

11. CATHEDRAL SQUARE

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1. HERITAGE MILLENNIUM HOTELS

At its June meeting the City Services Committee approved a plan showing proposed changes on the Heritage Hotel corner for consultation with the Hotel managers.

The plan included the removal of the P5 parking outside the hotels. Both hotels were extremely unhappy with this and have requested that some parking be included for vehicles other than buses and taxis. This parking should be of sufficient duration to allow for a driver to leave the vehicle and go into the hotel to find and collect guests and on arrival to unload and register before arranging long term parking. Five minutes is considered a realistic time for this.

The Hotel managers have pointed out that a P5 parking zone has always been 'shown on the plans' for this section of the square. Similar zones are provided on the NE (Warners) corner of the square and at other hotels in the Central City.

A plan has been agreed with them that provides the type of parking they require, provides some additional planted areas outside the hotel and better defines the pedestrian areas. It provides a significant improvement for pedestrians with a 3m wide strip clear of vehicles and safer traffic movement compared with the existing layout. A copy of the proposal is [attached](#).

It is suggested that the parking area be signed "P5 rather than P3", only.

The Hotels have also requested that the works be completed by mid September before their busy season commences.

The estimated cost of the work is \$24,000. This is close to the \$26,160 already provided for in the contract let to Calcon Asphalt for bollards and new cutdowns. Much of the work in this contract will not now be required.

2. PLANTING ISSUES

Possible options for using plants and flowers in containers were discussed by the Committee and it was agreed that a concept design with preliminary costings should be brought back to the September meeting of the City Services Committee.

Recommendation:

1. That the proposed changes in the Heritage Hotel corner as per the attached plan be approved.
2. That planting boxes be placed to channel/manage traffic in consultation with the hotels.
3. That the Parking Operations Manager be instructed to immediately/urgently police this area.