


3. HEATON STREET – ENTRANCE TO ST GEORGES’ HOSPITAL



In addition to the submissions made earlier in the meeting by the Heaton Street Residents’ Association (clause 1.1 refers), the Board also considered a report from the Network Operations Team Leader, City Streets Unit, on the intended parking ban on the eastern approach to the new “main” entrance to St Georges’ Hospital in Heaton Street opposite Circuit Street.

Technical aspects of the intended parking restriction and the officer’s recent involvement in dealing with this matter were outlined, including advice of the adjacent resident’s agreement for the proposal to install the no parking restriction.

Members expressed a variety of views about the information being presented and the circumstances surrounding the need for the Board to make an urgent decision in authorising the requested parking restriction.

From the overall information presented, members concluded that it was apparent that the expected levels of communication and dialogue on traffic issues since the completion of the Hospital’s resource consent related processes, had not materialised to the levels envisaged by the residents’ representatives.

Members acknowledged the points made about the need to undertake a wider review of traffic management related aspects in this general area of Heaton Street in partnership with the local community. In the meantime however, there was a need to ensure that traffic activities associated with the new entranceway to the hospital functioned in a safe manner and therefore approval of the parking restriction was appropriate.

Mark Kunnen moved “That the matters raised be referred to the Works Traffic and Environment Committee with power to act for urgent consideration along with the residents, school and other affected parties to arrive at an acceptable solution within four weeks”. The amendment was seconded by Ron Wright and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** on division number 1 by 7 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

Against (7): Sally Buck, Val Carter, Cheryl Colley, George Hampton, Pat Harrow, Barbara Stewart, Mike Wall

For (3): Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen, Ron Wright

The Board **decided** that a long term traffic management plan for Heaton Street be developed for initial consideration by the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board and the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee as soon as practicable, to be followed by appropriate community consultation.

The Board also made a decision to authorise the installation of the no stopping restriction on Heaton Street, the details of which are recorded in clause 13 (Part C) of this report.