

13. WAITIKIRI DRIVE TRAFFIC CONCERNS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcomes of the 'on-site' meeting to discuss traffic concerns in Waitikiri Drive and to seek approval for the installation of some "no stopping" lines.

On 6 September 2003 approximately 26 residents met with Board members and staff to discuss traffic concerns in Waitikiri Drive.

A range of traffic concerns were raised (an aerial photograph of the area is attached):

1. **Speed Limits**

Residents were concerned about the speed of vehicles, particularly large trucks accessing the landfill site. Various suggestions for additional signs or the better placement of signs were made.

From where the group were standing there were several speed limit signs visible. Any alteration to the position of signs where the speed limits change, has to be done as part of the city wide speed limit review, because of the complex processes involved and the need to change the bylaw or carry out the gazetting processes. As the current review is nearing completion, any proposed changes would be done in the next round which is due to start early in 2004.

However, it appeared from the residents' comments that some vehicles were exceeding the existing posted speed limit which is 50 km/h in Waitikiri Drive and the Landfill Avenue. Recording of speeds carried out on Thursday 11 September resulted in an average for vehicles passing the end of Waitikiri Drive of 38 km/h when going into the landfill, and 43.5 km/h on their way out. The excessive speed, usually at night time, is an enforcement problem.

2. **No Stopping on Landfill Avenue**

Broken yellow 'no stopping' lines were requested on the northern side of Landfill Avenue between the gate and Waitikiri Drive to ensure that parked vehicles did not block the view of approaching vehicles. Although the approaching vehicles are on the other side of the road and site distances are good, the fact that most of these vehicles are large trucks, justifies the installation of these lines.

3. **Turning Priorities from Prestons Road**

It was pointed out that some trucks turning left from Prestons Road into Landfill Avenue were reluctant to give way to cars turning right from Burwood Road. The "Traffic Regulations" will change before Christmas and this will result in the Burwood Road traffic having to give way.

4. **Flooding in Burwood Road**

Reports of flooding in Burwood Road will be dealt with by the Maintenance Team. Inspections after rain since the meeting have not observed flooding. When flooding occurs it should always be reported to ensure that any problems are resolved.

5. **Marshland Road/Mairehau Road Intersection**

Concern over the difficulty to turn left from Mairehau Road into Marshland Road was discussed. This intersection was improved recently and the configuration was determined by the requirements of the safety audit. An exclusive left turn lane would put the through cyclists at high risk of accidents.

6. **Trucks Exiting Landfill Avenue**

Residents reported trucks travelling above the speed limit and approaching the Give Way at Prestons/Burwood Roads at inappropriate speeds. A Stop sign would not meet the requirements of the national standard and would encourage non-compliance. The speed limit signs are well placed and measured speeds indicated that most trucks are complying.

7. Waitikiri Drive

One resident considered that the entrance to Waitikiri Drive was too narrow and more parking should be provided within the street. If the entrance were to be widened or the narrow sections removed, the speed of vehicles would automatically increase. Other residents present did not consider altering the existing layout would be a good idea.

8. Waitikiri Drive Roundabout

There are still vehicles travelling around the wrong side of the roundabout. The roundabout is well engineered and the problem is a deliberate action by the drivers. It is intended to trial different systems to see if it is possible to video vehicles with sufficient clarity to be able to read the number plates and supply the information to the Police.

A separate report outlines the intention to lengthen the approach island on the north approach to the roundabout. This will help to discourage drivers from travelling on the wrong side of this island.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the stopping of vehicles at any time be prohibited on the north side of Landfill Avenue commencing at the intersection of Waitikiri Drive and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 33 metres.

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- Recommendations:**
1. That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.
 2. That the Police be asked to take further steps to enforce speed limits in Burwood/Prestons Roads and to achieve compliance at the roundabout in Waitikiri Drive.