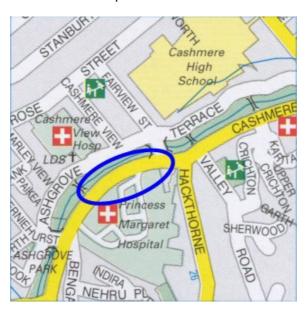
5. CASHMERE ROAD - NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to install a No Stopping (at any time) restriction on Cashmere Road outside Princess Margaret Hospital for traffic management purposes.

BACKGROUND

Concerns have been expressed at the lack of visibility at the exit from Princess Margaret Hospital onto Cashmere Road. Many minor crashes have occurred over the last few years. Motorists leaving the hospital have their view blocked by the existing on-street parking between the hospital's two driveways on Cashmere Road. The curvature and speed on Cashmere Road are also two contributing factors.



Locality Plan

Recent letters have requested that the section of roadway between the two hospital driveways on Cashmere Road have the kerbside parking banned to help solve the existing problem. The hospital is currently being redeveloped with a large number of the existing services the health system provides in Christchurch being relocated to this site.

CONSULTATION

Following consultation with the hospital's management it has been suggested that the existing practice of angle parking on the riverbank side of Cashmere Road opposite the hospital be formalised. This area is used as overflow parking for hospital staff and visitors. At the weekend walkers and mountain bikers use the area as a meeting point for their activities. They also angle park. The marking of angle parking will be subject to a plan produced by the City Streets Unit, as there will need to be a mix of both angle and parallel parking due to the varying width of the road shoulder. As Cashmere Road is classified as a minor arterial it is desirable to provide a 2-metre buffer zone between the traffic lane and the rear of the angle parked vehicles. This will be reflected in the proposed parking layout.

The hospital has also requested that the existing bus layover area opposite the hospital either be removed or relocated away from the hospital entrance to free up car parking. As the existing layover is still used Red Bus have requested that the layover area be retained but are happy for it to be shortened for one bus.

PROPOSAL

It is therefore desirable for traffic management purposes and safety reasons to install no stopping between the existing driveways. Parking will still be available opposite the hospital on the riverbank side of Cashmere Road for overflow purposes. A pedestrian island exists to aid the crossing of Cashmere Road. It is also proposed to formalise the existing angle parking (subject to a plan being produced by City Streets) on the riverbank side of Cashmere Road with the existing bus layover being shortened to allow for one bus.

The Princess Margaret Hospital management is more than happy with this proposal, especially as it will help solve the crashes outside their facility.

Recommendation:

- 1. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited (at any time) on the east side of Cashmere Road commencing at a point 140 metres from its intersection with Fairview Street and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 94 metres.
- 2. That the existing Parking Restriction (buses only) opposite Princess Margaret Hospital be revoked.
- 3. That the parking of vehicles limited to buses only, be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the north side of Cashmere Road commencing at a point 172 metres from its intersection with Fairview Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 17 metres.
- 4. That Angle Parking be installed on the north side of Cashmere Road commencing at a point 64 metres from its intersection with Fairview Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 91 metres.
- 5. That Angle Parking be installed on the north side of Cashmere Road commencing at a point 189 metres from its intersection with Fairview Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 77 metres.
- 6. That Angle Parking be installed on the north side of Cashmere Road commencing at a point 286 metres from its intersection with Fairview Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 136 metres.

Chairman's Recommendation:

That the officer's report be adopted.