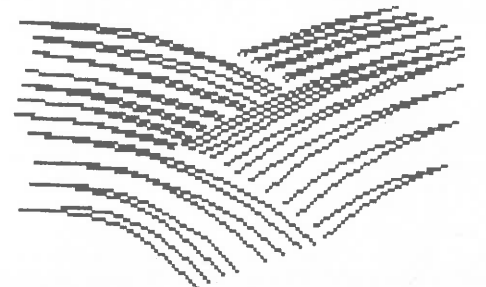




Kempton Streetscape Study

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1. OBJECTIVES

Relationship of Midlands Highway and Kempton

Encourage a sense of anticipation before and travelling alongside Kempton to encourage more visits.

- Strengthen the visibility and interest of Kempton township viewed from Midlands Highway.
- Conserve strong Memorial Drive planting, attempt to renew Memorial Drive as an access.
- Entries identifiable and attract interest from further back so drivers have more decision time to decide to detour.
- Provide a sense of climatic comfort and visual interest, just by passing, (but not too much).

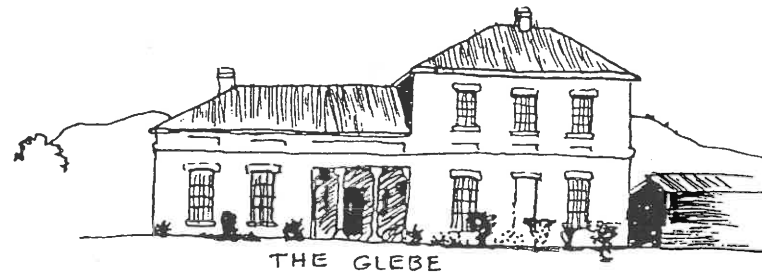
Balance needs for views in from the Highway with amenity of use of adjoining areas and buildings. Consider impact of noise, awareness of traffic movement and views to any landscape works.

Entries

- Straighten the identity of the highway entry points.
- Provide additional entry points onto the Memorial Drive travelling North.

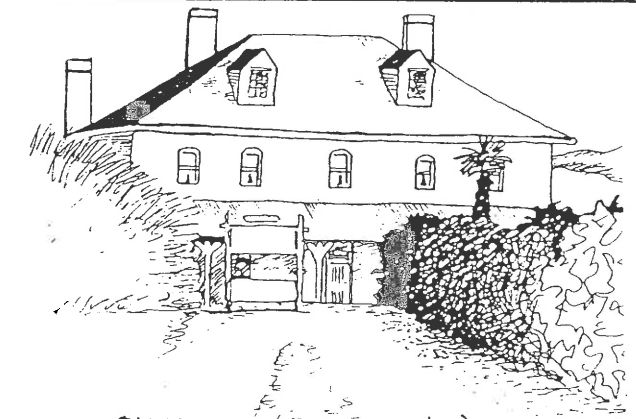
Kempton

- Drawout the existing subflavours of different parts of the Kempton. Heighten awareness of both the features off the Main Street and different characters along Main Street to lessen the impression that one can see it all in a single drive through town.
- Drawout the historic links to the crossing of roads and the ponds with stronger use of water and connecting roads as part of an interpretation strategy.
- Strengthen the identity of Kempton's more historic precincts particularly Main Street, so Kempton is memorable and distinguishable from other historic towns.



Interpretation and History

- Ideally requires a full strategy
- Requires a thematic history as the basis of works.
- Requires an oral history to involve local people.
- Visitor information laybys associated with entries, not overstated and associated with facilities.
- Also requires renewal of original signs.



OAKMORE (Royal Oak Inn)

2. CONCEPT

- 1. Strengthen Link between Midland Highway and Main Street Kempton
 - Visual connection
 - Tree line to east side of highway to encourage connection
 - Pick out specific shapes (buildings etc.) in strong cohesive colours
 - Protect and enhance vistas into township
- 2. Improve Southern Entry
 - Scenic Memorial Drive entry into Kempton re open to north bound traffic
 - Planting to emphasise sides of entry and this to be coordinated with highway planting and northern access
 - Develop ponds either side of bypass entry road
 - Possibly develop small parking area off road for highway travellers to stop and eat their fast food.
- 3. Improve Northern Entry
 - Review Kempton sign and reposition
 - Develop stone bridge as major tourist feature.
 - Improve planting (refer 2 above)
- 4. Improve Main Street as a cohesive whole
 - Planting public and private (borrowed)
 - Address problem of power lines
 - Catholic Church - Strengthen Street edge at corner. Formally a old stone wall achieved this.
- 5. Strengthen Civic Centre
 - Slow zone between Sugarloaf Road and Old Hunting Ground Road.
 - Upgrade PC Precinct
 - Demolish depot sheds.
 - Decontamination study / action.
 - Resurfacing around the precinct.
 - Make changes to children's play area Extend Greenery into Street and form walkway
 - Review Council Chambers with a view to organising a greater museum information function along with Council function.
 - Review Community Centre use, funding, external treatment.



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2. CONCEPT CONTINUED

- 6. Develop the village "services/attractions"
 - Bakery
 - Devonshire tea
 - Local farm produce
 - Need to offer unique products (word gets around)
 - Weekly or fortnightly market be developed
 - Antiques
 - Home made food. Mothers kitchen.
 - Industrial machinery
 - For truckies / road users you need to offer a place that caters for specific needs but many of them.

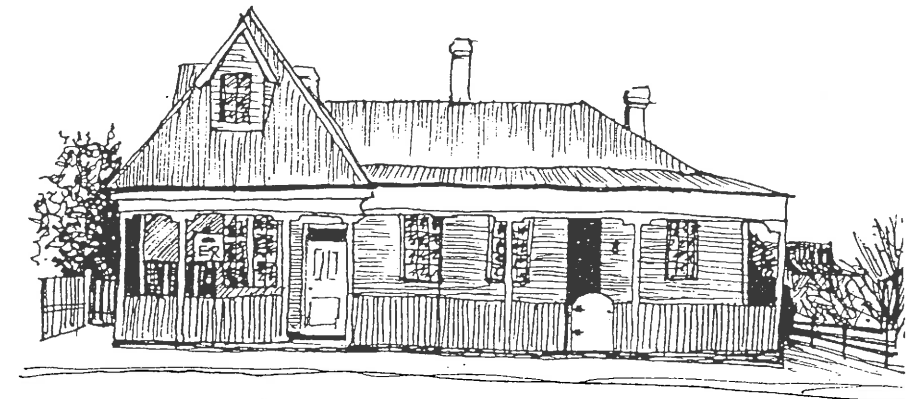
- 7. Ellis store
 - Strategy needed for appropriate action.

- 8. Develop unique park concept
 - Develop Ponds
 - Co-ordinated planting
 - Combine with road stop, pull over bays, litter bins
 - Walks, bike track, horse riding trail, bridge, exercise stops.
 - Needs unique features.

- 9. Encourage identification of old railway track
 - Planting to bank
 - Set up ways to allow use of embankment for walking / horse-riding.
 - Train play items.
 - Train museum items / memorabilia.

- 10. Street Tree Planting
 - Planting along Midlands Highway mainly to the east side.
 - Planting of exotics primary to the East side of the street.
 - Natives and exotics on side streets.

- 11. Develop Interpretation Strategy that informs appropriately
 - Kempton sign / symbol with date (where did date on current sign come from)
 - Separate sign when people stop which points out key spots
 - History interpretation on plaques near or on buildings.
or plaque set into footpath
or - At BBQ area
 - At vehicle stop points, each end of town
 - At PC Precinct or Council Chambers



POST OFFICE - Alterations refer Heritage Guidelines

3. IMPLEMENTATION

Responsibility

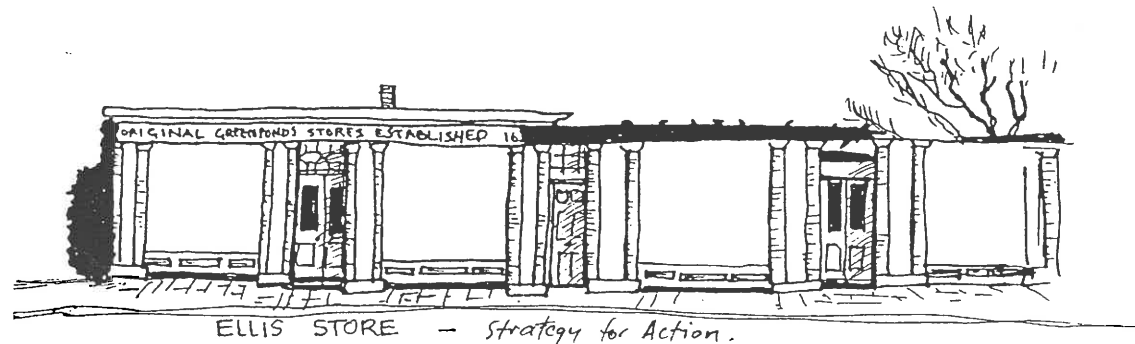
- Local people and Council, in partnership to effect a jointly adopted Strategy, but neither relying on the other. Add PG 7.
- Report adopted as Council Strategy, easier to get Planning Approvals for works if Scheme being reconsidered. Require site history of individual sites into the Scheme.

Set up a Community Group with a name that can act guarantor for projects being undertaken where monies are available.

- Right motivated residents
- Name
- Credibility
- Publicity

Priorities

- Initially put emphasis on works which are generated by local needs, i.e. works to satisfy locals, tourism may or may not be sustainable, cultural tourism appears the most enduring and makes the least and kindest requirements of local people.
- Changes to signposting associated with the Heritage Highway are in progress and findings from the community forum have been fed into that process.
- Preferably there should have been an enriching of the experience before drawing people in. The changed signposting places an urgency on works in the Main Street and particularly interpretation.
- Provide additional width to the Kempton experience, access to the Jordan River and Sugarloaf lookout. The School could assist with the gathering of the photographic record and collection of oral histories.



ELLIS STORE - Strategy for Action.



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History of "Streetscape Study"

- 24-4-97
 - Southern Midlands Council called a public meeting of Kempton residents to consider a proposal for a "streetscape study" of Kempton. Meeting held in the Kempton Council Chambers, 7.30 start.
 - Present:
Mayor Colin Howlett, Deputy Mayor DJ Manning, CLRS C Cartledge, P Tankard, Greg Walker (General Manager), Rob Vincent (Municipal Architect) and Peter Newton, Paul Gilby (Gilby Roussos Architects) and Noel Vollus, plus 17 local residents.
 - Paul Gilby engaged as facilitator.
 - Southern Midlands Council agreed to invite Gilby Roussos Architects to submit a "streetscape study" proposal.
- 30-4-97
 - Gilby Roussos Architects submitted proposal.
- 6-5-97
 - Southern Midlands Council formally engaged Gilby Roussos Architects.
- 18-5-97
 - All-day public workshop held at Kempton Community Hall.
- 23-6-97
 - Presentation by Mayor Colin Howlett of awards to Kempton School children who participated in the "streetscape study" colouring competition.
- 24-6-97
 - Public evening meeting to consider and discuss draft "streetscape study", Kempton Community Hall.
- 8-7-97
 - Presentation of final "streetscape study" together with implementation strategies by Gilby Roussos Architects, Kempton Municipal Hall.



LEGEND:

ROAD SIGN

INFORMATION SIGN

In General
Provide a series of incidents along Main Street while retaining the long gentle arc through the town as the dominant character. Tall deciduous trees along the full length of Main Street on the east side of the street to reinforce it's identity.

Glebe Precinct
Encourage better definition of front boundaries by private owners.

Commercial Precinct
Better use of the sports area. Shops are encouraged to refine their appearance.

A sign placed to give adequate notice for detouring into Kempton.

Ellis Precinct
Restore the Ellis Shop (in part) and highlight existing rivulet.

Civic Precinct
This is the community focus of town and visitor information centre. Road works and signs identify the 40kph Civic Precinct. Paving links the Clock Tower and Park opposite.

6
Develop ponds to make bridge more pronounced.
High quality picnic area.

BRIDGE PRECINCT



Sugarloaf Hill
Possible Lookout

Scenic route into town along Memorial Drive.

TO HOBART

A sign placed to give adequate notice for detouring into Kempton.

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MEMORIAL DRIVE PRECINCT

Strengthen entry road visibility.
Introduce images of ponds.

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ELLIS PRECINCT

Restore the shop and interpret rivulet with planting.

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GLEBE PRECINCT

CIVIC PRECINCT

Road works to identify the civic precinct and draw more attention to the clock tower and park opposite.

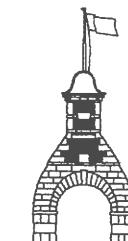
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COMMERCIAL PRECINCT

Planting on the east side of Midlands Highway directs attention to Kempton and provides a sense of being close to the town.
Retain Views into Kempton Streetscape and to Churches.



CONCEPT PLAN



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Approach to Kempton



Pull off highway into Kempton



Sign not straight and not well placed. Lighting insufficient light pole inappropriate.

Bend before village.



View of farmland from proposed car park.

South side
 White flowering landmark roses.
 1.8m high roses enclose and
 strengthen the entry.

Short term replace greyish
 conifers, provide little impact in
 the landscape.

Note: Roses are preferred.
 The best performing roses are
 subject to PVR registration and can't
 be reproduced. Local cultivars might
 be preferred if the work is to be
 undertaken by local people.
 Also note that roses may be stolen
 and should be planted with root
 anchoring and de-budded until roots
 are established.

Visitor information area (reduce
 impact of the first house and focus
 attention onto the more historic
 streetscape).

Picnic area alongside the ponds.

Ponds either side of entry road
 emphasise the Green ponds/Cross
 marsh historic imagery of Kempton.

Picnic Area
 Parking at heritage facilities between
 the trees.
 (subject to owners' approval)

Shape mass planting of roses on
 higher, well drained areas.
 White flowering low planting with
 1.8m planting behind.

Blaze of yellow suite tree planting
 behind on private property (if
 possible).

North side
 Retain existing conifers in the
 short-term, replace once other
 planting begins to mature.
 Remove Pyracantha berry bushes.

stopping off point highly visible
 from highway

Scenic drive to Kempton
 Entry only off highway

Trees to east side of Midland
 Highway.
 species to unify town and highway.
 Location of trees to bring town and
 highway together.

Improve road lighting at intersection
 choice of light fitting could be more
 sympathetic to heritage and be a
 common theme on the Heritage
 Highway.

SIGNAGE

- Earlier warning of Kempton
- Heritage Highway signage
- Kempton symbol should be the clock tower
- Information sign off highway where cars can stop safely should incorporate town plan, important buildings, history, recreation and key services
- Format constant with other towns on Heritage Highway

Retain existing conifers in short to
 mid term.
 Replace in a stronger shaped formed
 conifers.

MEMORIAL DRIVE PRECINCT

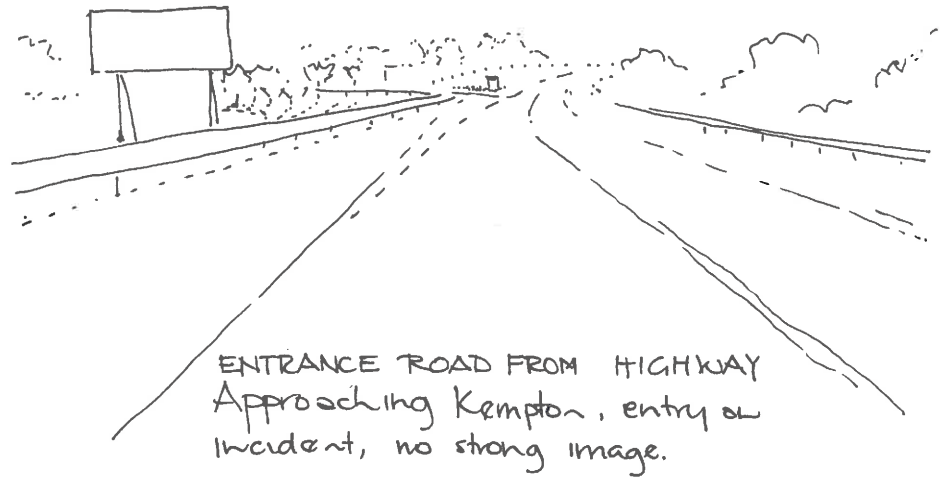


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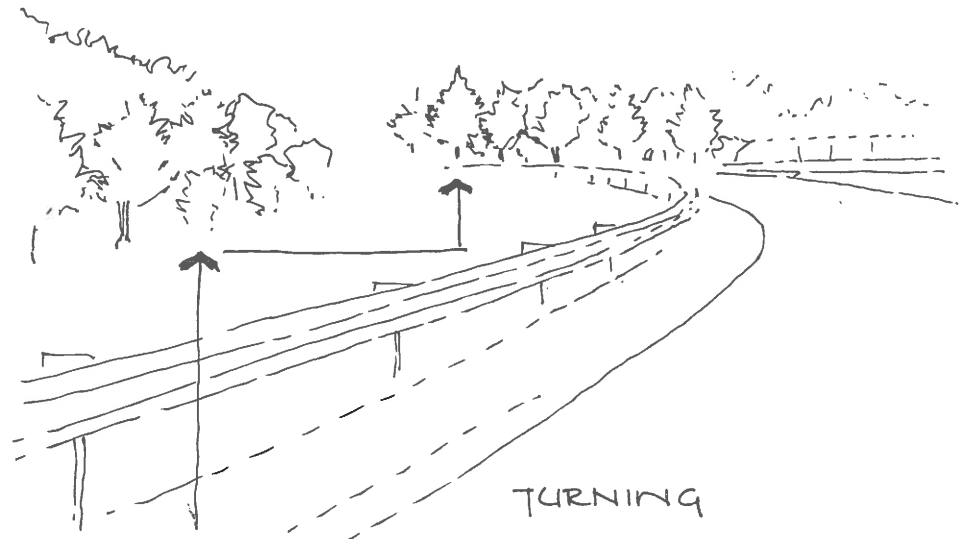


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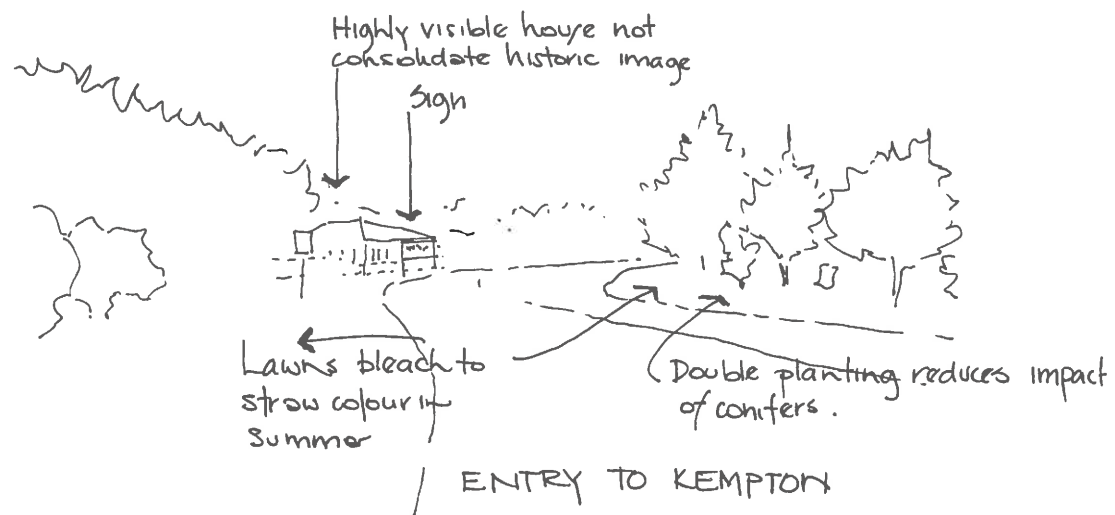
ANALYSIS



ENTRANCE ROAD FROM HIGHWAY
Approaching Kempton, entry on
Incident, no strong image.



TURNING
Double row of evergreen shrub +
conifers blurs strength of line of
trees



Highly visible house not
consolidate historic image

Sign

Lawns bleach to
straw colour in
summer

Double planting reduces impact
of conifers.

ENTRY TO KEMPTON

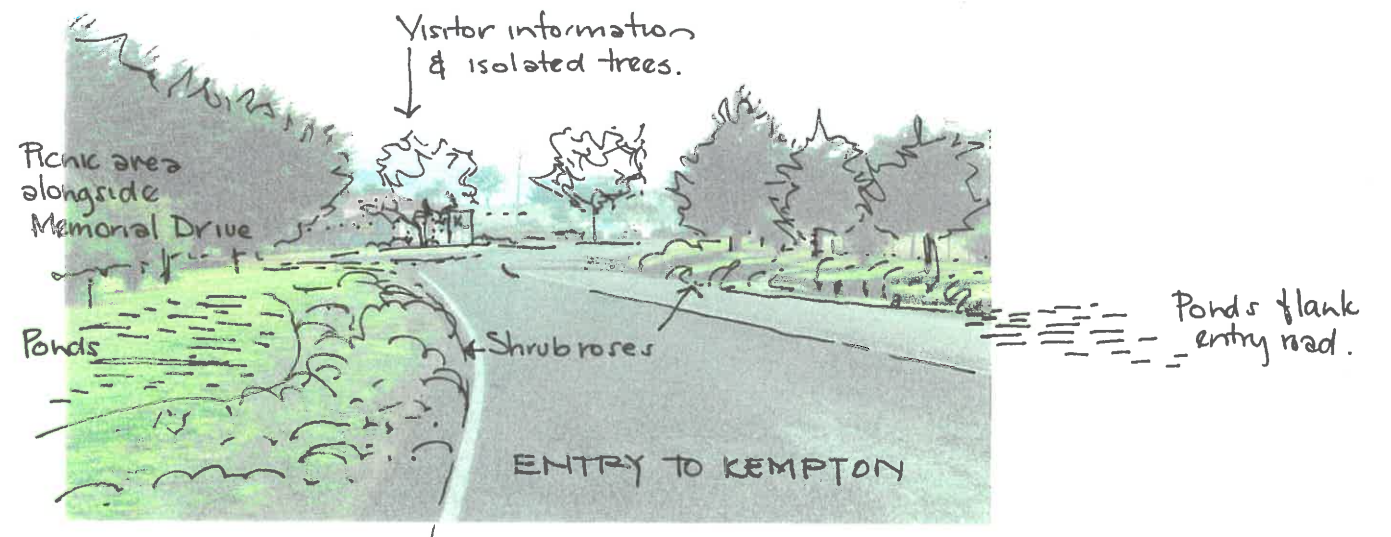
PROPOSAL



ENTRANCE FROM THE HIGHWAY
Strong planting of shrubs with long
flowering season to provide a 'colour'
incident, probably white + red roses.



TURNING
Roses foreground display - ponds behind.
Rows of conifers strengthened by removal of
shrubs between them.



Visitor information
& isolated trees.

Picnic area
alongside
Memorial Drive

Ponds

Shrub roses

Ponds flank
entry road.

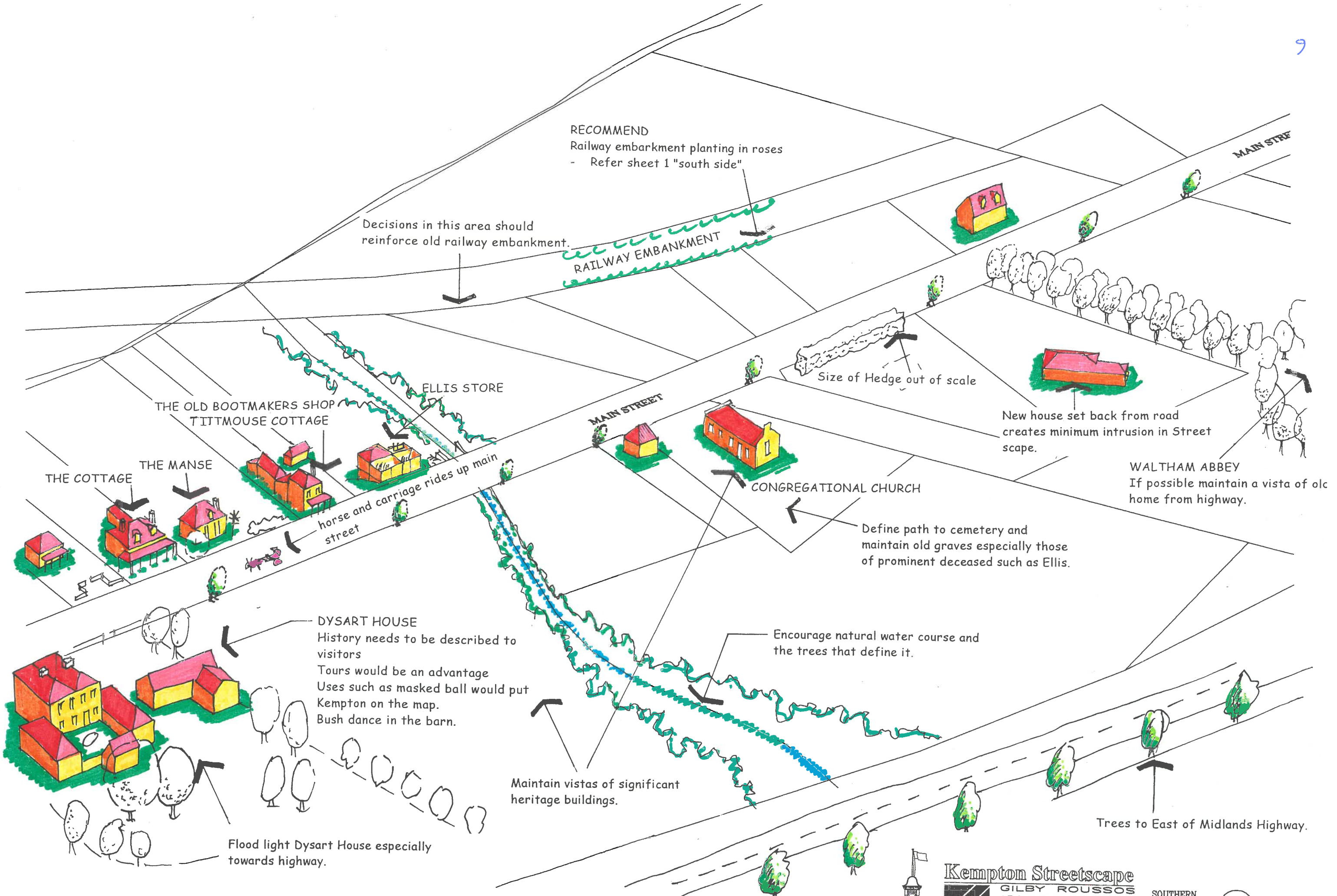
ENTRY TO KEMPTON



The Memorial Drive -
romantic arrival in town

The modern freeway entrance.
route into Kempton.

ADJACENT VIEWS : ARRIVAL IN KEMPTON



ELLIS PRECINCT

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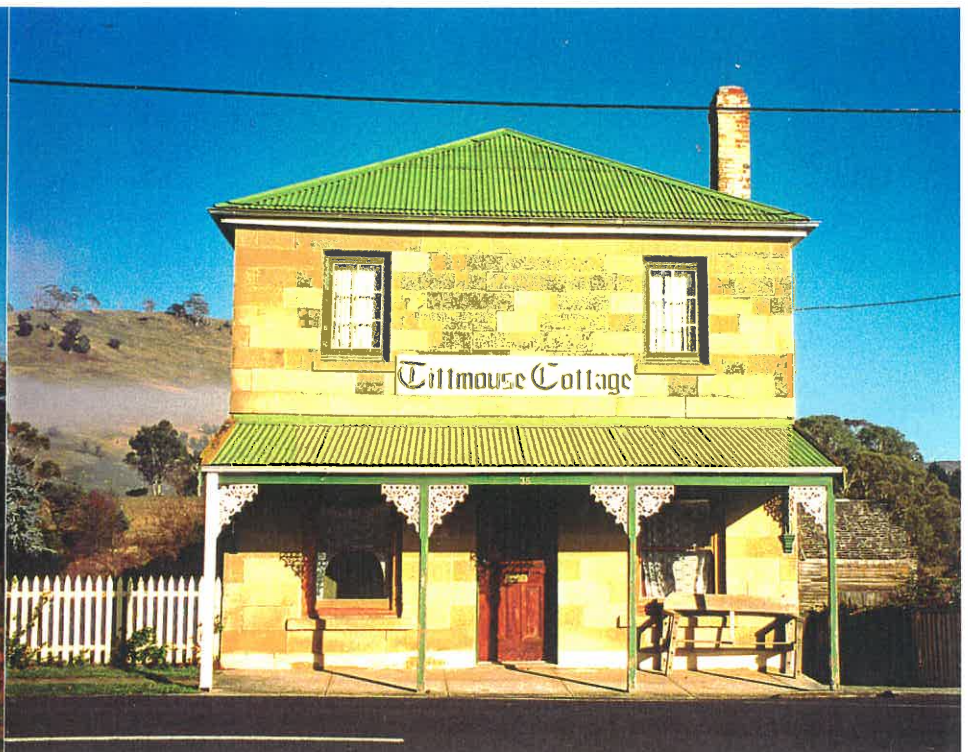




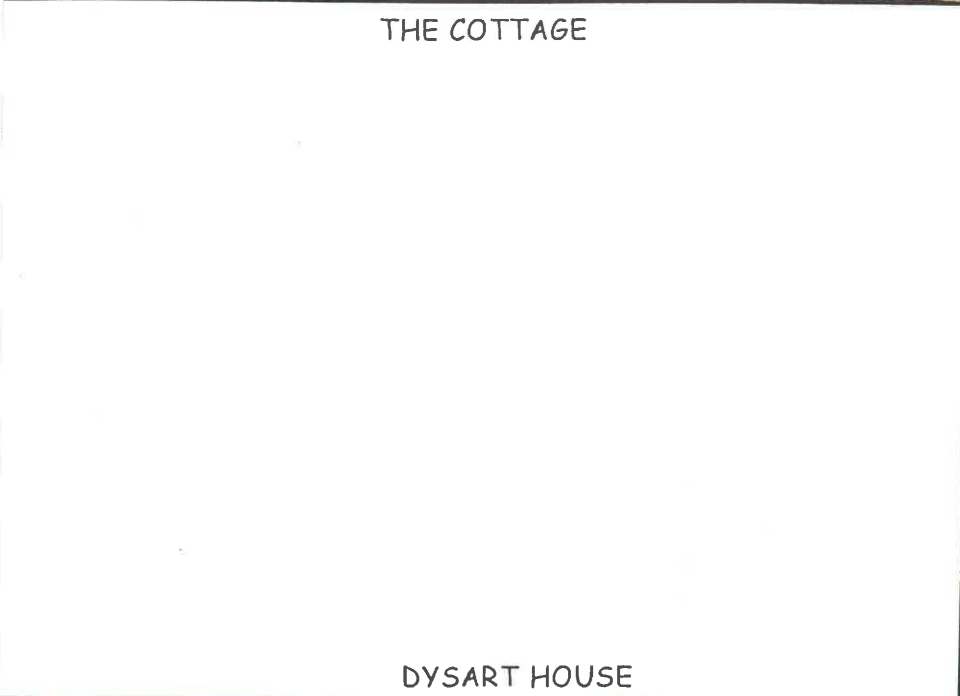
THE COTTAGE



THE MANSE



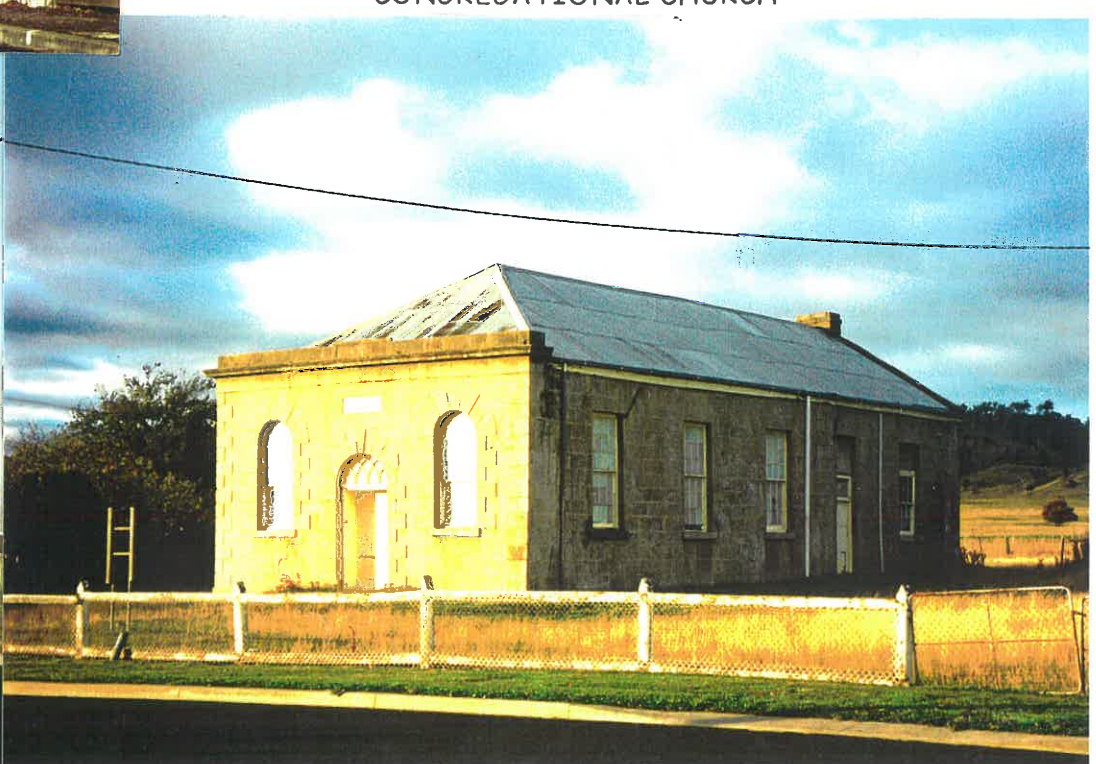
TITTMOUSE COTTAGE



DYSART HOUSE



VIEW SOUTH WEST TO ELLIS SHOP



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



ELLIS SHOP STREET ELEVATIONS



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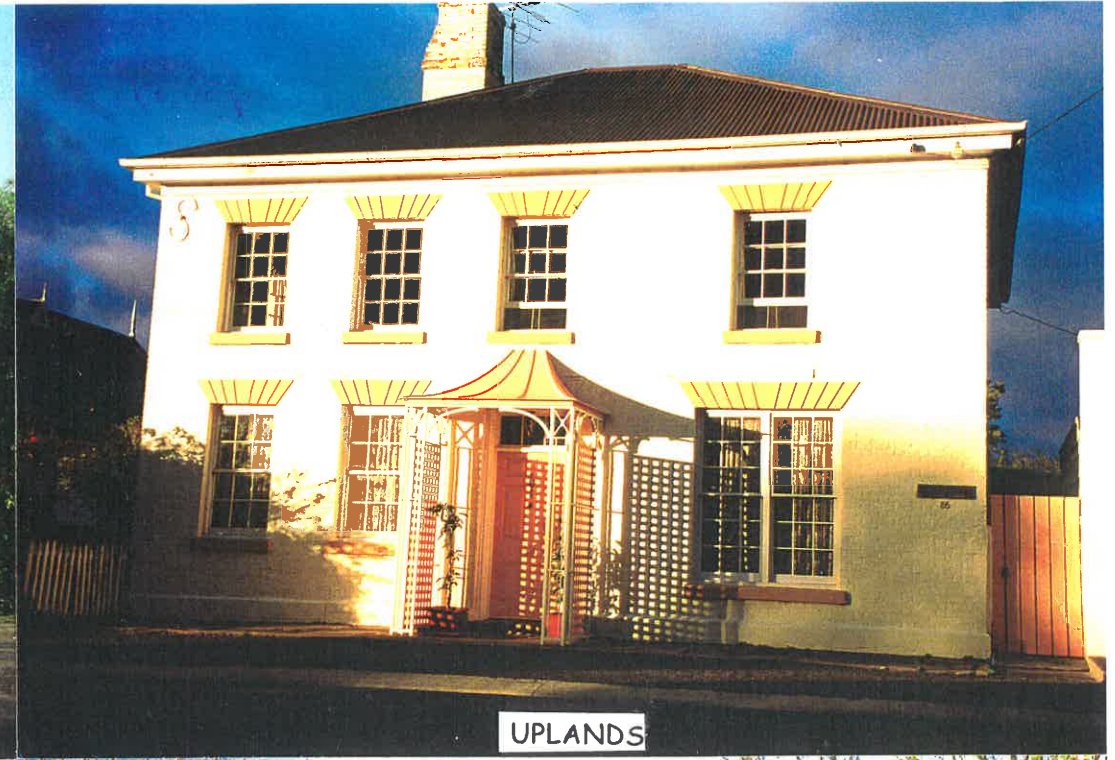
Unsafe stone wall.



COTTAGE

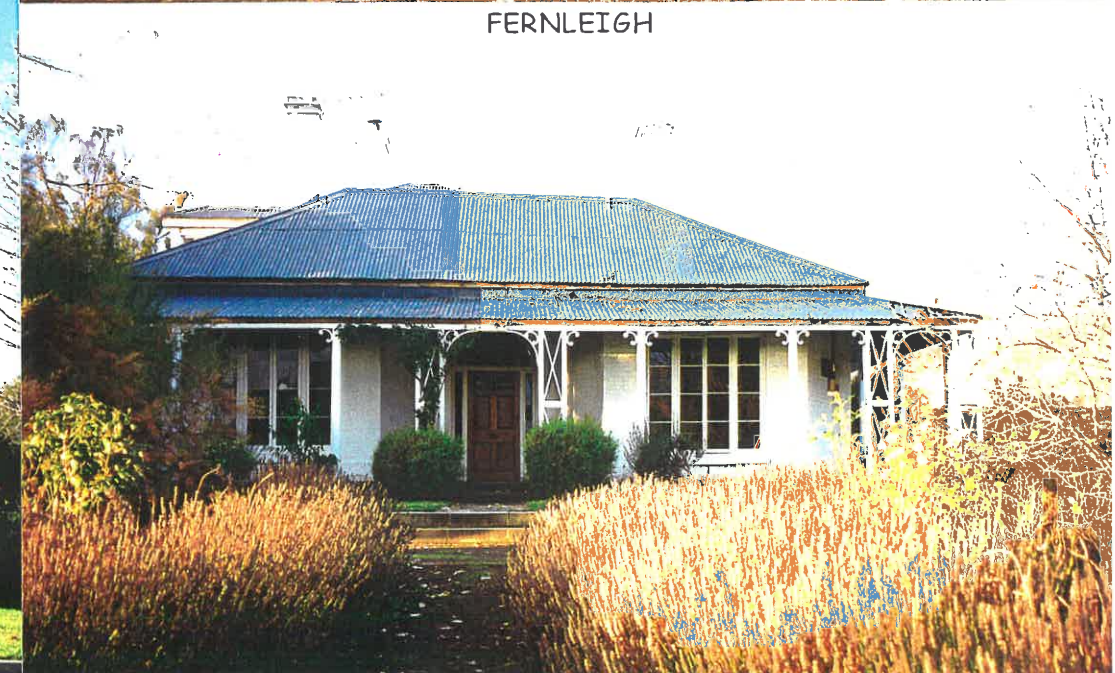


CORNER OF SUGARLOAF ROAD
Large tree
proposed road narrowing
commences here and at Memorial Hall.

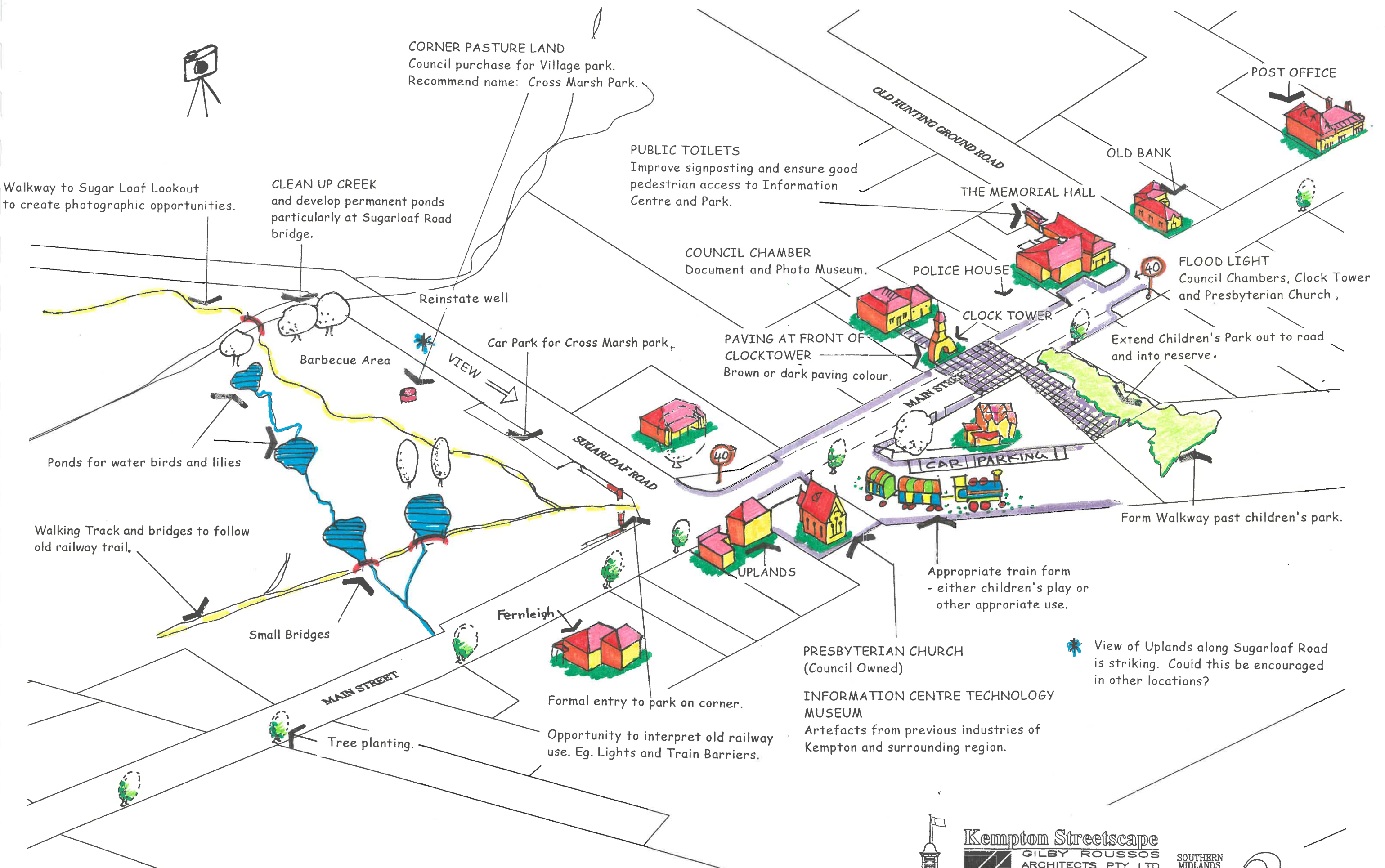


Splendid fence

FEDERATION RESIDENCE



FERNLEIGH



CORNER PASTURE LAND
Council purchase for Village park.
Recommend name: Cross Marsh Park.

PUBLIC TOILETS
Improve signposting and ensure good pedestrian access to Information Centre and Park.

Walkway to Sugar Loaf Lookout to create photographic opportunities.

CLEAN UP CREEK and develop permanent ponds particularly at Sugarloaf Road bridge.

Reinstate well

Car Park for Cross Marsh park.

COUNCIL CHAMBER
Document and Photo Museum.

THE MEMORIAL HALL

OLD BANK

POST OFFICE

FLOOD LIGHT
Council Chambers, Clock Tower and Presbyterian Church.

POLICE HOUSE

CLOCK TOWER

Extend Children's Park out to road and into reserve.

PAVING AT FRONT OF CLOCKTOWER
Brown or dark paving colour.

Ponds for water birds and lilies

Walking Track and bridges to follow old railway trail.

Small Bridges

Form Walkway past children's park.

Appropriate train form - either children's play or other appropriate use.

UPLANDS

Fernleigh

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(Council Owned)

View of Uplands along Sugarloaf Road is striking. Could this be encouraged in other locations?

INFORMATION CENTRE TECHNOLOGY MUSEUM

Artefacts from previous industries of Kempton and surrounding region.

Formal entry to park on corner.

Opportunity to interpret old railway use. Eg. Lights and Train Barriers.

Tree planting.

CIVIC PRECINCT

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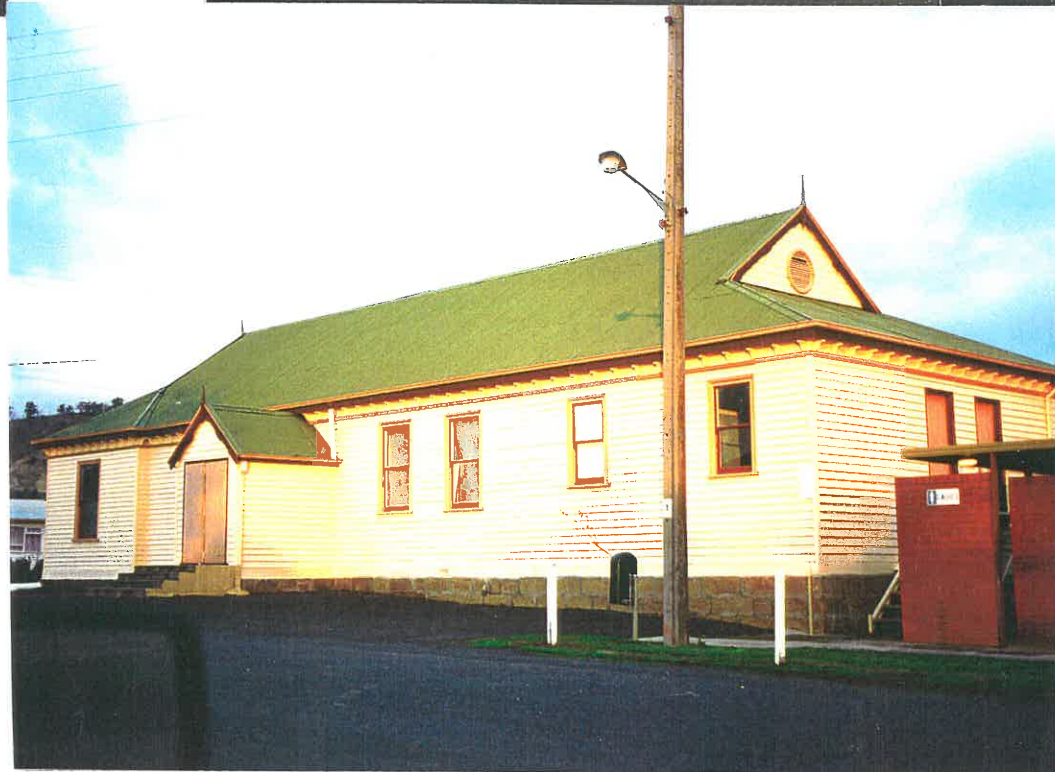
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Reinforce central landmark by adding surface textures to the street crossing



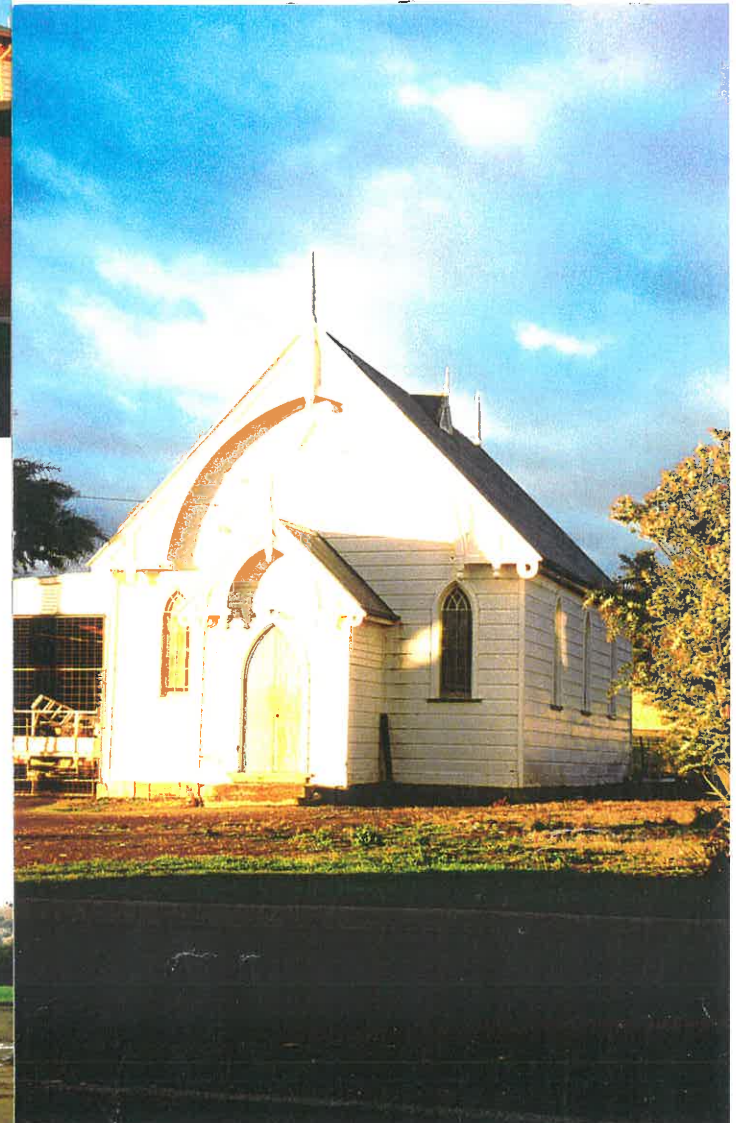
MEMORIAL HALL
Form a pleasant pedestrian area in front of formal entry doors
Toilet block visually clashes with the hall.



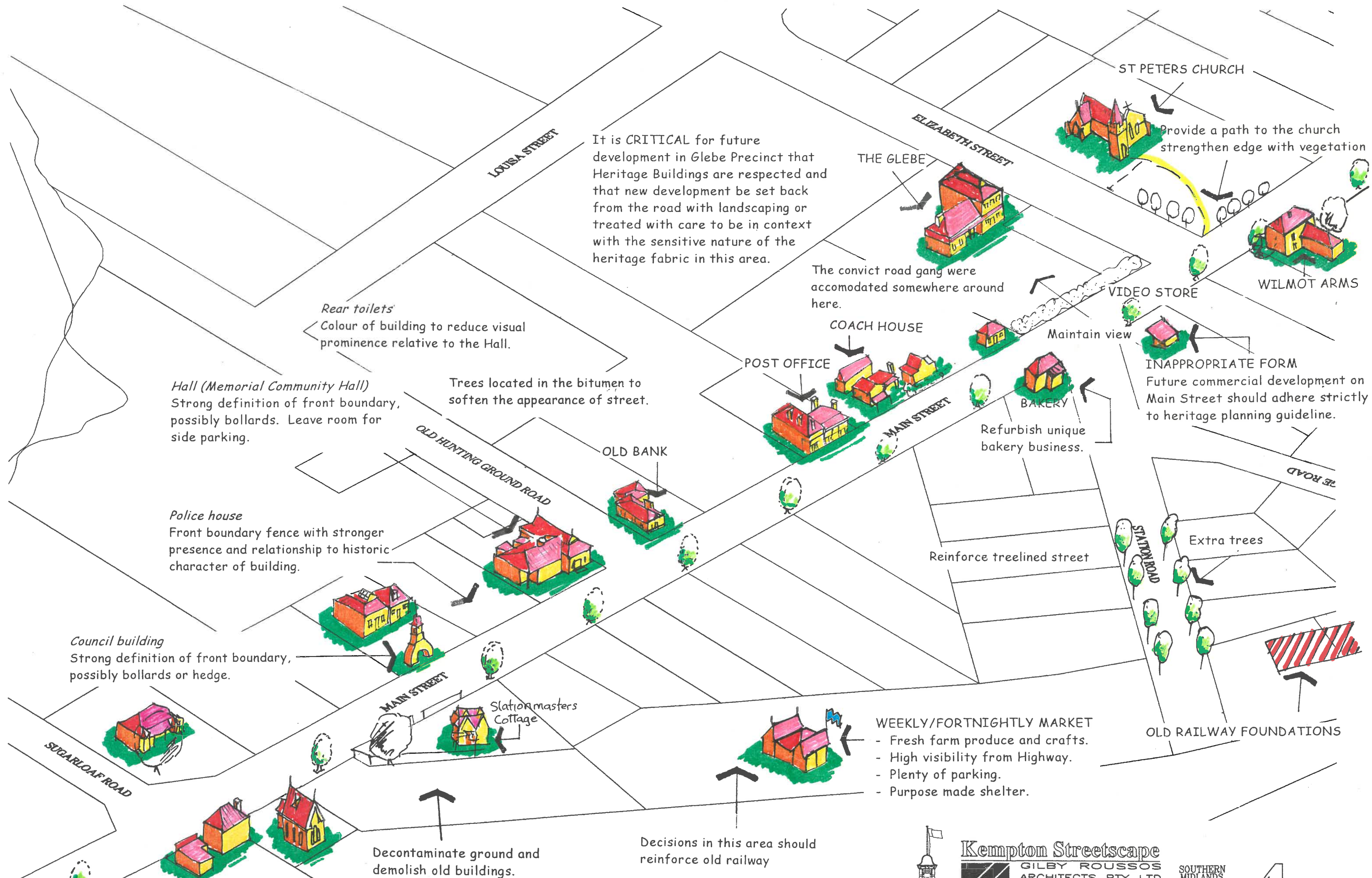
CLOCK TOWER



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



STATION MASTERS COTTAGE



It is CRITICAL for future development in Glebe Precinct that Heritage Buildings are respected and that new development be set back from the road with landscaping or treated with care to be in context with the sensitive nature of the heritage fabric in this area.

Rear toilets
Colour of building to reduce visual prominence relative to the Hall.

Hall (Memorial Community Hall)
Strong definition of front boundary, possibly bollards. Leave room for side parking.

Trees located in the bitumen to soften the appearance of street.

Police house
Front boundary fence with stronger presence and relationship to historic character of building.

Council building
Strong definition of front boundary, possibly bollards or hedge.

Stationmasters Cottage

Decontaminate ground and demolish old buildings.

The convict road gang were accommodated somewhere around here.

POST OFFICE

COACH HOUSE

OLD BANK

Maintain view

BAKERY

Refurbish unique bakery business.

INAPPROPRIATE FORM
Future commercial development on Main Street should adhere strictly to heritage planning guideline.

Reinforce treelined street

Extra trees

- WEEKLY/FORTNIGHTLY MARKET
- Fresh farm produce and crafts.
 - High visibility from Highway.
 - Plenty of parking.
 - Purpose made shelter.

Decisions in this area should reinforce old railway

GLEBE PRECINCT



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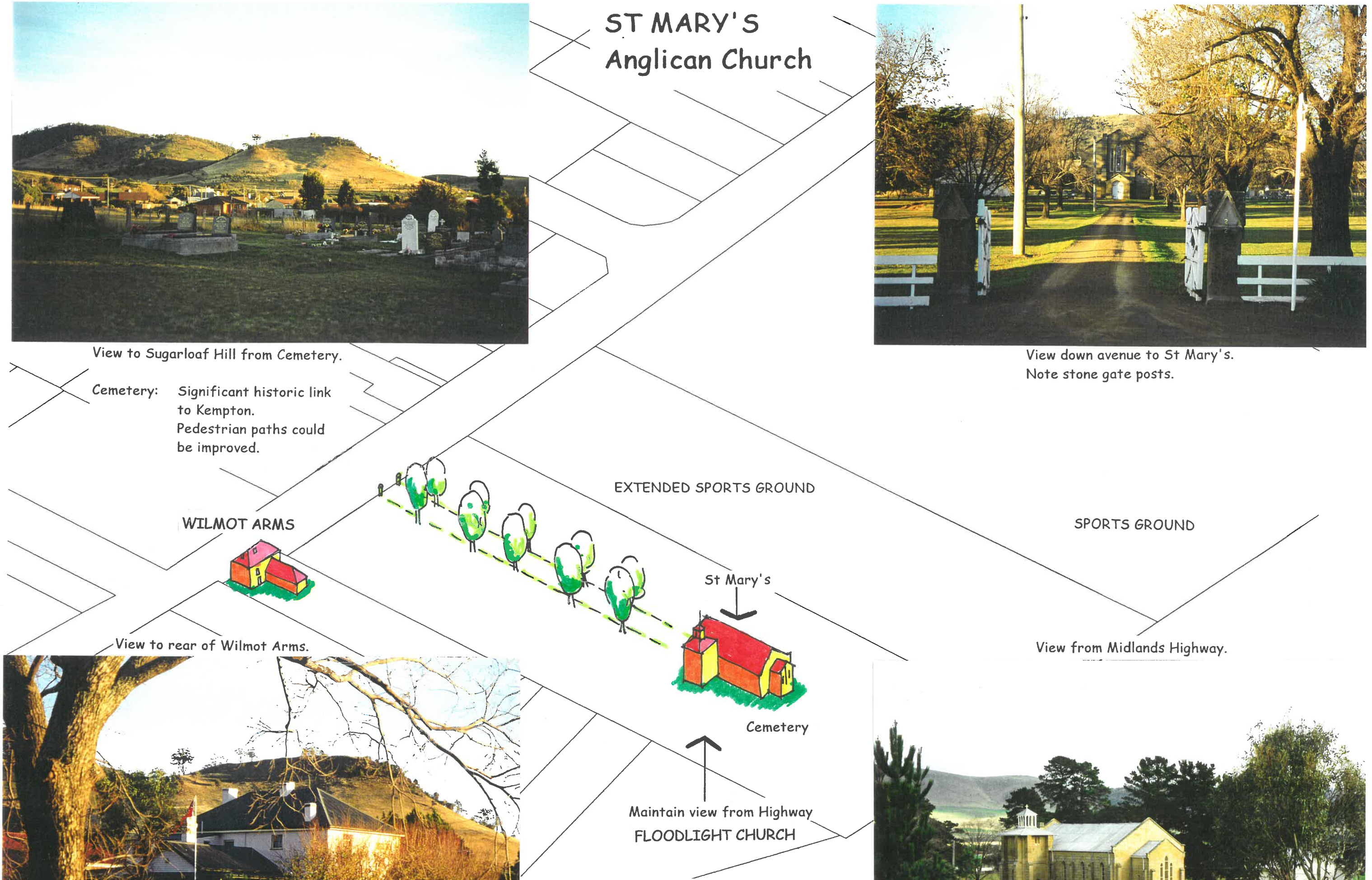
View to Sugarloaf Hill from Cemetery.

Cemetery: Significant historic link to Kempton. Pedestrian paths could be improved.



View down avenue to St Mary's. Note stone gate posts.

ST MARY'S Anglican Church



WILMOT ARMS

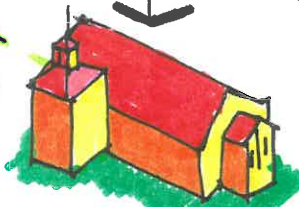


View to rear of Wilmot Arms.

EXTENDED SPORTS GROUND

SPORTS GROUND

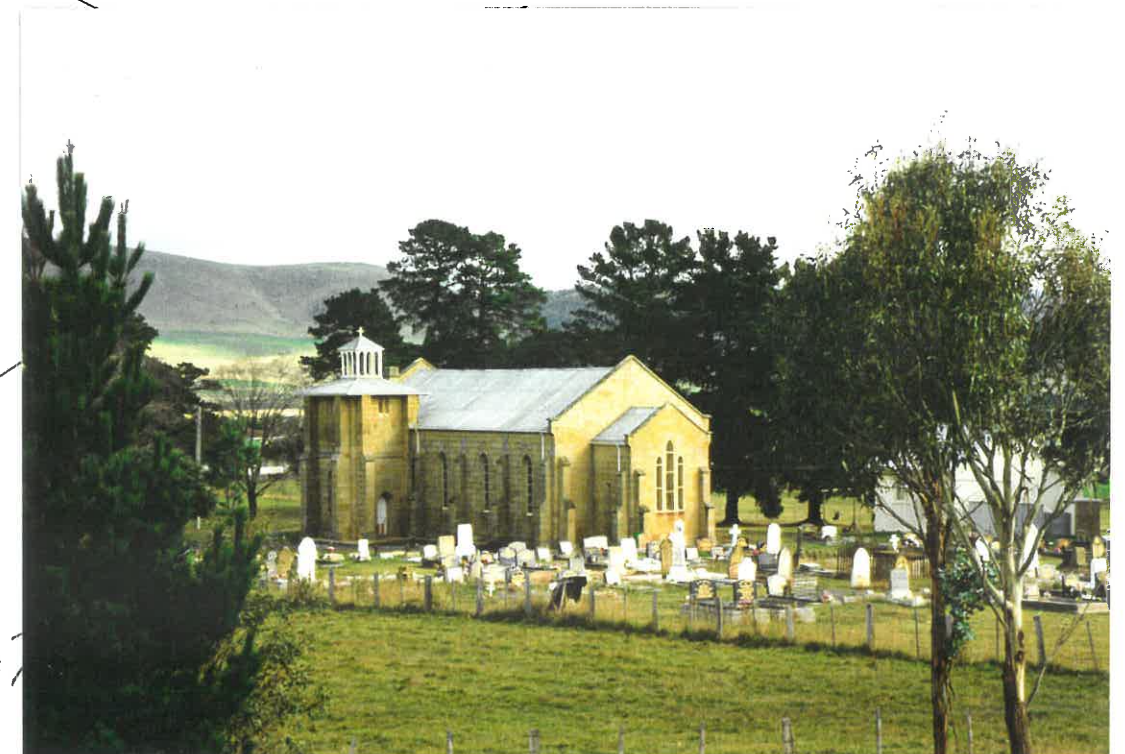
St Mary's




Cemetery

Maintain view from Highway
FLOODLIGHT CHURCH

View from Midlands Highway.



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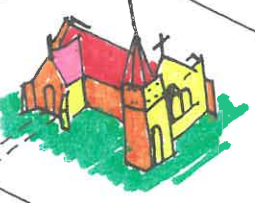


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KENT COTTAGE



Further interest in the back yard.



PROMINENT COTTAGE
Strong colours emphasise heritage form even from highway



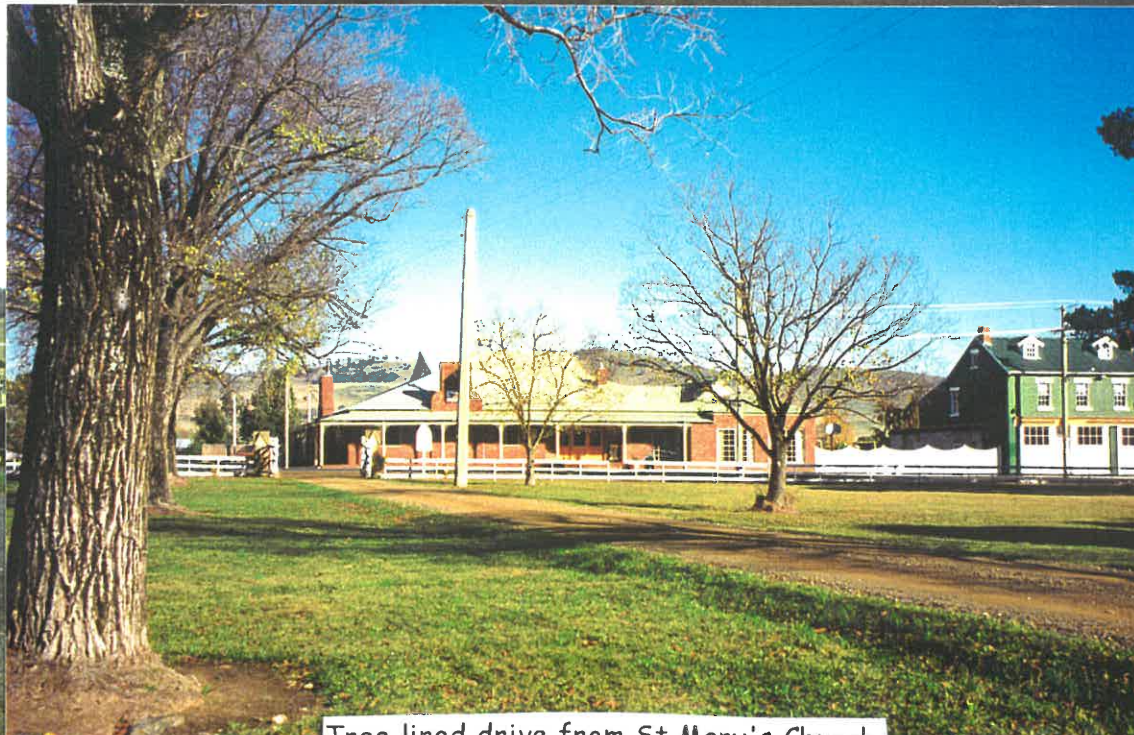
STREETSCAPE
Looking south west from Sports Ground.



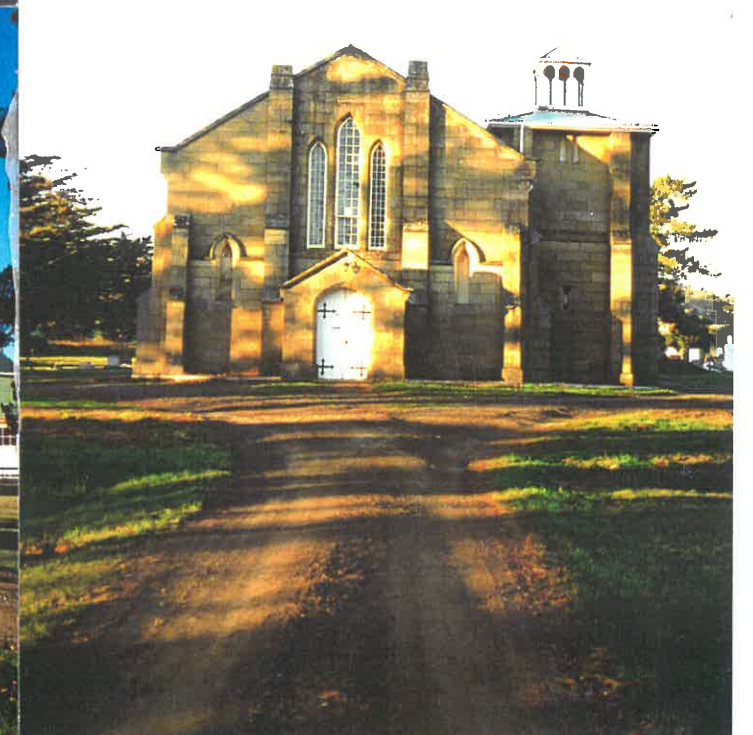
ST MARY'S CHURCH
(Anglican)



GRAND STAND



Tree lined drive from St Mary's Church





VIDEO STORE
Inappropriate development



Previously a butchers shop
The Butcher's Hooks are still inside.

SUPERMARKET
Village needs the service. Built form
clashes with heritage neighbour



Village view looking South West to Family
World Supermarket.

Sports buildings could be painted in more
sympathy with the town heritage buildings.



Previously a shop
Preferable to have veranda removed,



TREES ALONG QUION CREEK

Trees are selected from a watercourse suite, but primarily lindens. The watercourse is intended to be a highly visible line in the landscape to attract attention to the ponds alongside the bridges.

Tourist access to small stopping off park and bridge photo opportunity,

Old railway bridge is an interesting relic from the past make safe for tourist inspection.

Recommendation: Railway embankment planting in roses - refer sheet 1 "South Side"

Visibility from the north is currently obscured by the mound to the north of the entry road, and sightlines are replaced by numerous signs but without creating an inviting entry for casual visitors.

Upright deciduous trees located either side of entry would strengthen awareness of the entry for drivers.

OAKMORE (Royal Oak Inn)

Stone Bridge 1840

Visual landmark

Sign kempton and information signage after stone bridge.

The armco fencing is to be masked by the planting of hedge species.

BREAK IN TREES ALONG THE HIGHWAY

Breaks are intended to provide views to the pond for southbound and northbound traffic.

LIGHT MOUND

Move trees away from bridge.

MOVE SIGN

Reinforce eastern edges of highway,

Encourage ponds (water reflections) on either side of Midlands Highway if possible.

BRIDGE PRECINCT



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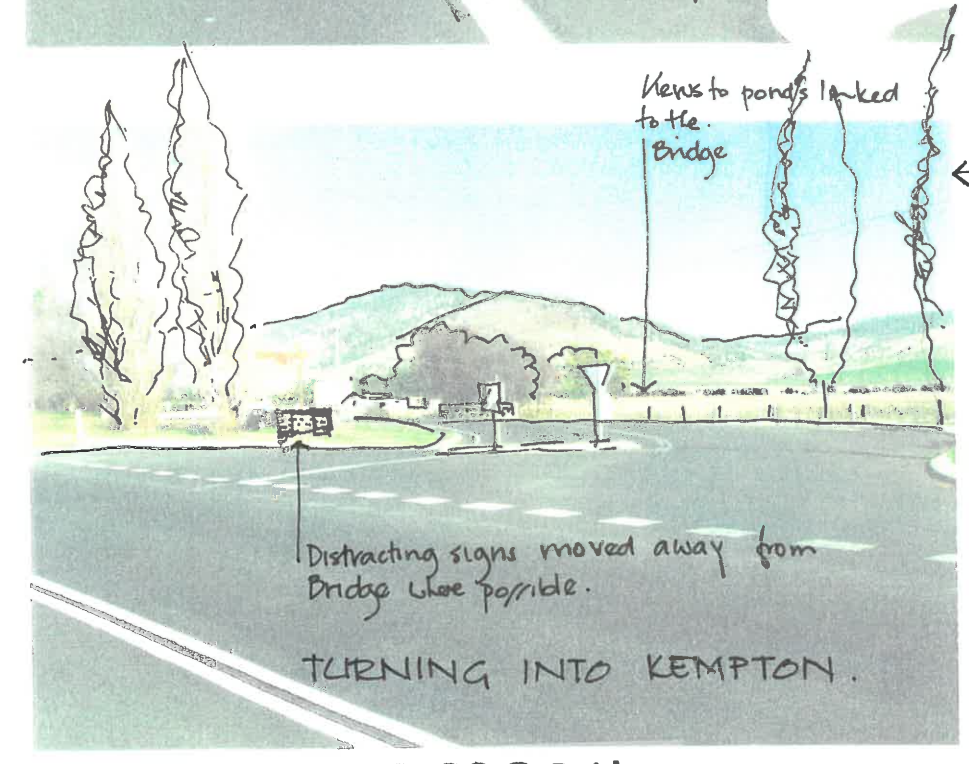
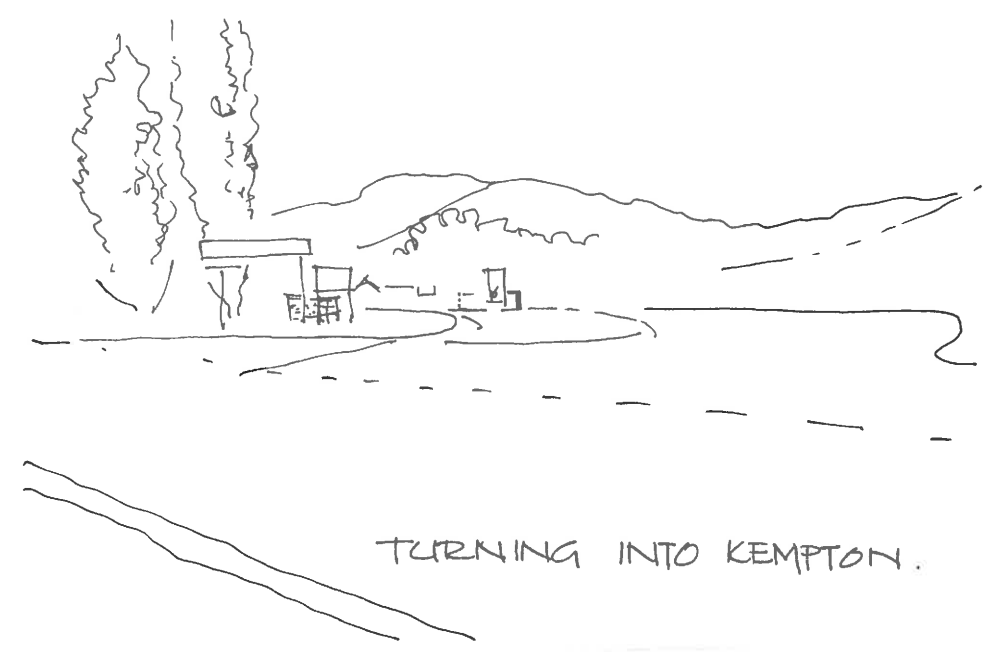
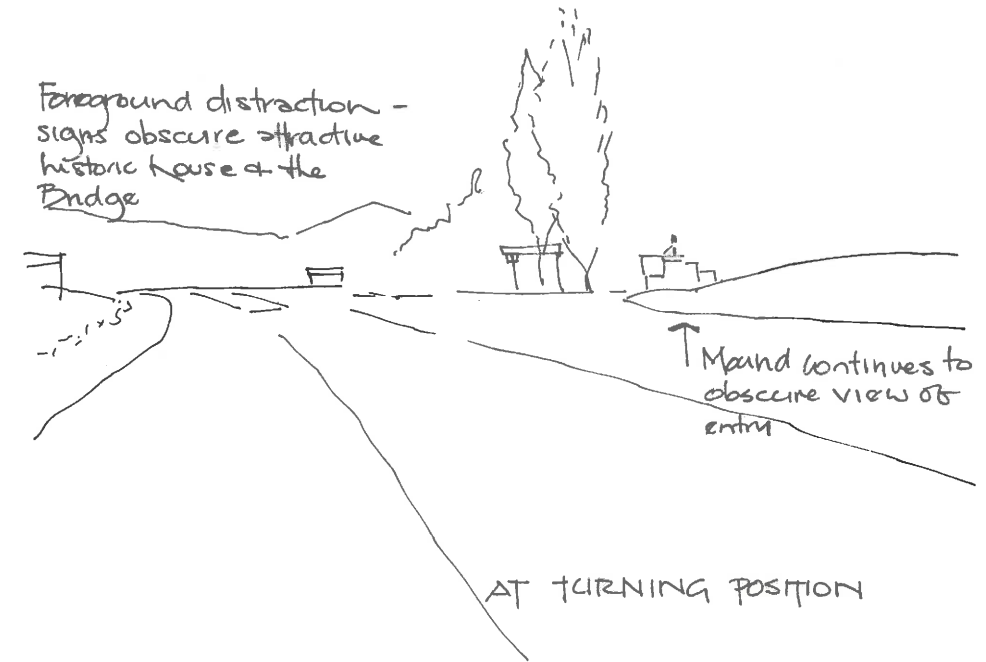
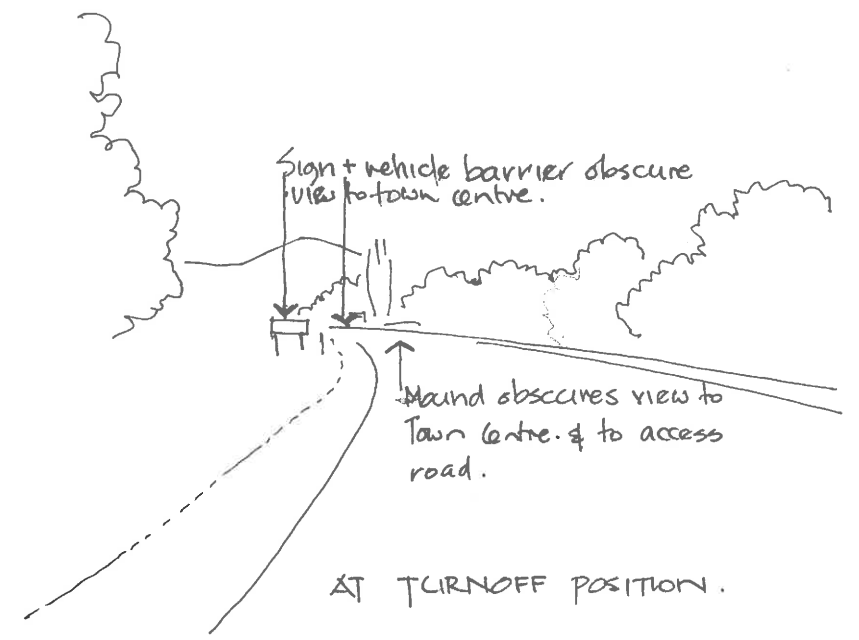
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ANALYSIS

PROPOSAL

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MAIN STREET

Tall trees on the outside curve so the arc of the street is more apparent.

No trees on inside curve where the footpath is narrower and there are overhead HEC lines.

Proposed trees are of single deciduous species with golden autumn foliage, candidate trees include Tulip trees, metasequoia and golden autumn colour cv of Liquidamber.

Trees are to be located in a single line, widely separated.

BACK STREETS

Continue the established theme of primarily natives but with a less irregular spacing, i.e. closer to the section of Louisa Street between Old Huntingground Road and Sophia Streets.

IN HOME GARDENS

Propose native and exotic mix, particularly encourage oaks, spreading and upright.

JORDAN RIVER

Introduce a new species to replace suckering elms and brittle willows, propose Linden Trees.

STRONG NORTHERN GATEWAY PLANTING

Tall fast growing upright deciduous trees indicate gateway and entrance where views are currently obscured by a mound. (sheet 6)

MIDLANDS HIGHWAY

Strong planting on the outside curve, complemented by widely spaced planting along the inside curve is intended to focus views west to Kempton, and also to convey, in a minor way, a feeling that travellers are experiencing something that is better experienced within Kempton. The highway is to be planted in identifiable passages.

CONIFERS

The existing strong conifers of the Sports Ground can be complemented by adjacent conifer planting on the Highway. This enclosure will be strengthened by planting of a tall fast growing conifer hardy across many conditions e.g. Cupressocyparis cv.

Conifers are to be widely spaced to avoid hazard associated with shading of the road in winter.

Note:
Tree symbols indicate broad area of planting - not specific tree locations.

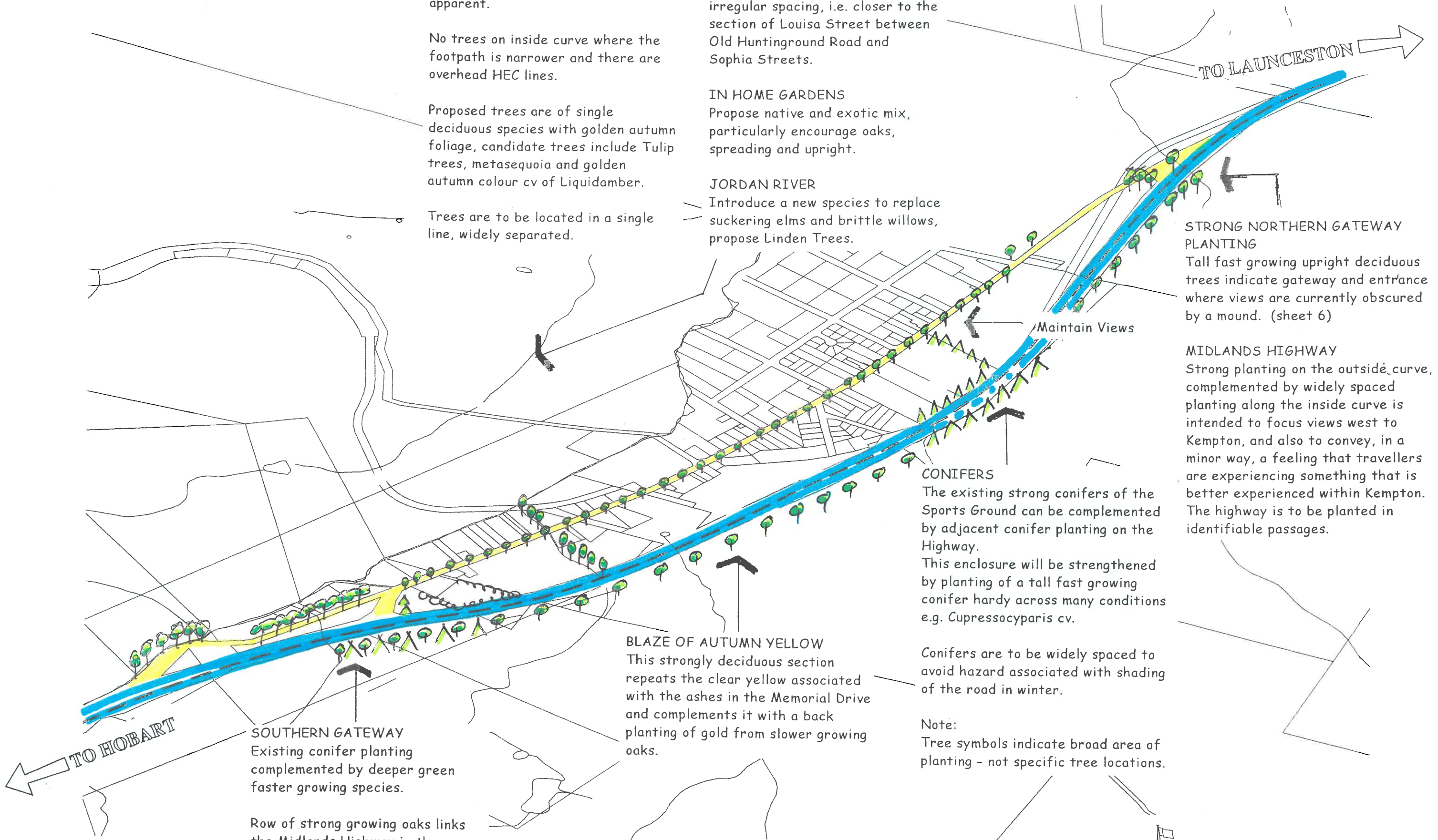
BLAZE OF AUTUMN YELLOW

This strongly deciduous section repeats the clear yellow associated with the ashes in the Memorial Drive and complements it with a back planting of gold from slower growing oaks.

SOUTHERN GATEWAY

Existing conifer planting complemented by deeper green faster growing species.

Row of strong growing oaks links the Midlands Highway in the vicinity of Kempton to the views of the Memorial Drive planting and then to Kempton itself. (sheet one)

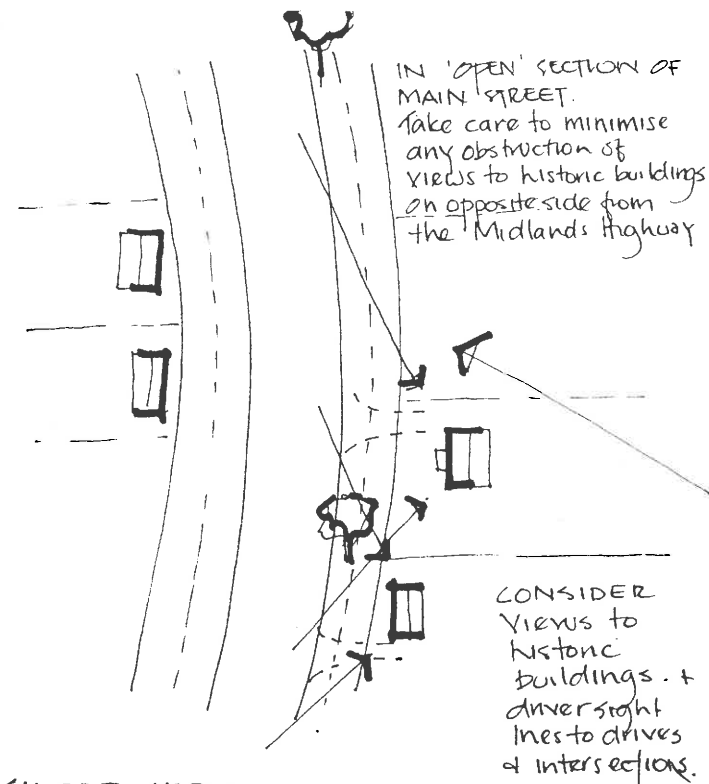


STREET TREE PLAN



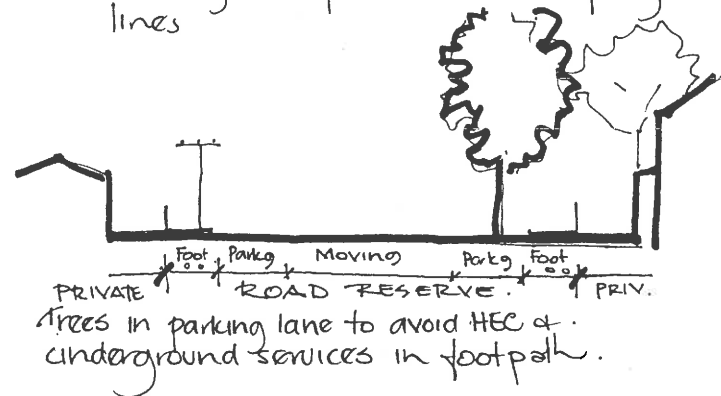
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TREES ALONG MAIN STREET



STREET TREES

- Single species Linden or similar along Eastern (outer) arc. to avoid HEC & minimise obstruction of views to buildings.
- Spacing: approximately regular but wide spacing to retain views to buildings between rather than in front of buildings, subject to driveway sight-lines



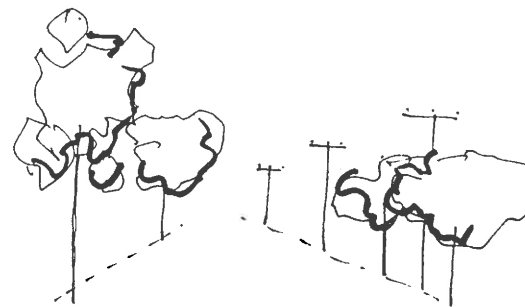
TREES IN MINOR STREETS MEMORIAL DRIVE

Retain/conservate existing trees. Introduce arboricultural management and replacement.



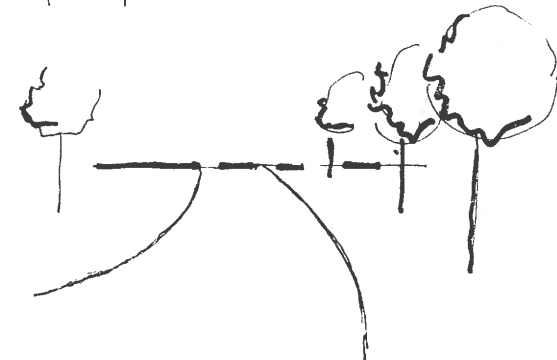
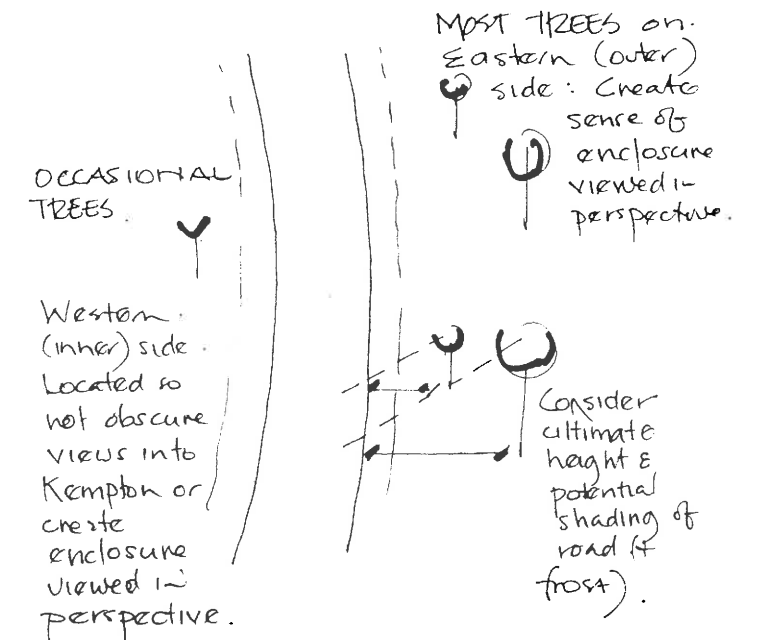
- WHERE HIGHWAY BANK DOMINATES
- Plant trees at rear of bank.
 - Use shrubs to reduce views to the bank but not add to its height

OTHER MINOR STREETS

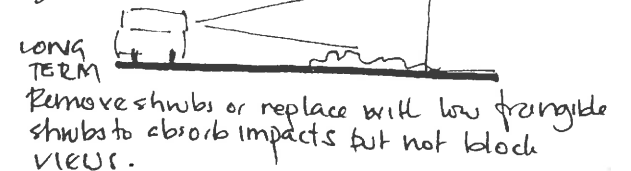
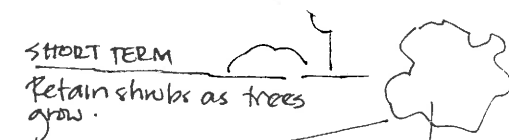


Irregular spacing and selection of irregular forms such as natives, eucalypt. minimises the impact of responding to overhead HEC wires.

TREES ALONG MIDLANDS HIGHWAY



ENCLOSING TREES ON EAST
Direct attention West to Kempton.

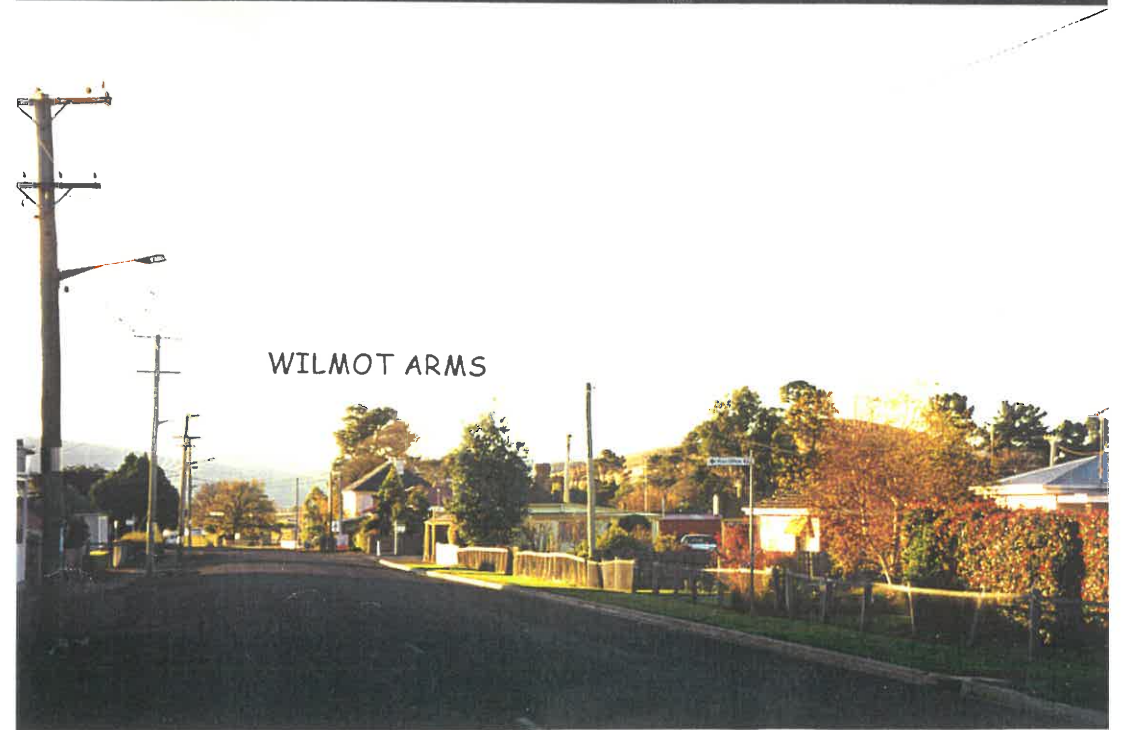


TRAVELLING
NORTH

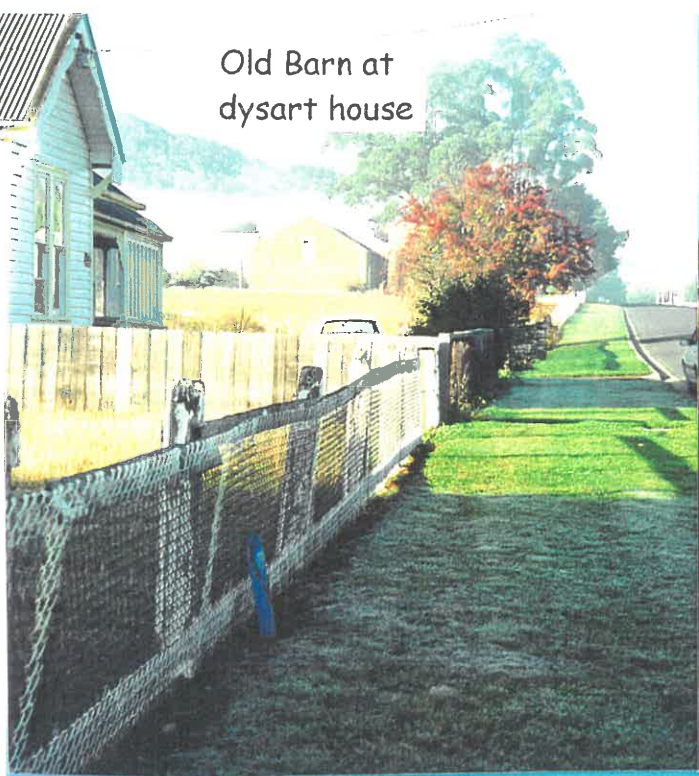
BOOT MAKERS COTTAGE
relocated



Size of hedge is
out of scale in street



TRAVELLING SOUTH



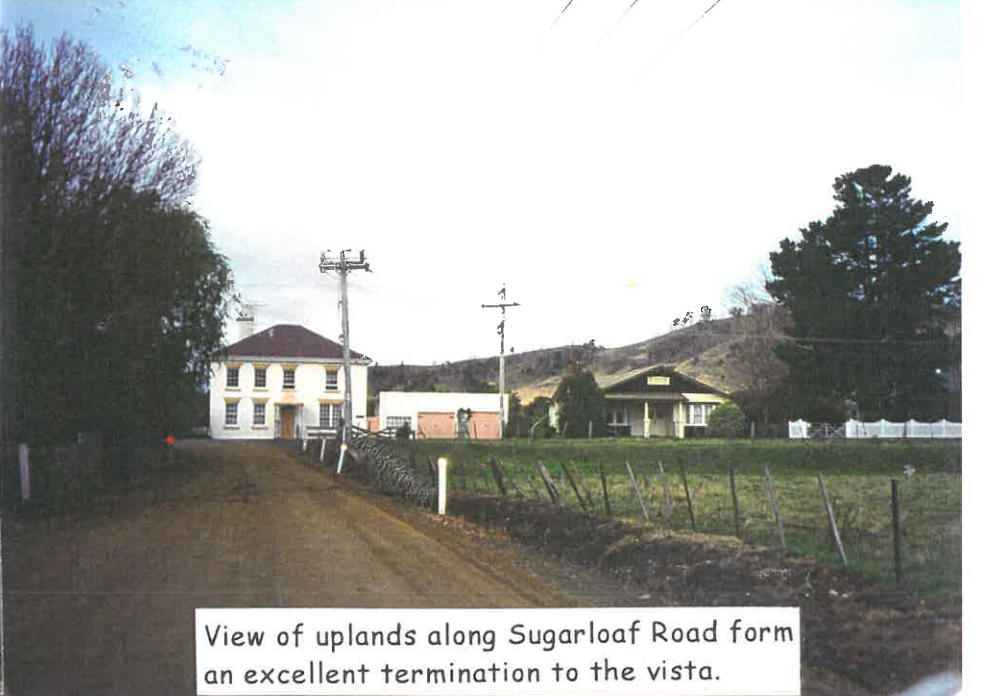
Old Barn at dysart house



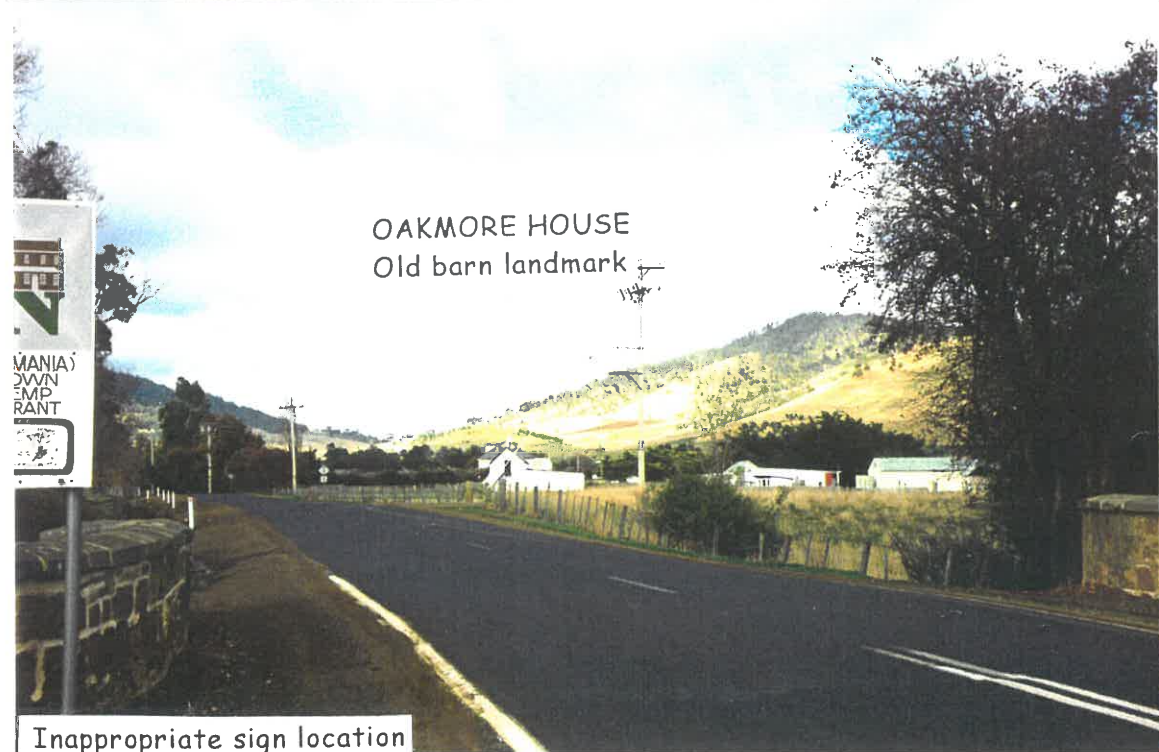
Station Masters Cottage



TITTMOUSE COTTAGE



View of uplands along Sugarloaf Road form an excellent termination to the vista.



OAKMORE HOUSE
Old barn landmark

Inappropriate sign location



Kent Cottage

1820's

Green Water Holes becomes Green Ponds at CROSS MARSH by 1860's town known as Kempton.

Captain Anthony Fenn Kemp

First to receive a land grant.
George Anthony was active in local affairs and Warden of Greenponds in the 1860's.

The Hotel at Cross Marsh

This refers to Mrs Ransomes, Royal Oak Inn until 1849.
After 1849 - Sam Blackwell's Melton Mowbray Hotel.

Construction of Midland Highway

Convict road gang stationed at Kempton and Picton (Mt Vernon) Huts were constructed to house them.
Church Glebe, Kempton mentioned as site.

Military units were housed in a barracks on the Glenfern Estate near reservoir.
Travellers needed lodging.

17 October 1836

Bridgewater Bridge opened.
4 days later Ross Bridge.
Kempton Bridge in 1840.

Hotel / Inns

Lodging House	along old road
Good Woman	western side stone head wearing coronet for sign
Wayside Tavern	old road
Victoria Inn (Kempton Hotel)	burnt down 1945

Dysart House	opposite Victoria Inn
WH Ellis 1841, Ellis' Hotel	
Wilmot Arms	next to St Mary's
Exchange Inn	opposite Wilmot Arms
Turf	a little further down
Ransome's	Royal Oak Inn (now Oakmore)

Surveyor Gen Map 1821

AF Kemp	Mt Vernon
Mr Frank	The Wilderness/ Woolville/Lonsdale
Dr Thomas Gorringe	
Mr George Ashton	Glenfern

Later

Edward Fryett	Kelvin Grove
Isaac Bisdee	Lovely Banks
Joseph Johnson	Waltham Abbey
Capt. Clark	Mauriceton
Edward Payne	Dysart Park
Von Stieglitz	Cross Marsh
Frances & Elizabeth	
Flexmore Junior (after Ashton)	Glenfern

Also small farmers

Scottish Town (east of Kempton)
Irish Town (west of Kempton)

Dr Gorringe

Farmer / conducted services at Green Ponds and Bagdad. Owned and operated one of two breweries across Green Ponds Rivulet from the Town well. Warden of Green Ponds.

Edwin Goodwin

Pioneer of Tobacco growing.
AO Goodwin resided at Glenfern 1962.

WH Ellis

Dysart House, Ellis' Hotel.
Ellis founded a chain of stores:
Kempton / Bothwell / Hamilton / Shannon and Ouse.
Hotel did not operate for long.
School use twice. Ellis ran a rabbit skin buying business at the Barn.
Ellis family sold Dysart House in 1942.

Flour Mills

Southern end near Good Woman Inn / later bark mill. Dysart (windmill)

Breweries

Dr Gorringe (above)
Exchange Hotel, behind the Hotel - formerly tannery later cordial factory.

Tannery

Behind Exchange Hotel and on Glebe.

Cross Marsh Society

First held at Royal Oak Inn 1828.
Next year held over the road. Moved to Melton Mowbray during 1850's until 1886.
Moved back to Kempton until 1914.
Revived in 1920's until 1939.
Revived in 1952, Gymkhana.

Annual Market Day

Revived in 1995

Green Ponds Cricket Club

Formed 23 April 1858. Later the Kempton Cricket Club.

The Kempton Rifle Club

Formed in 1865.

St Marys

Previously St Mark's.
New church named St Mary's to avoid confusion with St Mark's, Pontville (1840). In use in 1842.
Bishop approved appointments in 1844.

Congregational Church

First service on 17 April 1840, Rev. Miller.

Roman Catholic Church

First services held at John Ashton's house. Small wooden church built. St Peter and St Ann. 17 March 1918 foundations laid for St Peter's. Opened October 1918.

Presbyterian Church

Services were started at Old Lecture Hall in 1874. New church opened in 1886.

Municipality of Green Ponds

Formed 7 March 1862
First election 15 April 1862
First assembly 16 April 1862 at Ellis' Hotel
Second meeting 19 April 1862 at Council Chambers.

Royal Oak Inn (Oakmore)

First established by Thomas Ransom in 1821 (publican of Hobart).
New building erected in 1825.
Mrs Ransom married Fred Von Steiglitz after the death of her husband.
Visitors to the Hotel included:
Markham, Backhouse,
John Glover, Edward Kemp (poet),
TG Gregson, Dr Paton, and
Jude the Wagoner who murdered one of his passengers.

1. STREETScape

- 1.1 Remove power lines especially at Clock Tower
- 1.2 Standardise house colour schemes
- 1.3 Create a season for Kempton with specific treescape to attract visitors
- 1.4 Street Lamps - more appropriate
- 1.5 Way of slowing up / controlling traffic / calm it.
- 1.6 Advance advertising / signing of town.
- 1.7 The Main Street does have a curve which breaks the VISTA into 3 distinct sections.
Uplands is pivotal building for the first and Wilmot Arms is pivotal building for the second.
- 1.8 Town tends to break naturally into two halves - the Northerners and the Southerners. Important that tree planting unifies the town.
- 1.9 Video Shop needs action to restore appropriate form. (a suggestion to bulldoze it!)
- 1.10 People on Highway do not stop at Kempton.
- 1.11 Tidy up town.
- 1.12 Post Office: Owner has plans for changes. Talking of new colour scheme:
Dormer on front is new. Old part - 1880's???.
Second part - early 1900's.
North west verandah is not original.
- 1.13 Glebe House: Sheds on side street look untidy. Some are heritage.
- 1.14 - Joes Boot Makers Shop (moved from further above road).
- Owned by someone who loves it to death.
No Commercial Centre.
- 1.15 Advantage of wide area?? (near sports ground)
- 1.16 Spread or concentrate?? Priorities not well defined.
- 1.17 Reinforce the arc of Main Street (Ref 1.7).
Strengthen this curve.

2. TOWN ENTRIES / HIGHWAY / STONE BRIDGE

- 2.1 Invite and Lure (particularly Hobart end)
- 2.2 Create a new entry (possibly limited access to Southern end)
- 2.3 Form a stopping area for tourists / visitors, possibly at one or both ends.
- 2.4 Form a highway pull over space close to where road to Colbrook goes under the highway.
- 2.5 Lights could be more aesthetic / appropriate for a heritage village.
- 2.6 The informal ad signs beside the road could be combined into an appropriate Heritage Sign.
- 2.7 Heritage Highway policy and signage is already underway. Uncertain of progress.
- 2.8 Northern entry is quite good already - sign at bridge needs relocation.
- 2.9 Elm trees.
- 2.10 Waltham Abbey. Maintain view from Highway.
Owner has recently planted buffer to highway with help from Greening Australia.



KENT COTTAGE

3. PICNIC / TOURIST / RECREATION

- 3.1 Tourist BBQ facility / park / play area.
- 3.2 Green Ponds - create ponds
- 3.3 Horse riding trail
- 3.4 Walking trail along Railway Embarkment
- 3.5 Create "Town of Parks"
People are curious - town anecdotes would be interesting - interpretation of sites/needs to be communicated to Tourist / Visitor.
- 3.6 Kempton is within easy distance of Hobart - it could be "The Picnic Spot" for locals out for a Sunday Drive.
- 3.7 Walking Tours
A lookout - say on Sugarloaf Hill. Record Oral History.
- 3.8 Parking and shade in summer (lack of shade)
Get people to stop for a look - not just drive straight through.
- 3.9 Ghost Tours
- 3.10 Sell produce beside Highway?? (law?)
eg 'honesty box', slows down the tourist. History available for people - but not forced.
- 3.11 Play Ground (opposite Council Chambers) sell.
- shift equipment to new play ground
- this is the only shaded area for kids at present.
- 3.12 Horse race between Kempton and M/Mowbray

4. TREES

- 4.1 Deciduous trees.
- 4.2 Centre of road? The road is a bit narrow for this. Also danger of masking views of old buildings.
- 4.3 Be specific. Plan well to complement the location.
- 4.4 Previous tree proposed put forward - Sandi James.
- 4.5 Poplar or other appropriate tree line for eastern edge of Midland Highway to help pull town and highway together.
- 4.6 Locals not keen on Poplar trees.
- 4.7 Smaller trees in town area say
- avoid problems with roots / breaking branches.
- avoid trees covering heritage buildings.
- 4.8 Encourage more shrubs / hedges for private areas.
- 4.9 Tree replacement strategy.
- 4.10 Apparently some trees (pines) have been cut down at St Mary's grave yard.
- 4.11 Selective planting of English trees.
- 4.12 Encourage seasons display of flowers.

5. INTERPRETATION / SIGNAGE

- 5.1 Clear but matching the "feel of the town".
- 5.2 House signage / plaque
- 5.3 Interpretation / heritage should be subtle not obvious. Don't spoil the product.
- 5.4 Village Centre
- tell people what they could see
- tell people about the town
- possibly at each entry
(some signage exists)
- 5.5 Sign at Stone Bridge is badly placed.
- 5.6 Clean up street signs. Advertising without harming the "product / space"

6. COMMERCIAL CENTRE

- 6.1 Don't compromise the "feel of the village"
- 6.2 Improve the recent buildings, eg video store.
- 6.3 Make use of existing gems / vistas / beauty. This has a shared COMMERCIAL VALUE.
- 6.4 Planning Scheme to control development and to avoid bad development compromising the valuable existing assets.
- 6.5 Avoid ugly big signs on buildings.
- However local business feel pressure to advertise their presence on Highway.
- 6.6 50% trade from passing motorists.
- 6.7 Kempton - refer Commercial Precinct.

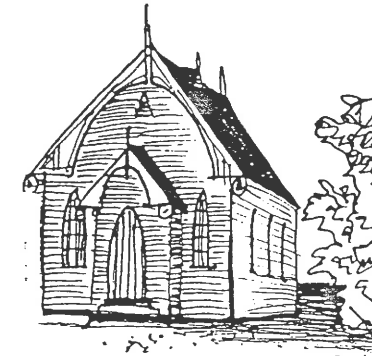
7. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (DEPOT) PRECINCT

- 7.1 Demolish redundant depot buildings and clean up site around church.
- 7.2 Interpretation Centre.
- 7.3 Museum space
- 7.4 Traditional leisure area
- 7.5 Interpret railway and "Railway Station"
- 7.6 Malcolm Ross - Report / Plan in 1987
- 7.7 Subdivision also talked about.
- 7.8 Railway easement was handed back to private ownership except Depot. Any interpretation of line of old railway would have to be on a voluntary basis.



8. CHURCH BLOCK / DRAINAGE

- 8.1 Acquiring church land Corner Main Road / Sugarloaf for community park.
Land is swampy and subject to flooding.
Still could be nice for a Village Park with river cleaned up.
- 8.2 Clean up river bed.
Control water to provide pond areas amongst trees down at the Sugarloaf Bridge.
- 8.3 Part of strategy is to sell the block opposite the Council Chambers (childrens play space - under used).
Anglican Church needs the funds to look after St Mary's.
- 8.4 St Mary's Church is a major Heritage / Cultural / Visual asset to the town including the grave yard.
Some request was made to have the grave yard paths upgraded.
- 8.5 Church block - this corner is very prominent. The locals do worry that an inappropriate use could be very detrimental to the town.
- 8.6 Willows Fair in 1912 - Ian Johnson has a photo of the Fair. A review of the fair for the year 2000 could be a strong community rallying point.
- 8.7 Concern about heavy trucks from quarry coming up Sugarloaf Road.



9. ELLIS STORE

- 9.1 There is a strong feeling for having some action taken on this site.
There is strong support for keeping as much of the old shop as possible.
Council have passed a motion accepting demolition of the shop / keeping cottage.
- 9.2 Sell of Council Assets in partnership with National Trust??
- 9.3 Strategy needed to go forward with an action plan to try to save it some or all of the street facade.

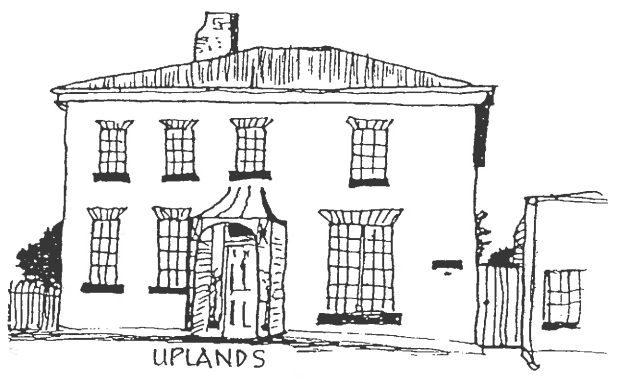
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RECREATIONAL

- Swimming pool
- A swimming pool would benefit the town and visitors, also a mini golf course.
When people hear of a pool at Bothwell and Oatlands it seems to people too far to travel. Whereas Kempton is a lot closer to the city.
- Kempton children would like a swimming pool
- More swimming pools, animal parks, pet shops and more paths
- Swimming Pool, Bike Track, Parks with more colour and equipment, new street signs, a petrol station.
- Swimming Pool, Mini golf course, Bike track, Movie theatre, museum
- Our family believe Kempton could be a nicer place to live in if the use of our playground and parkland areas are improved to increase recreational opportunities for everyone.
- Better play equipment in the park e.g. spiral slide, fort like at Kempton Primary School.
- You will need toilets in the big park
- Bike riding track
- A bike track through the town so the children can be safe while riding
- Golf course in paddock owned by the Jones'
- Kempton would be a much better and safer place if we provided a few more facilities for our children e.g. bike track and swimming pool, also some more trees in the streets would look very nice.
- Golf Course
- A lawn bowls club would attract a lot of elderly people, the retired people sight seeing, would give them time to explore what the town has to offer and then relax with a game of bowls.

ELDERLY

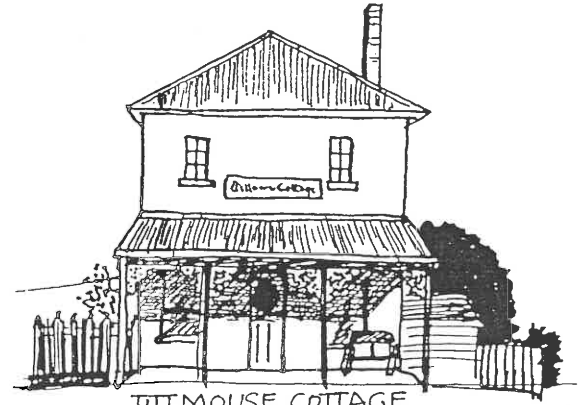
- Meals on wheels for the elderly.
- Community trips for the elderly citizens as they do at Bothwell and Oatlands.
- A mini bus for use by the elderly citizen's and youth group etc.



UPLANDS

SIGNS

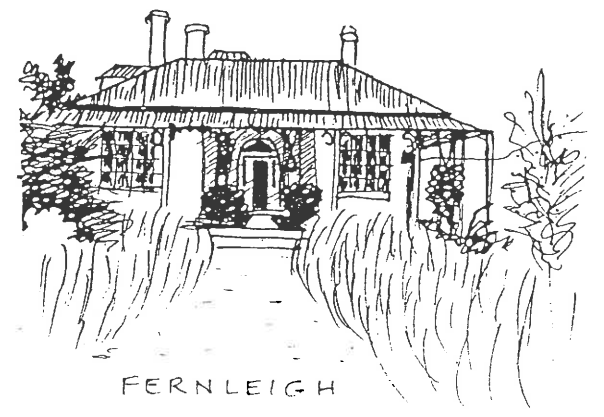
- Erect sign telling tourists what Kempton has to offer etc.
- Our children made the comment that the signs in and around the town are dull, so it may be an opportunity to brighten the place a bit with more interesting signs
- All street signs to be upgraded
- There is no sign saying where our school is located
- Visitor Information Board
- Sign on corner showing the direction of the school
- Barbecue and picnic areas sign's should be enlarged to be more noticeable for visitor's
- Sign's need to be placed in their right area and be up dated when ever needed.
- "Keep Kempton Beautiful"
- "This is a tidy town \$50 fine"
- Replace street signs so that people can understand them. Burnett Street etc.



TITMOUSE COTTAGE

TOURISM

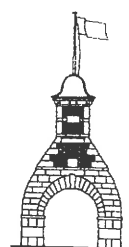
- Caravan park needed at least for overnight stays would be of benefit
- Our family would like to see horse and carriage rides on the weekend for tourists etc.
- Use the old church as a Museum
- Picnic area on corner of Sugarloaf Road and Main Street
- Provide a walkway to top of Sugarloaf Road for a view.
- I would like to see a camping and picnicing site on the churches block near the creek.
- Tourist map of town showing history of buildings
- Information board at the town entrance highlighting places of interest e.g. historical buildings, churches.




FERNLEIGH

MAINTENANCE (TOWN PROJECT?)

- To encourage locals to pick up their dogs droppings instead of leaving them on footpaths.
- Dogs must not foul the footpaths
- Plant some flowering plum trees
- Councils garden needs landscaping.
- Plant some trees, more playgrounds, barbeques, tables and seats
- Ask people to tidy their back yard up
- Keep our gutters swept more often
- Cover our "deep" drains
- Footpaths need some attention
- Trim trees around their houses
- Clean the creek out to stop back up when flooding
- Tidy up old train bridge at north end of town and sign relating to history
- Replace all old boundary fences
- Paint neglected fences
- Tidy up all farm fences and home fences on Main Street.
- Keep streets and guttering free of litter
- People should trim back tree's from footpath's to give clearance for visitor's to walk and explore freely.
- Enhance the entrances into Kempton, flowers etc, too many signs spoil the appearance.
- Upgrade our parks
- Kerb and gutter bottom end of town, cement footpath down bottom end.
- Get all street lights back on.
- The white lines down the road need to be painted again.



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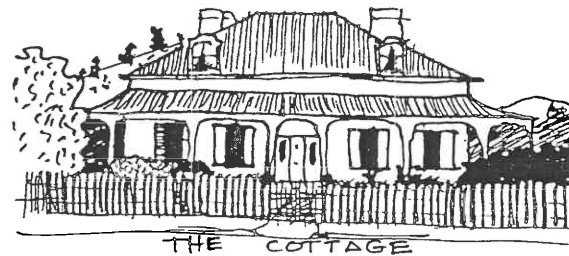
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BUSINESS

- A Skillshare Workshop to encourage more small business to the town.
- New shops
- Re-opening of local craft shops to bring in tourists.
- Hardware shop
- New house
- Medical Centre
- Supermarket
- More accommodation
- Gym
- Restore Ellis Store
- It would be great to have a Bake House
- It would be great for mum if there was a supermarket

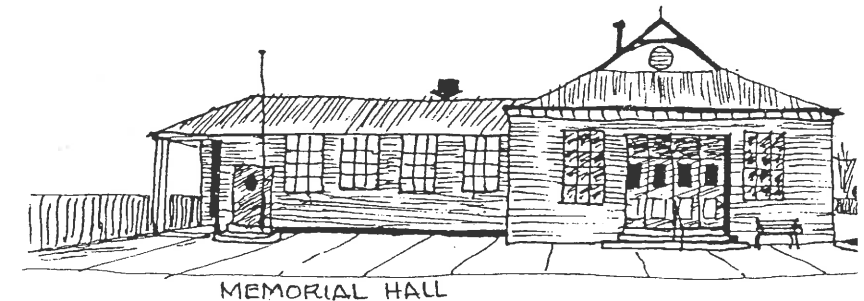
OLD HUNTINGGROUND ROAD

- Corner of Louisa and Old Huntingground Road made a dead end. This would be much safer for car parking in school hours.
- Due to parking restrictions at the school perhaps the bottom end of the street, Old Huntingground Road, could be made into a Dead End - incorporating a large turning area. This should not hinder any local residents because of the many outlets further down. This would also add to the safety of the children due to the restriction of thoroughfare.



STREETSCAPE

- More street lights
- Floodlighting of more buildings
- I would like to see more trees along the main road of Kempton.
- Trees lining the Midlands Highway behind Kempton would be a pretty backdrop to some of the beautiful old homes, rather than looking out at highway traffic.
- Landscaping of this area possibly by the students, would compliment the existing landscaping at the school.
- I would like to see a statue as our town entrance.
- For garbage bins along the Main street of Kempton it would cool to see them as a smaller statue, the same as our entrance statue.
- Town clock to be lit up at night
- More trees, more footpaths, more seats
- Fencing all the way around local parks so that parents don't have to worry about young children.
- Enhance northern entrance to Kempton, especially where the old bridge is situated.
- Shape trees at the entrance of Kempton at each end.



HIGHLIGHT HISTORIC FEATURES

- Plaques on gate entrances of historic buildings and homes with small amount of history.
- A brief description of the life of Mr Anthony Kemp would be a fitting display for the council chambers together with a photo (if obtainable) of Mr Anthony Kemp
- More history information boards out side of old building e.g. photo of old Kempton pub, when it burnt down, how new pub was built out of old pub bricks.
- Plaques for old houses with dates on it when they were built and what they were used for, banks, jails, bakery etc.
- Names on churches so other people will know which church is which
- An old stone wall coming into Kempton would be nice with an inscription depicting some of Kempton's history.



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