

Waihoru
Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Wednesday 15 June 2022
Time: 8am
Venue: Boardroom, Beckenham Service Centre,
66 Colombo Street, Beckenham

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Update and further request for Item 9: Barrington Street / Cashmere Road / Purau Terrace Pedestrian Island Improvements:

Wednesday 15th June 2022

Kia ora Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board and Council officers,

Thank you for this opportunity to table a brief further request to the minor roundabout design improvements, as well as table a letter from the Deputy Principal of Te Kura o Huriawa Thorrington Primary School.

1.0 Painting the base of the Islands white.

The extension and rebuilding of the Barrington Street Island is welcomed as will achieve a compliant solution for people trying to cross east-west over Barrington Street. The additions of the 2No. handrails on each of the three islands is also supported, as this introduces a three-dimensional element (in yellow) to indicate to drivers (when they finally turn their heads around towards their exiting island) that they may expect to see people crossing on foot, scooter, pram or bicycle. We are grateful for these improvements, however, acknowledge that they are basic visibility and warning (dots for pedestrians) improvements and do not create safe crossing points for all ages and stages in order to instigate the urgent modal shift required towards more active and/or passenger transport trips. In bringing these roundabouts up to a basic standard, our further request for these improvements please be **that the base of the islands be painted white to improve their visibility**. Currently their grey aesthetic blends well into the surrounding road-scape, making them almost invisible.

These images illustrate the benefits of painting the base of pedestrian islands: Below: Currently invisible Barrington / Cashmere roundabout; and overleaf recently painted islands at Colombo / Dyers and Somerfield.



Barrington / Cashmere: invisible island



Barrington / Cashmere: Grey concrete and pavers



Colombo and Dyers: White paint lifts visibility



Somerfield Street Island: bright and visible

2.0 Bus Priority Project

We also acknowledge the possible future Bus Priority project and encourage the Council to prioritise safe walkable connections to and from bus stops as a logical and fundamental pre-requisite to achieve greater bus patronage numbers. Walking to / from buses is especially relevant here as the location of a possible future bus route along the northern side of Cashmere Road, indicates that it stops just west of the Barrington / Cashmere roundabout. This suggests local modal shift priorities, rather than say a commuter bus for areas further out of town. Without a significant redress of the priorities between cars and all other modes here, we do not in principle support road widening here at the roundabout as this would increase the safety issue via the length of exposure needed to cross in front of fast oncoming cars. We welcome early engagement into this process as many of us are all keen to see and use more efficient and effective bus services.

3.0 Te Kura o Huriawa Thorrington Primary School

Due to a change in Principal last term, a submission was not able to be made in the time frame. However, deputy principal Chris Panther has offered the following update in the attached letter.

Many thanks for your time in reading this and taking on board our minor recommendation for the white painting of the base to further improve the visibility of these islands as an interim solution.

Yours kindly,
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