

8. SPEED LIMIT REVIEW 2000



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The purpose of this report is to confirm proposals to introduce a number of 80 km/h bylaw speed limits on roads in the city. This report has also been considered by the Burwood/Pegasus and Riccarton/Wigram Community Boards.

BACKGROUND

In May, the Council considered a report on a proposal to alter the existing speed limits on roads in the Halswell area and along the new sections of the Woolston/Burwood Expressway (Anzac Drive) between Travis Road and Bexley Road near Wetlands Grove. In the Halswell area, approval was being sought to lower speed limits in the Hoon Hay Valley Road area from the present open road speed limit of 100 km/h to 80 km/h. The Council was also asked to consider placing an 80 km/h speed limit on the two sections of Anzac Drive the first of which will be opened in August 2000.

With the adoption of new zoning provisions in the notified City Plan and the development of new subdivisions in the Halswell and Belfast areas in particular, it has become necessary to expand the current urban (50 km/h) zone in these areas. The Land Transport Safety Authority (LTSA) is assisting in preparing the documentation that will allow gazette notices to be placed for existing and proposed 70 km/h speed limits on roads within the new urban speed zone. The Council's responsibility is to alter the fourth schedule in the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 to include new 80 km/h speed limits.

CHANGES TO THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL

Only 20 people responded to the leaflet that was circulated within the community for comment. Most considered that lowering speed limits in the areas proposed was a positive step and one was that was possibly overdue in the Halswell area.

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board suggested that the proposed 80 km/h speed limit for Anzac Drive be reduced to 70 km/h. This matter was discussed by the Council at its meeting on 25 May 2000 when it was decided "*that a 70 km/h speed limit be imposed along the full length of Anzac Drive for a trial period of 12 months, with such limit to be further reviewed at the end of the trial period*". This recommendation will be built into the new gazette notice that will describe speed limits on roads in the city.

Since the original proposal residents of Whincops Road have asked that the 100 km/h speed limit be lowered along the section of roadway between Halswell Junction Road and Quaifes Road. This section of roadway complies with the criteria for an extension of the existing 80 km/h speed limit along Halswell Junction Road.

BYLAW AMENDMENT

It is proposed that the Council amend the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 to include the additional 80 km/h speed limits:

1. Sutherlands Road.
2. Cashmere Road (from Kennedys Bush Road to near Happy Home Road).
3. Hoon Hay Valley Road (from Cashmere Road south for 800 m).
4. Whincops Road (from Halswell Junction Road to near Quaifes Road).

Other speed limit changes and proposals involving the 70 km/h limits along Anzac Drive and Milns Road will be covered by the proposed gazette notice that will be prepared by the LTSA. This procedure will also cover the proposed change in speed limit from 100 km/h to 50 km/h in Nash Road and the southern end of Hoon Hay Valley Road.

CONCLUSION

The procedures for setting speed limits have been followed by the Council and it is now appropriate for the above described changes to be made to the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991.

Recommendation: That the fourth schedule of the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 be amended to include the following 80 km/h speed limits:

1. Cashmere Road south, then west generally, from a point measured 240 metres west from Happy Home Road to a point measured 50 m east from Kennedys Bush Road.
2. Hoon Hay Valley Road from Cashmere Road south, generally, to a point measured 800 metres south from Cashmere Road.
3. Sutherlands Road from Sparks Road south, generally, to Cashmere Road.
4. Whincops Road from Halswell Junction Road south-west, generally, to a point measured 100 m north-east from Quaifes Road.