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ITEM: 30 **Bligh Park - South Windsor road link****FILE NUMBER:** GT230/011, GC281/076/ENG/INE29LBX.E11

REPORT:

There have been a number of reports previously addressing a link between Bligh Park and South Windsor. The long term and preferred link is an extension of Colonial Drive through to Berger Road which would occur with the development of North Bligh Park.

Notwithstanding the recommendation of a traffic consultant in relation to identified traffic needs for the area, Council resolved at its meeting of 10 April 2001 that Council staff continue to actively seek properties for purchase for an appropriate road corridor and report any opportunities to Council as they arise.

Further investigation has been undertaken into the provision of an alternate link between Bligh Park and South Windsor and a connection has been identified off Arkell Drive which would be in effect an extension of Hobbs Street through Council-owned land to Berger Road as shown on the plan displayed at the meeting. The connection would be approximately 250 metres in length involving the provision of a roundabout at its intersection with Arkell Drive, be constructed at this stage as a two lane rural type pavement ending in a T intersection with Berger Road. It would also be necessary to fence the eastern boundary of the road so as to confine vehicles to that area. It is anticipated that the link may not remain in this location when the North Bligh Park development ultimately occurs.

The provision of the roundabout at the intersection of Hobbs Street and Arkell Drive would provide some traffic calming to Arkell Drive which has been a source of ongoing concern from residents due to vehicle speed along this section of road.

It would be expected that the residents of Hobbs Street would have concerns regarding this proposal as it could have been envisaged that the street would have been unlikely to have catered for through traffic movements. As such the residents should be consulted regarding the proposal.

The estimated cost of the total project including the roundabout is \$97,000 (ninety seven thousand dollars) and at this stage it would be necessary to reallocate funding from the capital works program to allow the project to proceed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The residents of Hobbs Street be consulted regarding the proposal; and,
2. The matter be further reported to the next General Purpose Committee.

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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