

11. ANNEX ROAD – NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Council to install a 'No Stopping Restriction' on Annex Road for traffic management purposes.

This report was received by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board at its meeting on Wednesday 5 September 2001. Their recommendation is to support the officer's request.

BACKGROUND

Recently the Council has received concerns about traffic congestion from road users and businesses on Annex Road (Venture Place to Lunns Road) especially when the barrier arms at the Main South Railway are down.

When the railway barriers are down vehicles travelling towards Blenheim Road queue for some distance back along Annex Road towards Birmingham Drive. On-site observations have seen this to be up to 300 metres with delays of up to five minutes not uncommon. At the Annex/Lunns Road intersection, just to the south of the railway crossing, the pavement is marked with a sin bin area (yellow cross hatching) to prevent vehicles blocking the intersection. To avoid having to wait for the queue to move, which is being delayed by the down barrier, vehicles are now taking a chance by driving on the wrong side of Annex Road and are turning left in front of the queue to access Lunns Road.

Inevitably they are meeting head on with vehicles turning right out of Lunns Road who do not expect this.

SOLUTION

So that vehicles can turn left into Lunns Road more road space is required to mark a left turn lane. Currently no space is available for this purpose. By banning vehicle parking on the south side of Annex Road between Lunns Road and Venture Place this can be achieved. All businesses fronting this section of Annex Road have off street parking on their sites.

Recently all owners were written to outlining the problem and the proposal to install a no parking ban to gain road space for traffic management purposes. No objections were received to this proposal.

CONCLUSION

To help manage an unsafe practice and provide a left turn lane into Lunns Road, parking should be banned on the south west side of Annex Road between Lunns Road and Venture Place (see attached plan).

Recommendation: That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited (at any time) on the south side of Annex Road commencing at its intersection with Lunns Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 136 metres.