

Foreword

The streets in our towns provide for the needs of us all, whether we walk, cycle or travel by vehicle. Within the Gore District we are very fortunate that our streets are generally safe and pleasant places to be.

The purpose of the Gore District Streetscape Strategy is to identify, assess and provide for the needs of all users of our streets within our towns. These differ between the residential, commercial and industrial areas, and also vary depending upon the function of the street and the degree to which it needs to provide for through traffic. Much of the time streets provide a route along which to travel be it by foot, cycle or vehicle. However, a street is much more than that, providing opportunities for a range of activities, including meeting people, socialising, exercising and undertaking business. The appearance of streets also contributes to the character of a town.

The activities undertaken on land adjoining streets also impact upon the safety and amenity of the street. It is therefore necessary to integrate the objectives and policies of the Streetscape Strategy with other activities and functions of Council. This will be achieved by various means, including the Council's bylaws, the district plan and the operational management plans of the Council departments.

The Streetscape Strategy contains a number of actions and works which are considered desirable. These will not be achieved immediately and in many cases further consultation will be required prior to finalising the details of proposed works. Each year through the Annual Plan process the Council will consider what works can be funded in the following year. Input from the public will be vital in determining priorities to implement this Strategy.

The Streetscape Strategy also provides a framework for Council to consider requests to change street layouts, be they from individuals seeking to use or alter the street appearance adjacent to their land, or from groups seeking changes over a larger area.

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