

# Memo

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To: Elected Members & Executive Leadership Team  
Cc:   
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## Rolleston Avenue - Proposed transport works to support museum closure

### 1. Purpose of this Memo

- 1.1 The purpose of this memo is to advise elected members of proposed traffic management changes to Rolleston Avenue to support the redevelopment of the museum. This is an update to the original memo sent on 7 September 2022.
- 1.2 Canterbury Museum is planning a multimillion-dollar redevelopment of its Rolleston Avenue buildings. The museum applied for permanent and temporary easements for this work. These have now been approved by Council.
- 1.3 As a result, the shared path along the museum frontage will be reduced in width and will not be able to cater for the current demands using the path safely. There are ongoing capacity and safety issues on the existing shared path along Rolleston Avenue. Previous signage and marking projects haven't changed behaviours and the path can sometimes be unpleasant for pedestrians to use, especially when there is fast cycle or scooter traffic. This gives an opportunity to trial an alternative layout and improve safety for all users during the time required for the Museum re-development.

### 2. Update

- 2.1 To support the closure of the museum, and the reduced space available outside the museum on Rolleston Avenue due to construction requirements, it is proposed to introduce a number of changes for people travelling on Rolleston Avenue, which will extend north on Park Terrace to the intersection of Salisbury Street. These include:
  - Moving cyclists from the existing shared path to a two-way on-road cycleway on the western side of Rolleston Avenue to reduce the demands on the remaining path width for pedestrian safety. It is proposed to extend the cycleway to Salisbury Street and the bridge into Hagley Park, this provided an opportunity to improve the crossing point on Park Terrace at Salisbury Street. Groups of school children have been observed crossing at this point where there are two lanes of northbound traffic travelling at speed making it difficult to judge a safe crossing opportunity.
  - Providing a new crossing point south of the museum as the existing zebra crossing will be closed and the pedestrian crossing markings will be removed.

- Traffic calming to support lower speeds in locations where there are lots of people travelling on many different modes.
  - Relocating tour coaches from outside the museum and botanic gardens to the north side of Hereford Street. The current tour coach parking on Rolleston Avenue will be converted to parking spaces.
  - Creating P3 school parking on the south side of Gloucester Street to increase the number of spaces available for pick-up and drop-off.
- 2.2 It is proposed to install the works initially under a temporary traffic management plan in March 2023 prior to the closure of the shared path at the Museum. Once the temporary works are in place a report will go to the Council in mid-2023 to seek approval and confirm resolutions for the remaining period of the museum works, which is approximately 5 years.
- 2.3 Approval will be sought for the parking changes on Hereford Street and Gloucester Street in a report to Council following formal engagement.

### 3. Engagement

- 3.1 Information about changes to Rolleston Avenue were included on the Have Your Say Page for the engagement to be undertaken for the Museum easements.
- 3.2 From the engagement, additional discussions were held with Christ's College who were supportive of the proposals and requested the P3 parking on Gloucester Street with a bus stop for bus journeys to off-site sporting activities.
- 3.3 Discussions were also held with Christchurch Attraction regarding the relocation of the coach parking.
- 3.4 We undertook further engagement through door knocking residents and businesses along Rolleston Avenue, Park Terrace, Hereford Street and Gloucester Street on the week commencing 5 December 2022 to discuss the plans.

### 4. Conclusion

- 4.1 It is proposed to install a temporary traffic management scheme on Rolleston Avenue and Park Terrace for the duration of the closure of the Museum to support safe movements by all road users. This will include changes to parking on Hereford Street for coaches and on Gloucester Street for school activities.

### Attachments Ngā Tāpirihanga

There are no attachments to this memo.

### Signatories Ngā Kaiwaitohu

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