

## 8. COLOMBO STREET – CASHMERE ROAD TO TENNYSON STREET

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the recommendations of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board regarding complaints about kerbside parking at Thorrington Street in Colombo Street. Set out below is a copy of the report considered by the Board at its meeting on 5 September 2000 together with the Board recommendations:

*The Board will be aware that the marking of cycle lanes and flush (painted) median, incorporating 3 pedestrian islands in Colombo Street between Tennyson Street and Cashmere Road, necessitated the removal of kerbside parking. The proprietors of the Thorrington Dairy, the Florist and the Hairdresser object to the installation of broken yellow lines and bus stop markings between the shopping block and Thorrington Road.*

*With reference to the attached plan (distributed to all residents and business fronting Colombo Street in December 1999), parking has been restricted directly across the road (outside the Church) to provide visibility at the crossing point and provide the cycle lane.*

*Parking was also restricted around the inside bend (south of the shops and outside the Shell Service Station) for the same purpose. It was intended to relocate the inbound bus stop further north to provide more parking. As a result of the public consultation, objections were received about this relocation regarding 2 issues.*

- 1. Loss of visibility when exiting Thorrington Road if a bus was parked at the relocated position.*
- 2. Loss of privacy in living areas of the residents living at the relocated position.*

*These concerns were considered valid and combined with a modification to the kerbline at the request of the dairy owners no change in kerbside parking was considered to accrued at this part of the project. Further to this, Environment Canterbury staff consider the existing bus stop location to be appropriate in terms of the side road catchments.*

*City Streets Unit staff have been considering options to improve kerbside parking without compromising road safety. It is possible to construct a recessed bay outside no's 30 and 30A Colombo Street (Cashmere New Life Church) which still retains a 2 metre wide footpath on one side and a cycle lane on the other side of the bay. I have met with Church Trustees who would have no objection to this bay and have offered to reduce their 2 driveway entrances to one to allow more parking. The City Streets Unit views this work as a great opportunity to provide more parking and retain existing road safety features subject to resource consent for the church and provision of \$15,000 to construct the bay.*

*There is still continuing requests to have the inbound bus stop relocated to a position north of Thorrington Road from the resident at no. 31 and for other reasons, and this relocation would be considered ideal if there is no objection from residents at the new location or Environment Canterbury.*

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD COMMENTS**

This matter was considered at the 5 September 2000 meeting of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, in association with a petition from the owner of the Thorrington Dairy. The Board recommended:

1. That it support the proposal to construct a recessed bay at numbers 30 and 30A Colombo Street, subject to funding and a resource consent for the property being given, to provide parking for the Thorrington businesses.
2. That it express to City Streets its urgent concern that time is critical in this matter, and that the business owners in the Thorrington Shops have the full support and understanding of the Board.
3. That the City Streets Unit and Community Advocate explore the possible development of off street or side street parking in the vicinity of this area, including Malcolm Avenue.
4. That the petition be referred to the City Services Committee.

This clause was considered in association with the petition presented by Councillor Ian Howell and the representations made on behalf of local business people by Mrs Vivienne Marks of the Thorrington Dairy.

**Recommendation:** That a parking bay be inserted between the bus stop and Malcolm Avenue on the east side of Colombo Street, but otherwise no changes be made to the existing plan.