

5. BARRINGTON STREET – PEDESTRIAN FACILITY AT CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL

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The purpose of this report is to obtain the Council's approval to construct a pedestrian island in Barrington Street at the Cashmere High School main gate.

BACKGROUND

The Community has identified a need to assist students of Cashmere High School when crossing Barrington Street at the school's main gate. The Community Board has allocated \$8,000 towards the project which will cover the total cost. The City Streets Unit has completed the installation of a flush (painted) median at the school frontage, with advance pedestrian warning signage. Barrington Street has been identified as a significant cycle route, and cycle lanes will be installed on Barrington Street.

INITIAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE

I have contacted all directly affected residents, that is residents who would require to have parking restrictions outside their properties. The number of properties affected is 3, 2 on the school side, just north of the school entrance, and 1 opposite the school. Two of the property owners have no objection, one objects and wishes to retain parking directly outside his property.

I met with the Principal and Property Officer of Cashmere High, who both agree that the island position is the most appropriate. The island position achieves the following objectives:

1. Protection for vehicles queuing to right turn into the school's driveway.
2. Minimises kerbside parking reduction, ie because of adjoining driveways etc.
3. Located on the main desireline for students wishing to travel north towards Somerfield Street.
4. Conveniently located for students heading south on Barrington Street, without any significant detour to access the island.

The need to restrict parking outside three properties is due to needed to protect sight-line requirements for students at the kerbside. Parking restrictions will also facilitate the provision of future cycle lanes, without compromising the traffic lane widths.

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board at its 30 January 2001 meeting supported the proposal.

CONCLUSION

This project, requires a decision between creating a safer road crossing facility and providing for cyclists, (the two main vulnerable road user groups), and providing for parking directly outside a property. *Note:* The property owner, who objects would be able to park approximately 3–4 metres away from his property.

- Recommendation:**
1. That a pedestrian island be installed on Barrington Street at the Cashmere High School entrance.
 2. That the parking of all vehicles be restricted at all times, on the south-west side of Barrington Street, commencing at a point 55 metres north-west of Moana Street, extending in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 25 metres.
 3. That the parking of all vehicles be restricted at all times on the north-east side of Barrington Street, commencing at a point 62 metres north-west of Moana Street, extending in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 21 metres.