

## 10. WAIRAKEI ROAD - CYCLE LANE INSTALLATION

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve the installation of cycle lanes on both sides of Wairakei Road from Strowan Road to Idris Road with associated no stopping restrictions.

### BACKGROUND

The kerb and dish channel was renewed in Idris Road between Wairakei Road and Blighs Road following the Council's approval for construction in October 2003.

As part of this work, improvements have been carried out to the Idris/Wairakei intersection to improve traffic safety and traffic flow as shown on the **attached** plan.

During the consultation phase it was recognised that cycle lanes should be installed in Wairakei Road between the railway and Idris Road to improve traffic safety and traffic flow as a second stage in this work. Unfortunately this work has been carried out before all the residents were informed of the proposal or the parking restrictions were formalised. Some affected residents and property owners were advised, as shown on the publicity plan distributed last year, that the on-street parking needed to be removed in front of their properties as part of the Idris/Wairakei intersection improvements.

An investigation of the existing carriageway widths adequacy was made following consultation feedback, reviewing what was needed to safely provide for on-street parking, cyclists, and through traffic usage. It was found that in some places a hazardous situation existed where there was not enough room for cyclists when straight through and parked vehicles used these sections of the road at the same time. In some of these sections of the road it was necessary to remove on-street parking for short distances to make the road safe. The Consultation Leader has visited properties with no stopping restriction extensions that did not receive a plan of the restrictions in this section of Wairakei Road, to advise residents of the reasons for the proposed changes. At all properties where no one was home, the Consultation Leader left his business card. The Consultation Leader has also written a letter to all residents and property owners that were not included on the Idris Road publicity pamphlet to ensure all affected parties have been contacted. Two property owners have responded and have been visited on site.

Those that have been contacted by the Consultation Leader are aware of all these issues and accept the reasons for the work. In the interests of traffic safety and efficiency it is therefore proposed that the two new no stopping restriction extensions on the south side of Wairakei Road be ratified as shown on the **attached** plan to provide a safe route for cyclists and the installation of cycle lanes.

### Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the installation of cycle lanes as shown on plan RD 135810 be approved.
  2. That the parking of vehicles be prohibited on the south side of Wairakei Road commencing at its intersection with Jeffrey's Road and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 114 metres.
  3. That the parking of vehicles be prohibited on the south side of Wairakei Road commencing at its intersection with Idris Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 68 metres.

### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendations be adopted.