

Road construction and sealing proposal - Sparrow Avenue and Edward Street, Anglesea

Council is considering constructing and sealing Sparrow Avenue and Edward Street in Anglesea. This project has been requested by several Sparrow Avenue residents, but will only proceed if there is a majority of support from affected property owners.

If it proceeds, the project would be considered as a ‘Special Charge Scheme’. This means the cost of the project would be funded in part by Council, but substantially by property owners who are considered to benefit from sealing the road and improving the stormwater drainage.

Council is seeking your feedback to determine the level of support and define the scope of potential works, and if the project is supported, to determine the most equitable cost apportionment to initiate a Special Charge Scheme. The following information provides some details about the possible works, estimated project costs, and information on how to provide feedback (see back page).



Possible works

Feedback from all property owners in Sparrow Avenue and Edward Street will confirm if there is sufficient support for the project, including if both streets should be included in any further investigation and consideration for inclusion in the proposed Special Charge Scheme.

Depending on resident feedback, proposed works may include:

- Installation of underground drainage and driveway improvements to replace the deep table drains.
- Pavement construction and a two coat bitumen seal between 4.5m and 5.0m wide, similar to the existing Sparrow Avenue pavement at McMillan Street.
- Sealing of the road intersections.
- Construction of kerb and channel.



PROPOSED SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME

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Project costs

Initial estimates for Sparrow Avenue and Edward Street indicate that the proposed work may cost between \$66,000 and \$460,000 in total, depending upon the agreed extent of works.

OPTION 1

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| Underground storm water drainage and driveway culverts improvement works only. | \$66,000 |
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OPTION 2

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| Underground storm water drainage and driveway culverts improvement works. | \$66,000 |
| Road pavement construction and sealing | \$174,000 |
| Estimated total cost | \$240,000 |

OPTION 3

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| Underground storm water drainage and driveway culverts improvement works | \$66,000 |
| Road pavement construction and sealing | \$174,000 |
| Construction of concrete kerb and channel | \$220,000 |
| Estimated total cost | \$460,000 |

OPTION 4 – DO NOTHING

If works proceed property owners will be required to fund most of the project cost through a Special Charge Scheme. Council will contribute a share that is considered to reflect the direct benefit to the wider community. Preliminary estimates indicate the average cost per property would be between \$3,500 and \$16,500, noting that owners of properties with sub-divisional potential may be asked to contribute more, and property owners without direct road access may contribute less.

It could be expected that the cost per property owner will increase by approximately 15% to 20% if the scope of works is reduced – eg: if Edward Street is not included from the project.

Where to from here?

We would like to hear from all property owners about their preferred option before Friday 17 December 2021. Officers will then review all submissions received and provide an update to all property owners in early February 2022.

More info and support for payment

Council has arrangements in place to allow anyone experiencing financial difficulty to confidentially discuss alternative arrangements on a case-by-case basis. For more details, or to find out more about special charge schemes, visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/sparrowedwardworks.



HAVE YOUR SAY

Online:

Complete the survey online at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/sparrowedwardworks by Friday 17 December 2021.

For assistance, or to obtain a hard copy survey, please contact us at info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au or **5261 0600**.

In person:

If there is sufficient interest we will arrange an information session, either online or in Anglesea (if COVID restrictions allow).

Please contact Eloise Gannon via email info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au or **5261 0600** to register your interest to attend an information session.

Questions and more information

Council is committed to working with you to ensure any infrastructure projects carried out through Special Charge Schemes achieve value for your investment. Your involvement in this process is encouraged and welcome.

If the Special Charge Scheme is initiated, the project would be considered as part of the 2022/23 Capital Works Program.

For more information, including frequently asked questions and project updates, visit: www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/sparrowedwardworks

For and other information contact Richard Bain on email info@surfcoast.vic.gov.au or **5261 0600**.