

5. MEMORIAL AVENUE - "U-TURN" FACILITIES

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The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider banning parking in the vicinity of two "U-turn" facilities in the traffic median along Memorial Avenue between the entrance to the Commodore Christchurch Airport Quality Hotel and Stableford Green.

BACKGROUND

The General Manager of the Commodore Christchurch Airport Quality Hotel has recently drawn attention to a deficiency in traffic management along the section of Memorial Avenue between the Hotel's main entrance and the intersection of Stableford Green. Right turn slots in the median have been provided at both the hotel's entrance and the relocated road entrance into the Russley Golf Club and the adjacent subdivision (Stableford Green).

Although right turns can be executed without difficulty, a "U-turn" at both locations can be difficult if vehicles have been parked in the vicinity of the gaps in the median. The hotel manager would like to encourage people to drive into the hotel and use the extensive parking facilities on site rather than park at the kerbside on Memorial Avenue. Kerbside parking either side of the intersection of Stableford Green is a rare event. However, parking should also be prohibited in the area of the "U-turn" where a concrete strip has been provided for trucks that may need a greater area to complete the turning manoeuvre.

The aerial photograph **attached** to this report indicates the extent of the proposed "No Stopping" areas.

CONCLUSION

To assist motorists and drivers of large commercial vehicles to make "U-turns" at both the entranceway into the Commodore Christchurch Airport Quality Hotel and at the Stableford Green intersection, areas of kerbside parking should be banned. A bus stop outside the hotel should also be marked out to deter illegal parking and assist bus drivers. Hotel management is very supportive of the bus services (there is a paired bus stop across the road from the hotel) using incentives for guests to use the bus services for trips to and from the central city area.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time in the following areas:
 - i. On the south-west side of Memorial Avenue commencing at a point 95 m from the south-eastern kerblines of Stableford Green produced and extending in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 38 m.
 - ii. On the north-eastern side of Memorial Avenue commencing at its intersection with Stableford Green and extending in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 25 m.
 2. That a bus stop be established on the south-western side of Memorial Avenue commencing at a point 133 m from a point opposite the south-eastern kerblines on Stableford Green produced and extending in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 17 m.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:** That the above recommendations be adopted.