

1. MILTON STREET – P10 PARKING RESTRICTION

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval for part of an existing P30 parking restriction being changed to P10 on Milton Street outside the shopping centre near Barrington Street.

BACKGROUND

A P30 (at any time) parking restriction was established outside the shops some years ago. In November 1998 due to a change to the Barrington (14) bus route the bus stop outside number 5 Milton Street was removed and the P30 parking restriction extended to outside number 7 at the owners request. This helped resolve some of the parking issues at the time, but as occupiers and businesses have changed, so have the issues concerning on-street parking.

Concerns were recently raised over the need for short term parking (i.e. 10 minutes) to help provide a better chance for passing motorists to access the two takeaway shops in the shopping centre. The viability of suburban strip shopping has been dependent on the availability of short term on-street parking. However balancing the need and restriction time limit to meet all the types of businesses in the shopping area can be difficult. There is currently a diverse range of businesses - these being two takeaways, used clothing, hair salon, dog grooming and discount odds and ends shop. Added to this the two northern properties are a veterinary clinic and podiatry clinic. All have different parking needs. Many of the existing shops have carparking at the rear of their premises. This tends to be under utilised due to its access off Barrington Street.

This parking could be used for longer term parking (i.e. longer than 30 minutes). The veterinary and podiatry clinics both have limited off-street parking.

PROPOSAL

To help the parking needs of each business (especially the two takeaways), it has been requested that short term parking of 10 minutes be installed to apply to some of the on-street parking. This proposal would also benefit the other businesses providing short term parking for their customers. The two parking spaces closest to Barrington Street are seen to be the most appropriate, as they are located before the two takeaways for easy vehicle run in, but still close enough for convenience. This location is also away from the other businesses that require longer parking so no conflict should occur with there parking requirements.

CONSULTATION

Each shop owner and occupier has been written to explaining the proposal and rationale behind it. The letter also invited their opinions on the proposal prior to this meeting.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the existing P30 (at any time) parking restriction on the west side of Milton Street commencing at a point 9 metres from its intersection with Barrington Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 12 metres be revoked.
 2. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 10 minutes (at any time) on the west side of Milton Street commencing at a point 9 metres from its intersection with Barrington Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 12 metres.