

4. ROAD MARKING CHANGES AT RICCARTON/RIMU

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Community Board of proposed changes to the road markings at the Riccarton/Rimu intersection.

The Rimu Street approach to Riccarton Road is Give Way controlled. A signalised midblock crossing exists immediately to the east of this intersection and a yellow cross-hatched area is marked on Riccarton Road in front of the Give Way limit lines (see attached plan).

Because the eastbound limit line for the pedestrian signals is located to the west of the cross-hatched area, vehicles turning left out of Rimu St are effectively not controlled by the traffic signals. When the pedestrian phase is introduced and vehicles on Riccarton Road stop at the limit line, left turning vehicles from Rimu Street take the opportunity to proceed, but in conflict with the pedestrians legally crossing Riccarton Road.

The Manual of Traffic Signs and Markings (which is the guideline used by Road Controlling Authorities in New Zealand) suggests that yellow cross-hatch markings should only be used at railway crossings and in situations where exits for emergency vehicles may be blocked by queuing traffic. The markings are not intended for general use where side roads meet a main road.

The current markings are in fact a legacy of the previous Riccarton Borough Council and would not now be installed in this type of location.

To overcome this real safety and legal issue, the City Streets Unit will be removing the yellow cross-hatching on Riccarton Road at the Riccarton/Rimu intersection.

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