

OBERON COUNCIL

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Present: Ian Tucker (in the Chair); Sgt Warren Bow; Councillor Clive McCarthy; Stuart Peden, RTA; Mr Tim Charge

Apologies

Nil

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 December 2010 were accepted. (Charge/McCarthy).

Business Arising from Minutes

Item 4 – O’Connell Road – The letter to the RTA about the road surface on O’Connell Road near Wiseman’s Creek has not yet been sent, but this concern has been discussed on site with the RTA. They decided to proceed with the reseal, as funding constraints meant that reshaping of the road cannot be done at present. A follow up letter will be sent to the RTA.

Declarations of Interest

Nil

General Business

1. B-Double Application – Cosgrove Road

An application has been received from Forests NSW to operate 19m overmass B-Doubles on the full length of Cosgrove Road. Proposed entry points into the forest were not specified.

A further application was received from FDC to operate 25m B-Doubles on the first 1.9km of Cosgrove Road from Abercrombie Road. Proposed access points into the forest are at 0.6km, 1.3km and 1.9km.

An assessment of the route has been carried out, and it is considered to be unsuitable for the following reasons:

- Inadequate sight distance at the exit point off Cosgrove Road into the forest 1.9km from Abercrombie Road.

Recommendation to Council: The Committee recommends that the application for B-Double access on Cosgrove Road off Abercrombie Road not be approved (Bow/McCarthy – unanimous)

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2. B-Double Application - Mayfield Road

An application has been received from Forests NSW and FDC to operate 25m B-Doubles on Mayfield Road to Munjarra Forest Road, approx. 800m from Sewells Creek Road.

It was noted that Forests NSW has altered Munjarra Forest Road so that it intersects Mayfield Road on a crest, at a location with improved sight distance.

An assessment of the route has been carried out, and it is considered to be suitable.

Recommendation to Council: The Committee recommends that the application for 25m B-Double access on Mayfield Road from Sewells Creek Road to Munjarra Forest Road be approved (Charge/Penden - unanimous).

3. B-Double Application- Sewells Creek Road

An application has been received from Forests NSW and FDC to operate 25m B-Doubles on Sewells Creek Road, from Abercrombie Road to Roberts Road.

This was a modification to a previous application which was rejected. The proposed turn into Pineview Road has been deleted.

An assessment of the route has been carried out, and it was also inspected by the Committee. It is considered to be suitable.

Recommendation to Council: The Committee recommends that the application for 25m B-Double access on Sewells Creek Road, from Abercrombie Road to Roberts Road be approved. (Bow/Peden - unanimous)

4. B-Double Application – Mt Werong Road

An application was received from Forests NSW and FDC to operate 25m B-Doubles on Mount Werong Road, from Shooters Hill Road to Banshee Road.

This was a modification to a previous application which was rejected. Other proposed exit points off Mt Werong Road into the forest have been deleted.

An assessment of the route has been carried out and it is considered to be suitable.

Recommendation to Council: The committee recommends that the application for 25m B-Double access on Mt Werong Road, from Shooters Hill Road to Banshee Road be approved (Charge/McCarthy – unanimous)

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5. B-Double Application – Beaconsfield Road

An application was received from FDC to operate 25m B-Doubles on Beaconsfield Road from Abercrombie Road to Skinners Road.

An assessment of the route has been carried out and it was also inspected by the Committee. It is considered to be unsuitable for the following reasons:

- Inadequate turning radius on the north side of the Abercrombie Road/Beaconsfield Road intersection.

Recommendation to Council: The Committee recommends that the application for 25m B-Double access on Beaconsfield Road, from Abercrombie Road to Skinners Road, not be approved. (Charge/Bow – unanimous)

6. B-Double Application – Felled Timber Road

An application was received from FDC to operate 25m B-Doubles on the first 1.2km of Felled Timber Road from Abercrombie Road.

An assessment of the route has been carried out, and it was also inspected by the Committee. It is considered to be unsuitable for the following reasons:

- Inadequate road width
- Inadequate sight distance at the exit point off Felled Timber Road.

Recommendation to Council: The Committee recommends that the application for 25m B-Double access on the first 1.2km of Felled Timber Road from Abercrombie Road, not be approved. (Peden/McCarthy – unanimous)

The committee also requested that a meeting be arranged with Forests NSW to discuss their approach to B-Double applications, and to better understand their systems in order to facilitate future applications.

7. Edith Road Speed Zone

The Committee has been requested to consider whether the start of the 60km/hr speed zone on Edith Road, approaching Oberon should be moved to the east side of the Fish River Creek bridge.

The Committee believes the 60km/hr zone already extends far enough and that extending it further is not warranted. It recommends that no further action be taken.

8. Carrington Avenue/Rupert Street Intersection

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The Committee has previously suggested that the intersection of Carrington Avenue and Rupert Street be altered to form a T Junction. However some time later Council resolved not to proceed with this proposal.

The Committee wished to have another look at this intersection, being concerned about the angle and the potential for accidents there, even if there is no serious accident history.

A plan was provided showing a possible layout, with a preliminary cost estimate of \$50,000. The Committee supports proceeding with this alteration when funding can be found.

Recommendation to Council: The Committee recommends that an amount of \$50,000 be referred to the 2012/13 estimates to improve the Carrington Avenue/Rupert Street intersection.

The existing no parking zone will also be extended to improve visibility at the existing intersection.

9. Albion Street Lighting

Councillor McCarthy requested that any possible sources of funding to install street lighting in Albion Street be investigated.

10. Edith Road/Butterfactory Lane

Council has previously prepared a plan and estimate to construct a right turn lane from Edith Road into Butterfactory Lane. Letters have been sent to the RTA, but to date there has been no response on possible funding.

Stuart Peden will investigate whether funding for this project could be made available.

11. Beaconsfield Road Centreline

Councillor McCarthy suggested centrelines should be painted on crests on the sealed portion of Beaconsfield Road north of Black Springs. This will be done in the near future.

Recommendations:

That:

1. The application for B-Double access on Cosgrove Road off Abercrombie Road not be approved.
2. The application for 25m B-Double access on Mayfield Road from Sewells Creek Road to Munjarra Forest Road be approved.
3. The application for 25m B-Double access on Sewells Creek Road, from Abercrombie Road to Roberts Road be approved.

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4. The application for 25m B-Double access on Mt Werong Road, from Shooters Hill Road to Banshee Road be approved.
5. The application for 25m B-Double access on Beaconsfield Road, from Abercrombie Road to Skinners Road, not be approved.
6. The application for 25m B-Double access on the first 1.2km of Felled Timber Road from Abercrombie Road, not be approved.
7. An amount of \$50,000 be referred to the 2012/13 estimates to improve the Carrington Avenue/Rupert Street intersection.

This concluded the business of the meeting and the meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

Confirmed this _____ day of _____ 2011.

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