9. OXFORD TERRACE/MADRAS STREET: CHANGES TO PARKING MANAGEMENT

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee about stage two of the Firefighters Reserve development and for the Committee to consider changes to parking restrictions in the area (refer attached plan). This report has also been presented to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board in respect to some associated parking restrictions.

BACKGROUND

The concept for the Firefighters Reserve was consulted on two years ago and the first stage was opened in 2002. To cater for the visitors to the area, parking was restricted to a two-hour time limit adjacent to the reserve. Construction of the second stage of the Reserve is about to commence. New parking restrictions will need to be resolved, as the layout of the car parking in the area will change.

PROPOSAL

The proposal is for a two-hour time restriction for all the remaining parking spaces in Oxford Terrace adjacent to the reserve. As there is a net-loss in parking spaces with the increased Reserve area (loss of eight two-hour limit spaces and conversion of two "all-day" parks to two-hour time limit), it is proposed to convert the "all-day" parks (five spaces) on the east side of Madras Street between Chester Street East and Oxford Terrace to a two-hour time limit. This change in parking management is both requested and supported by the adjacent Baptist Church.

On the west side of Madras Street, there is an existing no stopping restriction in the block between Chester Street East and Kilmore Street. With the proposed kerb extension south of the Avon River, parking can be reinstated between the proposed kerb extension and Chester Street East (six spaces). It is proposed to restrict parking to a two-hour time limit, to match the parking limit on the other side of Madras Street.

The proposed parking management changes have the support of the Network Operations and the Parking Enforcement teams. In total these changes will increase the time-restricted parking in this area by five spaces.

CONCLUSIONS

The proposed changes in kerbside parking arrangements adjacent to the Madras Street/Oxford Terrace intersection will complement the stage two development of the Firefighters Reserve in Oxford Terrace. The proposals comply with the relevant sections of the Council's parking strategy.

Staff Recommendation:

1. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum time limit of 120 minutes on the west side of Madras Street commencing at a point 7m north of its intersection with Chester Street East and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 34m.

3. That the existing parking restrictions in the abovementioned area be revoked.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.