcester Street between Oxford Terrace and the Square, the Cathedral Square Subcommittee resolved on 3 May 2004 that a partial two-way solution for traffic be introduced for the Stage 5 redevelopment.

It was agreed, based on this resolution and other issues identified in the consultation, that staff should prepare possible design solutions.

2. OPTIONS

Four options were duly considered by the Cathedral Square Completion Steering Team. They were:

Option A:

This option retained both existing islands with a drop-off area for two shuttle buses between the islands for east bound shuttles. The larger islands acted as a split for east and west bound traffic. A mixture of public and shuttle bus parks were located on each side of the roadway.

Option B:

This option retained four of the angle parks from the original proposal but replaced the balance of the angle parking with two parallel parks for drop-off parking. Both existing islands were removed. Shuttle bus parking was retained on the northern side of the roadway.

Option C:

This option retained both of the existing islands with the southern island modified to provide an indented one way westbound drop off area for shuttle buses. Public car parks were relocated to the north side of the roadway.

Option D:

This option removed parallel and angle parks to accommodate a narrower crossing area for pedestrians from Chancery Lane.

3. RECOMMENDED OPTION

The Cathedral Square Steering Team agreed by consensus that a modified Option C incorporating a two way drop-off area for shuttle buses be forwarded to the Cathedral Square Completion Subcommittee for adoption at the 4 June 2004 meeting.

At the 4 June 2004 meeting of the Subcommittee the Project Manager advised the meeting that four contactors had been approached to carry out the project. Three of those were interested in carrying out the work but were unable to meet the timeframe requirement due to their current workload. One contractor has advised he can undertake the work and complete the project by October 2004. This particular company has set a good precedent with the work it had carried out on Stage IV of the Cathedral Square Project.

The Subcommittee **resolved**:

1. That the concept plan (modified Option C) as attached, be adopted subject to the following amendment:

“that the proposed kerb buildout as shown on the concept plan (on the north side of the Oxford Terrace/Worcester Boulevard corner) be deleted”.

2. That the preparation of contract documentation (working drawings, specification and schedule of quantities) and the tender negotiation with an approved contractor be approved.