

16. INTER CITY BUS STOP

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's support for the installation of an additional bus stop on the north side of Worcester Street, just west of Manchester Street.

The Christchurch Manager for Ritchies, who are the major franchise holders for 'Inter City' has requested two additional bus stop spaces for coaches servicing the Inter City Depot in Worcester Street. It is not practical to supply two extra bus stops as it would mean removing a loading zone outside the John Britten development which is required for servicing the area including the Inter City Depot.

One additional bus stop can be positioned in the area currently covered by broken yellow 'no stopping' lines leading up to the traffic signals at Manchester Street. The additional bus stop would be used as the overflow stop by coaches in the mornings between 7.00am and 8.30am. During this period there are very few vehicles and the reduction in 'no stopping' would not effect the capacity at the traffic signals. However a coach in this location would restrict the view of the primary signal lantern (the one on the left). To overcome this it is proposed to install a 'mast arm'. A signal lantern suspended from a pole out over the approach lane. Ritchies have been asked to fund this.

It is proposed to install the additional bus stop as soon as possible as this is the time of year when coaches are doubled up to meet demand. If the additional bus stop does not meet the demand, then Ritchies may consider an alternative location.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the stopping of vehicles on the north side of Worcester Street commencing at a point 17 metres from its intersection of Manchester Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres be removed.
 2. That a 'bus stop' be created on the north side of Worcester Street commencing at a point 17 metres from its intersection with Manchester Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 12 metres.

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