13. CRANFORD STREET/INNES ROAD INTERSECTION: PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve the installation of parking restrictions in vicinity of the shops on the intersection of Cranford Street (S.H.1) and Innes Road (both are minor arterial roads) as shown on the appended plan.

Requests have been received by the Area Engineer for the extension of the existing no stopping restriction north of the existing bus stop on the south west side of Cranford Street and for the installation of P.60 restrictions on both sides of the road along the shop frontages.

The installation of the no stopping restriction shall improve the northbound traffic flow on Cranford Street north of Innes Road, by increasing the effective length of the merge lane downstream of the traffic lights. It shall also improve sight distances for drivers exiting the Orthodontist's car park at 253 Cranford Street and improve bus access from the bus stop outside 249 Cranford Street. The Orthodontist supports the extension of the no stopping restriction in front of his property.

A parking survey was taken of the shops and surrounding properties. Twenty replies were received as shown below, with the numbers supporting each proposal in brackets: -

I am in favour of a P.60 parking restriction: - Yes (8) No (5)

I am in favour of a P.60 parking restriction operating from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday: - Yes (15) No (5)

Several respondees ringed both the 'P.60' and the 'P.60 Monday to Friday'. These were taken as expressing a desire for any P.60 parking restriction to be or not to be installed i.e. they do not mind which P.60 it is, or are against any P.60 restriction. The following comments (which have been summarised) were also received.

- I would prefer a P.30 (2).
- The parking regulations need to be better enforced, especially in relationship to vehicles parking too close to driveways (3).

The City Councils Parking Enforcement Unit shall be asked to patrol this area immediately following the installation of this new restriction and afterwards on an as needed basis. This parking restriction shall encourage drivers wishing to park for more than one hour to park further away from the shops, thereby freeing up on street parking near the shops for short-term parking and improving the productivity of the shops. As the residents at numbers 219, and 260 Innes Road, and 257 Cranford Street have advised that they require long term parking out side their properties, the existing parking arrangements outside these properties shall remain as they are.

The Parking Enforcement Unit and Transit New Zealand both support the proposal.

For the above reasons it is proposed that:

- 1. The existing no stopping extension outside 249 Cranford Street is extended twenty-three metres along the frontage of 253 Cranford Street.
- Sixty minute parking restrictions are installed in Innes Road and Cranford Street as agreed with the majority of the residents and businesses.

Staff Recommendation:

That the following parking restrictions be installed:

- 1. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time in Cranford Street on the south west side commencing at the bus stop two metres south of the southern boundary of No. 253 and proceeding in a north westerly direction for a distance of 23 metres.
- 2. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of sixty minutes between the hours of 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday on the northeast side of Cranford Street commencing at a point 6 metres from its intersection with Knowles Street and extending in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 43.5 metres.
- 3. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of sixty minutes between the hours of 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday on the southwest side of Cranford Street commencing at a point 33.5 metres from its intersection with Knowles Street and extending in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 24.5 metres.
- 4. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of sixty minutes between the hours of 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday on the northwest side of Innes Road commencing at a point 6 metres from its intersection with Cranford Street and extending in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 60.5 metres.

Chairperson's Recommendation:

That the officer's recommendation be adopted.