

2. PROPOSED ANGLE PARKING AT MONA VALE AVENUE, RICCARTON (BETWEEN RICCARTON ROAD AND AYR STREET)

Alec Ford (on behalf of the Deans Avenue Precinct Society) and Weng-Kei Chen (City Streets Unit) were in attendance to discuss a request, from City Streets, for better parking arrangements on this section of Mona Value Avenue.

The City Streets Unit has been approached by the owner of Trevinos to rationalise and maximise the parking spaces available along Mona Vale Avenue. A similar work on parking facilities was carried out by the Council along the Avenue from Kilmarnock Street to Mona Vale.

The work would be financed by Trevinos.

Trevinos has applied to the Council for resource consent to enable the existing bar/restaurant business to be operated independently of the traveller accommodation activities. This business will require the owner to provide more car parks for its customers on site. This car parking requirement will create a shortfall for the car park spaces on site and hence this request. The proposal is to mitigate the parking requirement which otherwise will be required to be constructed on site.

The general business environment in this part of Riccarton has changed substantially. The demand for better parking facilities in the vicinity is evident with the number of cars parked along the avenue. This proposal could provide better parking facilities for the adjacent business communities.

The City Streets Unit considered that these formalised parking spaces will provide a good roading asset for the community during normal business hours and at the same time provide parking for Trevinos' customers in the evenings.

The City Streets Unit sought Board agreement, in principle, for the installation of the parking facilities, and the development of a landscape plan.

Mr Ford contended that the Council should not be involved in such a project, as the shortage of on-site (at Trevinos) parking was one issue considered by the Resource Management Hearings Panel when Trevinos sought consent to their operations.

The applicant had appealed the Panel's decision not to grant consent; Mr Ford sought a halt to this project until the appeal had been determined by the Environment Court.

Mr Ford also expressed concerns that the new parking facility would result in the grass embankment being cut away, when it was originally put in place to mitigate the proximity of the railway line.

Whilst there was general acceptance that additional parking was needed in this vicinity, members were concerned that the work could be premature, given the situation that the applicant (and proposer of the new parking facility) had appealed a resource management decision, an aspect of which did relate to car parking.

The Board therefore **decided** that further consideration of the report be deferred pending a legal opinion from the Legal Services Manager as to the appropriateness of the Community Board considering the proposal whilst it was subject to a process of appeal before the Environment Court.