

## 10. COLOMBO STREET VANDALISM

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the concerns of a group of Sydenham Businessmen.

A petition has been received from the business on the section of Colombo Street between Waverley Street and Elgin Street requesting a no stopping parking restriction. This restriction is designed to prevent the parking of vehicles in this area between the hours of 8pm and 7am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The concern of the businessmen is associated with the congregation of young persons and their vehicles and plate glass shop front windows in this area that have regularly been broken. The restriction will enable the police to move vehicles on in this area.

Points to be considered with the implementation of such a restriction are; its impact on nearby property occupiers, the cumulative effects of imposing the restriction over a wider area and the appropriateness of the restriction as a means of control.

There will be occasions for example when visitors to the nearby clubrooms will wish to use this locality for parking during the times of the restriction. This has the problem of spreading parking demands over a wider area.

The problem is not unique to this particular location. It is quite common for groups of errant motorists to be parked any where along Colombo Street between St Asaph Street and Milton Street as well as many other areas in Christchurch. This type of parking control, could become a general restriction to the motoring public, it could accentuate the speed of vehicles in these areas and if introduced on a wider bases will lead to selective enforcement and loss of respect.

The Council has adopted a bylaw to restrict the entry of vehicles, under a certain weight, in particular streets. Unfortunately this type of control is not appropriate to such streets as Colombo Street because of the amount of through traffic. This matter has also been considered by the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board and it has suggested that this matter be referred to the City Services Committee for consideration.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the suggested parking restriction on Colombo Street between Waverley and Elgin Streets be implemented as soon as possible.
  2. That the Street Racing Subcommittee consider any similar requests.
  3. That the littering problems, especially broken glass, be monitored.
  4. That the Street Racing Subcommittee, together with Councillors Ron Wright, Carole Evans and Sally Buck, meet with the Police to encourage better policing of Colombo Street and discuss the current level of vacancies in Police staffing in the Christchurch area.