

Important considerations for decision making

1. Fit with Purpose of Local Government

Good quality local infrastructure and local public services have been considered through the design and extent of the road stopping to ensure satisfactory access to Beatson Reserve is maintained and the opportunity to provide a footpath in the future is protected.

2. Consistency with Community Outcomes and Council Policy

The proposed road stopping is not inconsistent with community outcomes or Council policies.

3. Risk

The potential for road safety risks have been assessed in the text of the report.

There are potential reputational risks to Council whichever decision is made:

- If the road stopping is continued, the objectors will feel they have not been listened to,
- If the road stopping process is stopped, the applicant will consider Council have not fully supported their initial decision for his application.

4. Financial impact

All costs resulting from this decision will be paid for by the applicant. The applicant has accepted this.

5. Degree of significance and level of engagement

This decision is not significant under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

6. Inclusion of Māori in the decision making process

No specific consultation with Maori has been undertaken.

7. Delegations

At its meeting on 4 August 2016, the Works and Infrastructure Committee delegated the responsibility for considering the hearing of objections to the Proposed Road Stopping at 80 Scotia St to a Hearings Panel. The Hearings Panel has responsibility to hear, consider, and decide on the objections to the Road Stopping proposed at 80 Scotia St.