

**ITEM 40. TRAFFIC TREATMENT – CONTINUOUS FOOTPATH TREATMENT –
GEORGE STREET NEWTOWN**

TRIM RECORD NO: 2014/284365

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the installation of a continuous footpath treatment in George Street just east of the intersection with King Street, Newtown at an entrance to the Newtown High School of the Performing Arts.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City proposes to introduce a continuous footpath treatment in George Street just east of the intersection with King Street, Newtown at an entrance to the Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, slow vehicle speeds and enhance the streetscape.

COMMENTS

The RMS Technical Direction for Continuous Footpath Treatments (TDT 2013/05) states that continuous footpath treatments are only applicable for intersections carrying no more than 45 vehicles per hour and the driveway layback is no wider than 7 metres.

Traffic counts commissioned for seven days from 6 -12 June 2014 in George Street, east of King Street, recorded a maximum peak-hour volume of 3 vehicles for George Street. As this maximum peak is well below the RMS warrant for continuous footpath treatments, the proposal is compliant from a traffic volume perspective.

In addition, the crossing width proposed for the continuous footpath treatment is again well below the RMS warrant – George Street, just east of King Street, is approximately 5.8 metres wide. Again the proposal is compliant with regards to the proposed crossing width.

The new continuous footpath treatment **will not** affect on-street parking or traffic flows in the local area.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 7 letters sent out with no responses supporting or opposing the proposal. However the City has received separate support for this proposal from the Newtown High School of the Performing Arts.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget as part of the City's Footway Renewal Program.

ATTACHMENTS

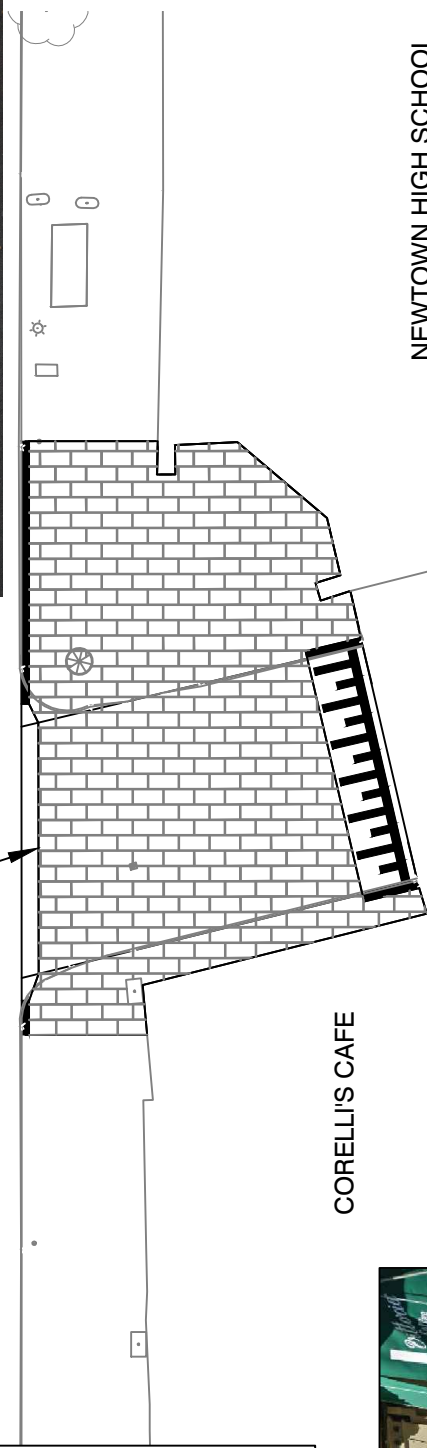
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PROPOSED NEW
CONTINUOUS
FOOTPATH TREATMENT

KING ST



NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
OF THE PERFORMING ARTS
(344-358 KING ST)

DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TO
NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
OF THE PERFORMING ARTS
(FORMERLY GEORGE ST)

CORELLI'S CAFE



CONTINUOUS FOOTPATH TREATMENT,
GEORGE STREET, NEWTOWN NOT TO SCALE