

Petition: Officers' Response

Title: Traffic Management changes affecting Central Terrace, Glasgow Street and Upland Road

Primary Petitioner: Lisa Locke
Total Signatures: 93 (via ePetition)

Presented by: Lisa Locke
Contact officer: Paul Barker
Director responsible: Stavros Michael

Officers' recommendation:

Officers recommend that the Committee:

1. *Receive the petition and refer it to officers to inform their work*

Background:

This ePetition was initiated by Lisa Locke on 26 August 2011 and closed on 26 October 2011.

The details of the petition were: Banning the right hand turn out of Central Terrace onto Glasgow Street & creating a roundabout at the intersection of Glasgow Street & Upland Road. This is a very dangerous turn and the safety of all people both driving up the hill and turning from Central Terrace into the traffic needs to be considered. The position of the pedestrian crossing at the Upland Road intersection also needs addressing.

The petition was open to all members of the public with internet access to the Council's website. It received 93 signatures.

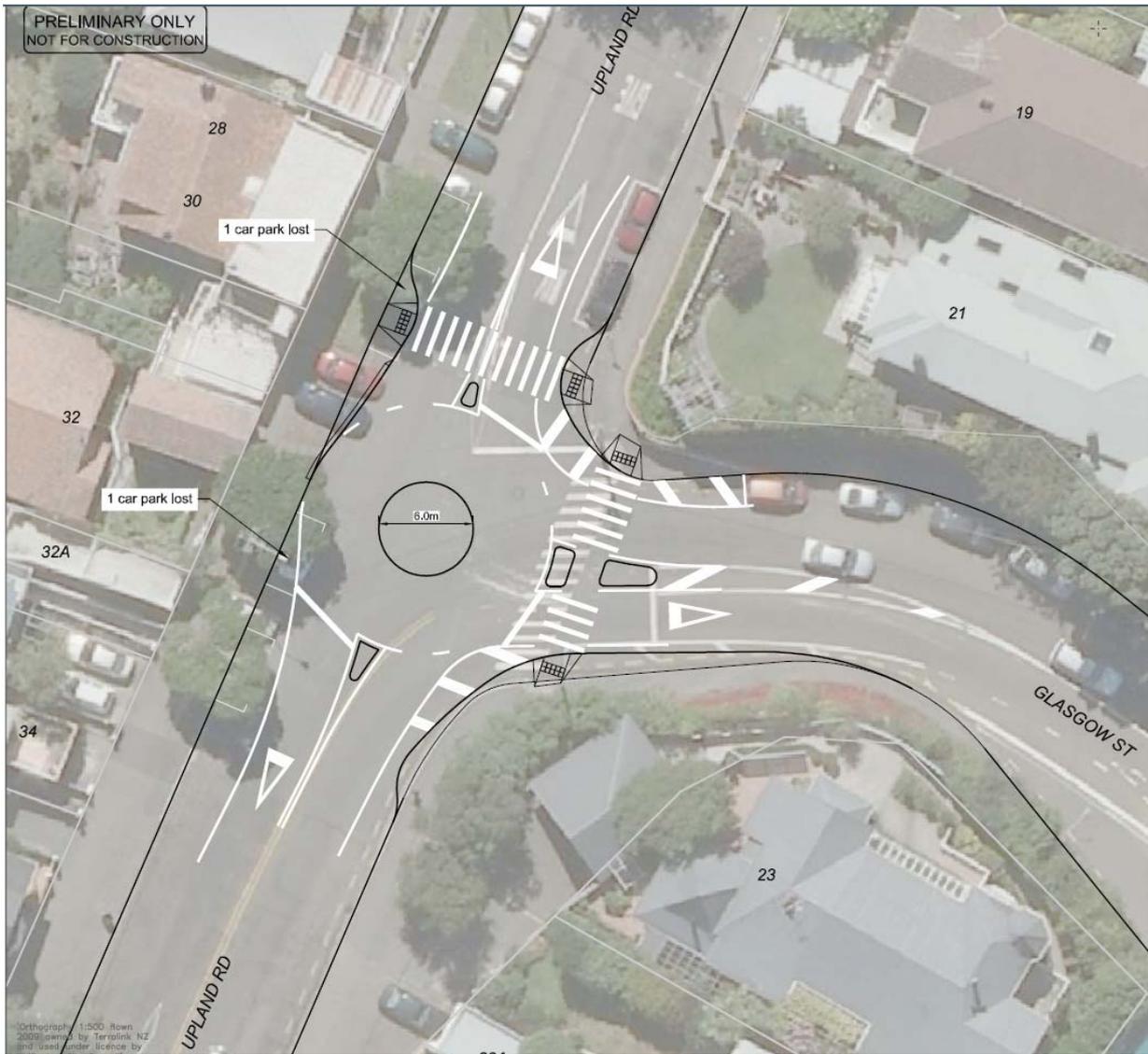
Officers' response:

To address safety concerns and make improvements to the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Upland Road and Glasgow Street Council Officers have put together a proposal to construct a roundabout.

Consultation is currently being undertaken with directly affected properties as there will be some loss of on-street parking to accommodate the roundabout. Provided that there is a satisfactory outcome from the consultation the roundabout and associated pedestrian crossing improvements will be completed by the end of June this year.

The installation of the roundabout will reduce vehicle speeds through the intersection, further enhancing the pedestrian crossing. The roundabout also provides an opportunity to install an additional pedestrian crossing on the northern side of the intersection over Upland Road.

Observations at the intersection show that many drivers from Central Terrace currently take the opportunity to U-turn at the intersection rather than trying to right turn out of Central Terrace. To ban the right turn and require all vehicles exiting Central Terrace to use the roundabout will require a resolution of Council following the process set out in the bylaw. Officers are of a mind to monitor the intersection once the roundabout has been installed to see if there is still a need to ban the movement. It is thought that most, if not all drivers will use the roundabout.



Indicative layout for proposed roundabout and pedestrian crossing improvements at Upland Road and Glasgow Street, Kelburn.