

8. MEMORIAL AVENUE – PROPOSED U-TURN BAN

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Corporate Plan Output: Street Markings and Signs	

The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Council the banning of U-turns through the right turn bays in Memorial Avenue, a major arterial road. The right turn bays are opposite the entrances to No.s 429 and 428, the Commodore Motor Inn and Russley Golf Course respectively.

This matter was considered and supported by the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board at its meeting on Tuesday 1 February 2000.

BACKGROUND

At present there exists at the above locations for traffic on Memorial Avenue proceeding in an easterly direction; a right turn bay for those wishing to turn into the Commodore Motor Inn; and for traffic proceeding in a westerly direction a right turn bay for those wishing to turn into the Russley Golf Course. Some drivers are using these gaps in the median to do U-turns against the flow path of the vehicles using the right turning bays and while waiting for a gap in the traffic partially blocking the lane nearest the median with the rear of their vehicle. These vehicles should be proceeding to the right turn bays one hundred metres further along Memorial Avenue to do a U-turn.

PROPOSAL

To install 'No U-turn' international signs (New Zealand Land Transport sign code RG 15) immediately upstream and information signs advising "Right turn bay – 60 metres" immediately downstream of the gaps in the solid median as shown on the attached aerial photograph. The Committee has approved the "right-turn bay - 60 metres" warning signs subject to the Council adopting the recommendation below.

Recommendation: That RG 15 signs be installed on the centre median of Memorial Avenue at the following two locations:

- At a point opposite No.416, 6.0 metres west of its common boundary with No.414.
- At a point opposite No.428, 26.0 metres west of its common boundary with No.426.