

Community meeting follow-up

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Thank you to everyone who came out in the cold and rain for the community meeting last month. We've been busy going through all the feedback, and planning how we can best tackle the issues with roads and footpaths that you've told us you're most concerned about. You can see the presentations and feedback from the meeting at the 'newsletters and works notices' link at www.ccc.govt.nz/dudleycreek

This update outlines the areas we are planning to prioritise for works, and answers as many of your questions as we can at this stage. Many of your questions were of a similar theme, so we haven't answered each question individually, but tried to give you as many answers about how we plan to respond to the general issues raised. We are also looking into each issue raised about wastewater and stormwater issues at individual addresses.

Priorities – roads and footpaths

We've got a clear message that our first focus needs to be on:

- Petrie and Randall intersection ponding
- Completing Petrie Street roading and footpaths
- Completing Randall Street roading and footpaths
- Warden Street drainage, roading and footpath damage.

Last week the Council's 2018-28 Long Term Plan was adopted. The Long Term Plan, done every three years, outlines our priorities, our projects and how we propose to pay for it all over the next ten years.

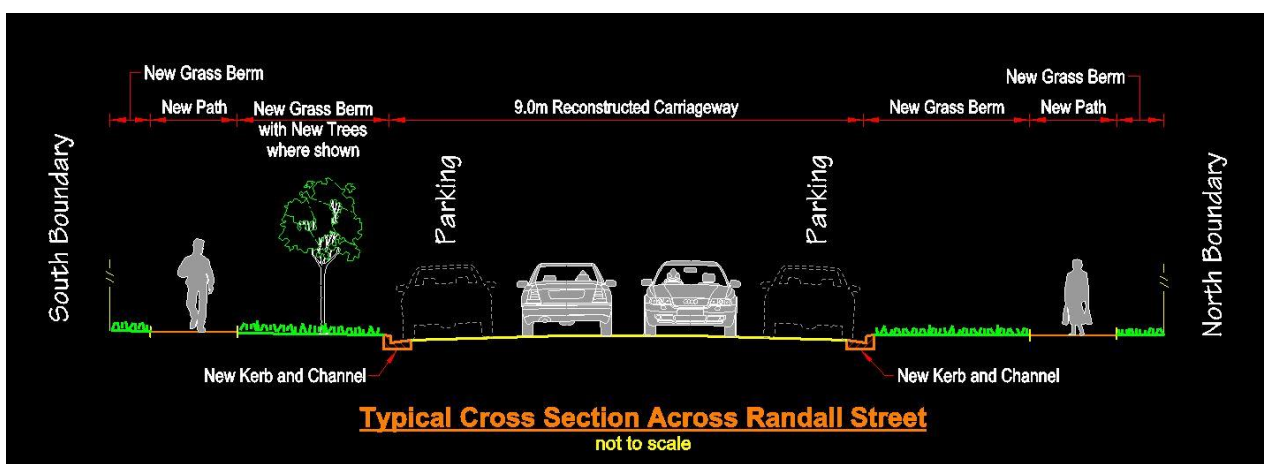
Now the Plan has been adopted, the roading team are working on planning for roads and footpaths in the area, and what we can do, and when. **We are looking to have works substantially underway in the four priority areas above in the next few months.** Summer is the optimum time for doing road works, so we will be aiming to do these works within the spring/summer period.

Petrie and Randall Street intersection

Ponding at this intersection is a significant issue. We have asked for additional maintenance, such as clearing the sumps, to be done here immediately to hopefully minimise this in the short-term, and prioritising works that will provide a permanent solution.

Full road reconstruction

We've had a few queries about what we mean by 'full reconstruction'. The picture below shows what goes into a full reconstruction of a road – new carriageway, new kerb and channel, new berms and paths.



Sometimes, this may be only a section of a road, but it is still called a full reconstruction for the width of the road, rather than the length.

Other streets – we hear your concerns

While we are prioritising some streets, please don't think we haven't heard your other concerns. We acknowledge there are issues on other streets including Guild, Nicholls and Slater, and we will be looking to address these, just in a longer timeframe than the top priority areas.

While we await final decisions on the Residential Red Zone, roads through the red zone, and some on the boundary of the Red Zone, will have a limited level of service. With budget constraints and so much work to do, we cannot commit funding to these roads before we know what the future holds for the Red Zone.

Maintenance – action now

Many of the issues you've raised can be eased with more proactive maintenance, to improve what we have (road surfaces, kerbs, etc) and make them last longer.

We're looking into each of the individual wastewater and stormwater issues you have raised across the area, including urgent work on toilets not flushing in Warden Street.

We will put more resource into work on things like:

- Pothole repairs
- Line markings
- Sealing
- Repairs to dish channels
- Grate and sump inspections and ongoing clearing.
- Signage
- Tree maintenance
- Crossing blocks
- Changes to streetscapes to reduce speed

We know there are areas where previous works are failing, and we are working with our maintenance teams to properly fix potholes and new seal where it is breaking up. This may mean resurfacing some areas.

Dudley Creek works

We are on track to have all Dudley Creek contractors out of the area by the end of August. This includes contractors working on St Albans Creek, and vacating the construction compounds on the former Anglican Living site on Guild Street, and the Shirley Community Centre site.

There will still be works to complete on St Albans Creek. Once we have the agreements we need to continue with this work, we will return to elected members for agreement to confirm the new works programme and appoint a new contractor.

The fences at the top of Stapletons Road are to protect newly grassed areas. As soon as the grass is established, the fences will be removed.

There is some landscaping still to be done along Dudley Creek. Winter is planting season, but the ground needs to be sufficiently dry for plantings to have a good chance of survival, so we are waiting for a window to do this. Weather allowing, we hope to have all the planting done by spring.

In answer to queries on the galvanised fencing at the top of the culverts, these will not be painted. It's our normal practice to leave these unpainted, as paint will flake and requires costly maintenance.

Next steps

We are committed to keeping you regularly informed about roading and footpath issues in your area, and the key ways we'll do this is through the e-newsletter, and through the works notices page you can get to through www.ccc.govt.nz/dudleycreek - just click on the box at the top of that page.

Please subscribe to the e-newsletter by emailing richmond@ccc.govt.nz. The Community Board will also share information through their Facebook page. We'll look to meet with the community again in spring when we'll have a clearer idea of works programmes.

Communicating with you

From an environmental perspective, and cost, we have a digital first policy, where we aim to communicate via email and our website wherever possible. We understand not everyone is online, so if you would like us to post you out a copy of our e-newsletters, please give Ann a call on 941 8717.

We will continue to deliver works notices to mailboxes to residents living in the immediate vicinity of any works. We will be back in touch with another e-newsletter in coming weeks.