

## 5. HOSPITAL CORNER CYCLE PROJECT

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of Stage II of the Hospital Corner cycle project, and seek the Council's approval for metered parking removal.

### OVERALL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The overall Hospital Corner cycle project is intended to make cycle movement through the area of Hospital Corner easier, more convenient and with lower risk for cyclists. The project caters for cycle movement from each of the five approaches to the area (Riccarton Avenue/Hagley Park, Hagley Avenue, Antigua Street, Tuam Street and the Antigua/Rolleston Cycle Bridge). The attached publicity diagram "Hospital Corner Cycle Links" shows the work completed as part of Stage I of the project.

### TUAM STREET CONTRA-FLOW PATH

One of the key elements of the project is a marking, signal phasing, and works plan which allows cyclists to move in a straight line (travelling east) from Riccarton Avenue to Tuam Street. The section of Tuam Street in question is one-way in the opposite direction to which cyclists are being allowed to travel. Cyclists then connect to the cycle lanes marked on the remaining length of Tuam Street.

As part of Stage I work, cyclists could travel straight through from Riccarton Avenue to Tuam Street by using the footpath as a combined pedestrian/cycle path. While this situation is satisfactory for now, it is unlikely to remain so as the site bounded by the triangle Tuam-Oxford-Antigua Streets is pending development.

Stage II of the project improves the contra-flow cycle path element by removing parking on the north side of this stretch of Tuam Street, and creating a separate cycle path, segregated from the traffic by islands –see attached diagram "Hospital Corner Cycle Links Stage II".

When this project was originally considered it was known that a car-parking building for the Hospital was intended. The removal of the car park spaces on the north side of Tuam Street has been timed only to be done after the car-parking building is operating.

The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board recommends to the Council the removal of the parking on the north side of Tuam Street to make space for the contra-flow cycle path.

**Recommendation:**

1. That the nine (9) metered car-parking spaces, on the north side of Tuam Street, commencing at a point 13m from the intersection of Antigua Street and extending westward for 66m be removed.
2. That the stopping of vehicles at any time commencing at a point 13m from the intersection with Antigua Street and extending westward for 66m be prohibited.