

1. GILBERTHORPES ROAD – SCHOOL PATROL AT GILBERTHORPE SCHOOL

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The purpose of this report is to respond to a request from Gilberthorpe School to install a school patrol at the existing zebra crossing on Gilberthorpes Road, at the school entrance, and to also recommend that the school patrol be approved by the Council to legalise the operation of the school patrol.

BACKGROUND

A zebra crossing exists on Gilberthorpes Road at the Gilberthorpe School gate, just south of the Aurora Street intersection. This zebra crossing incorporates extended kerbs and appropriate parking restrictions, to optimise visibility. The school currently has traffic wardens to assist children across the zebra crossing. The school reports an increasing number of trucks using Gilberthorpes Road and trucks have been observed by staff. The volume of traffic makes crossing the roadway problematic for children.

THE PROPOSAL

Recent surveys indicate that a school patrol is warranted at this site based on the volume of traffic and the number of children crossing the roadway. There is minimal change required to the streetscape to implement a school patrol. Single galvanised posts are required on each side of the road, for the swing out school patrol signs. No additional parking restrictions, other road markings, or signage are required.

Recommendation: That in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Regulation 97(1) of the Traffic Regulations 1976 or by any enactment made in substitution, and pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Local Government Act 1974, the Christchurch City Council hereby authorises the head teacher of Gilberthorpe School to appoint appropriately trained persons in accordance with Traffic Regulation 97(4) to act as School Patrols at the school crossing point as specified at the following location:

Gilberthorpes Road, located at a point, more or less 34 metres south-westerly generally of Aurora Street.