

8. FERRY ROAD BUS STOP

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The purpose of this report is to recommend the repositioning of a bus stop in Ferry Road near the intersection of Charlesworth Street.

When Environment Canterbury introduced the new bus service that went through the Brookhaven area, the Council was tasked with providing the bus stop locations. Instead of introducing additional stops, it was decided to combine the bus stops for the new service with the stops on the existing route to Sumner/Mt Pleasant where appropriate. To achieve this the bus stop in Ferry Road on the Sumner side of Charlesworth Street was shifted to the city side of Charlesworth Street.

This new combined bus stop was placed in such a position as to not encroach onto the frontage of number 909 Ferry Road. The owner of number 909 is a shift worker and was concerned about a bus stopping outside his property. Because of this the bus stop was placed very close to the corner of Charlesworth Street. As buses usually drop off passengers at this stop, the time the bus occupies the site is usually only a few seconds. However this stop is also a timing point. Buses usually pull over to the Sumner side of the intersection and wait to mark time. On some occasions when the bus drops off passengers and also has to mark time, the driver chooses to do so at the marked stop.

The owner of number 909 has expressed concern about the safety of vehicles turning out of Charlesworth Street into Ferry Road when this event does occur, as buses block the vision of approaching vehicles in Ferry Road. The resident has been so concerned that he has taken the matter to his local Member of Parliament, David Carter.

It has been pointed out to David Carter and the property owner the reasons for the current bus stop position and that to shift the bus stop would result in it being placed outside number 909 Ferry Road.

On reviewing the situation, it would be advisable to shift the stop because the improvement in visibility towards the city would be greatly improved on the occasions when a bus is at the stop.

This matter was referred to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for its information and the Board supported recommendation 1 in principle subject to a new recommendation 3 "That timing stops be situated outside non-residential properties, in particular, specifically in this case that they be sited outside Woolworths, Ferrymead and St Anne's School in Ferry Road". (This matter is addressed further in clause 15 of the report.)

Subcommittee

- Recommendation:**
1. That the 'bus stop' on the north east side of Ferry Road commencing at a point 9 metres from its intersection with Charlesworth Street and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 14.5 metres be revoked.
 2. That a 'bus stop' be installed on the north east side of Ferry Road commencing at a point 21 metres from its intersection with Charlesworth Street and extending in a north westerly direction for a distance of 13 metres.