

8. MOORHOUSE AVENUE: PROPOSED P60 PARKING RESTRICTION

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to install a P60 parking restriction in the northern side of Moorhouse Avenue between Hagley Avenue and Selwyn Street, and on Selwyn Street outside Lifestyle Autos Limited.

BACKGROUND

A request has been received from Moby Dick's Dive Centre at 35 Moorhouse Avenue for a P60 parking restriction outside this business. Moby Dick's is situated in a building along with three other businesses being Tisco Christchurch Limited, Home Fresh Bakery and Triton Security. The off street car parking for this building is angle parking with each space accessed directly off Moorhouse Avenue and located immediately in front of the building but behind the footpath. This causes many problems with egress as vehicles parking all day kerbside block the angle parked vehicles. To exacerbate the problem further the kerb and channel at the roadside is covered dished channel. This style of channel causes problems throughout the city for the parking motorist as there is little height differential between the full kerb top and the vehicle-crossing cut down. It is therefore difficult to judge where the vehicle cut down is. Parked vehicles tend to encroach into the access.

INVESTIGATION AND CONSULTATION

Moorhouse Avenue is predominately businesses with a large proportion being car sales yards. The block in question from Hagley Avenue to Selwyn Street is somewhat the exception as it has a Motel complex, three car sales yards and five residential properties on the northern side. The Motel complex and the three residential properties nearer Hagley Avenue have frontage to Hagley Avenue but garaging is accessed off Moorhouse Avenue. This can be seen in the plan below. Due to no existing parking restrictions all day commuter parking is taking place.



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To gauge the level of concern of all businesses and residential property owners each was contacted to give their views on the parking problems. All replies to the letter and above plan outlining a proposed P60 parking restriction were in favour with no negative feedback being received. Of those who did reply, a request was to paint broken yellow no stopping lines across the vehicle crossing at the off street angle parking at No. 35 Moorhouse Avenue. This is however against Council Policy but may need further consideration in the future if problems are still occurring.

The Parking Unit has been contacted to check the severity of the current situation. The Team Leader of Enforcement has confirmed that a parking problem does exist at this location. She estimates on average that the parking officers visit the site four times a week, generally for vehicles parking over the access to the angle parking.

Proposal

The proposal is to install a P60 Parking Restriction on the northern side of Moorhouse Avenue from Hagley Avenue to Selwyn Street and on Selwyn Street outside Lifestyle Autos Limited. This is shown on the plan above. The proposal put to businesses and residential property owners was to apply the restriction to No.23 Moorhouse Avenue with an option to extend it to Hagley Avenue if owners agreed. As no opposition to the extension has been received the restriction will cover the whole northern side. Due to the continuing problem of vehicles either parking over or the close to the driveways it is proposed to also mark driveway with parking limit lines (ticks). This has worked very successfully around the University of Canterbury in Ilam.

The Council's Parking Strategy provides guidance for the allocation of kerbside parking. Moorhouse Avenue is classified as a 'Major' arterial within the City Plan. For Business and Residential areas on arterial roads, the policy states in 5.2.3 Kerbspace Parking Priority:

To allocate kerb space where demand exceeds supply, in general accordance with the Arterial Roads table below.

	ARTERIAL ROADS PARKING PRIORITY
1	Bus Stops
2	Taxi, Limousine and Shuttle services
3	Loading Zones
4	Parking for People
5	Short-stay private vehicle parking for business and retail needs
6	Residents' parking
7	Commuter parking (Staff & Students)

This proposal to install time restricted parking on Moorhouse Avenue fits with the Strategy.

The Parking Operations Manager supports this proposal.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 60 minutes on the north side of Moorhouse Avenue commencing at a point 36 metres from its intersection with Selwyn Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 188 metres.
 2. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 60 minutes on the west side of Selwyn Street commencing at a point 7 metres from its intersection with Moorhouse Avenue and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 26 metres.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:** That the recommendations be adopted.