

1. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 NORMANS ROAD/STROWAN ROAD – PROPOSED CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Mrs Julie Florkowski of 36 Alpha Avenue and Mr Brian Smith of 21 Normans Road presented submissions to the Board in opposition to the redesign plan requested by the local shop owners and some residents and considered by the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee on 3 February 2004.

Mrs Florkowski tabled a 50 signatory petition from Elmwood residents asking that the Board adhere to its decision of 2 September 2003 to approve for construction the proposed cycle and pedestrian improvements at and adjacent to the Normans/Strowan intersection. The primary concern of the residents was for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists using the Normans Road/Strowan Road route.

Mr Smith submitted that extended raised areas at each end of the shopping precinct, as suggested by the shopkeepers' proposal, was not required as excessive speed, was not the issue.

The submitters considered that implementation of the intended cycle lanes, median island and flush painted median would improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians and adhere to the Council's adopted cycle strategy.

Mr Andrew Macbeth, representing SPOKES, outlined his organisation's support for the residents' request that the Board reinstate the plan agreed to in September 2003. Mr Macbeth also referred to other possible improvements aimed at enhancing safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Members asked a number of questions at the conclusion of each of the presenter's submissions.

The submitters retired at the conclusion of their respective presentations.

The Chairman tabled and spoke to a statement outlining his concern at the extent of consultation and the cost of consultation to date related to this project.

Having now heard the differing views from this part of the local community in support of the plan previously adopted by the Board last September, the Chairman considered that it was important that the Board now showed leadership, and resolve on the way ahead at the present meeting.

Subject to confirmation that the previously adopted proposal met the Council's technical requirements, the Chairman proposed that the Board confirm its decision of 2 September 2003.

The Project Consultation Leader confirmed that the existing road width would accommodate the features proposed in the Council's project plan.

The Board then proceeded to consider the matters raised in conjunction with the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee meeting report of 3 February 2004. This report recommended that consideration should be given to the installation of extended raised areas, and parking limit lines to encourage more orderly parking in the shopping precinct.

Val Carter **moved**, seconded by Cheryl Colley, that the Committee's report and recommendations be adopted.

Mike Wall **moved**, by way of amendment "that the Board reaffirm its decision of 2 September 2003, that the proposal outlined on plan TP 156901, be approved for construction."

The amendment was seconded by Sally Buck and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division number 1, by five votes to four, the voting being as follows:

Against (5): Val Carter, Pat Harrow, Mark Kunnen, Barbara Stewart, Ron Wright

For (4): Sally Buck, Cheryl Colley, Yiyi Ku, Mike Wall

Mark Kunnen **moved** by way of amendment “that representatives of all parties involved in the consultation to date be invited to attend a working partnership meeting to work through with staff the options available and develop an overall community driven road design plan and report back to the Board in two months for adoption”.

The amendment was seconded by Val Carter and when put to the meeting was declared **carried** as the substantive motion.