

## 5. VICTORIA STREET CYCLE LANE PROJECT - PARKING PROVISION

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The purpose of this report is to report back to the Council on parking provision at the north-end of Victoria Street.

### BACKGROUND

At the June meeting of the City Services Committee, the owner of "The Daily Bagel" shop at 179A Victoria Street indicated that the cycle facilities markings proposed for the intersection would remove two parking spaces on the opposite side of the road, opposite the shop. The loss of parking would affect the viability of the business.

The Committee instructed the City Streets Unit to review the intended cycle markings and parking impacts to determine whether additional parking could be provided.

### REVIEW ACTIONS

Two options were considered in the review of the plan (see attached diagram).

1. Option one: Provide an indented parking area in place of the two removed metered car park spaces. This option would have the following impacts:
  - It would create one car park space.
  - Reduce the footpath to the absolute minimum acceptable width. This is considered undesirable in a footpath outside a well established church as many of the church-goers may be elderly or have difficulty walking.
  - The carriageway where vehicles would pull-in to the park is of minimum acceptable width. The area of road adjacent to car door opening is also of minimum width. Both actions - vehicles slowing to park, and car-doors opening - would have safety implications for following vehicles and for passing cyclists.
2. Option two: Join the existing one car park space and the motorcycle parking area (which are south of the church driveway) into two car parking spaces. This option will require the moving of the fire hydrant currently sitting between the car park and the motorcycle park.
  - It does not change footpath width at all.
  - Vehicles pulling in to the parking area will have more road width next to them, and therefore less effect on the following vehicles.
  - Car doors will be opened next to a slightly wider section of carriageway, creating less of a road safety hazard.

Option two - creating two car parking spaces out of one space and a motorcycle area - is the preferred option from a safety perspective. Both options would only permit the creation of one extra car park space. The moving of the fire hydrant will cost approximately \$4500 (the indented kerb option would have cost about \$8000).

The newly created two car space will be P10 at the request of the shop owners.

The owners of "The Daily Bagel" have indicated that they are happy with the option presented.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council approve the option of a two-car parking area immediately south of the driveway to the Knox Church.
  2. That the removal of the motorcycle parking area on the north east side of Victoria Street, commencing at a point 39m south-east of the Bealey Avenue intersection be approved.
  3. That the creation of a P10 parking restriction, on the north east side of Victoria Street, commencing at a point 34m south-east of the intersection with Bealey Avenue, and extending south-east for a distance of 10m be approved.