

5. MERRIN STREET - PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve the installation of a two-hour parking restriction on the north side of Merrin Street from Withells Road to No. 36.

Requests have been received from the residents of Merrin Street between Withells Road and Merrin School and a residents meeting held asking for a two-hour parking restriction to be installed to prevent all day parking stopping the use of the area by their visitors and parking too close to their vehicle entrances. A written survey was made of the properties affected on both sides of this section of Merrin Street. The response to the survey question below was as follows: -

"I am in favour of a P.120 parking zone operating from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm being created on the north side of Merrin Street from Withells Road to No. 36:" -

Yes (15) No (4)

It should be noted that three of the four against were from either the Merrin School or the Avonhead Mall. The staff from both these establishments use this section of Merrin Street to park in. The Principal of the school advises they would be agreeable to the parking restriction if the Council would permit them to use the existing pedestrian alley off Beatrice Place as a car park entrance. The school have made an application to the Council in the past in this regard. For the School to operate a vehicle access off Beatrice Place, an application would be required for resource consent for three traffic related reasons.

1. The first reason is that the zoning of the alleyway is for residential purposes. The use of the alleyway for other than residential purposes or other than pedestrian access only requires resource consent.
2. The second reason is that the width of the access does not meet the proposed City Plan requirement for a 6.0 metre wide access for non-residential purposes.
3. The third reason is that the alleyway will carry in excess of 32 vehicle movements per day. Should the school wish to pursue a second application for the use of the alleyway for vehicular traffic, and then an important mitigating factor in any design would be one that provides physical separation between pedestrians and vehicles along the alleyway. Once again, any application for this use of the alleyway is likely to be processed on a publicly notified basis.

The school is at present considering their options for staff parking.

The Parking Enforcement Unit have also been consulted and are in favour of the proposed restriction. It is therefore proposed that a P.120 at any time parking restriction is installed.

Staff

Recommendation: That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of one hundred and twenty minutes from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.00 am and 6.00 pm on the north side of the Merrin Street commencing at a point 19.5 metres east of Withells Road and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of 152 metres.

Deputy Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.