

## 5. COTTESMORE CLOSE - REVIEW OF PARKING RESTIRCTIONS

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The purpose of this report is to give feedback to the Board on the measures undertaken twelve months ago in Cottesmore Close as requested at the 28 January 2003 meeting (see **attachment**).

### BACKGROUND

In late 2002, several residents of Cottesmore Close expressed concerns at the manner and location that vehicles were parking in the Close, especially on school days. They were concerned at the number of vehicles that park in the Close, and also the problems they encounter when entering and exiting the Close if vehicles were parked in front of the corner properties.

There is a heavy demand for kerb side parking in this area from students attending Burnside High School during school days, visitors to Jellie Park, the Catholic Education Centre, local residents, their visitors and service vehicles.

The majority of residents responded to a questionnaire with general support for the banning of parking at the entranceway to Cottesmore Close at Greers Road and to install time limit parking in the wider section of the Close.

At the Board's meeting on 28 January 2003 it was resolved that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on both sides of the road at the entrance to Cottesmore Close, and that the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 120 minutes between 9 am to 4 pm on school days on a section of the Close. The parking restrictions were installed in April 2003.

The Board also resolved to review the parking restrictions after twelve months.

### REVIEW

A "review of work" questionnaire was distributed to the seventeen residents of Cottesmore Close in March 2004. Ten replies were received.

The questionnaire invited a response to two questions and for general comments.

- (a) Have the installation of "No Stopping" lines at the entrance to Cottesmore Close improved the parking issues?  
Yes = 6 No = 4
- (b) If "No" please give reason.
1. Cars park on "No Stopping lines" to drop off/pick up students. Not sufficiently monitored by Council. (two responses)
  2. Would like "No Stopping" lines extended on the south west side of Close to the entrance way of number 2 to assist driving out of opposite driveways. (three responses)
  3. Has created a bottleneck, only mainly related to school hours.
  4. With cars parked on both sides, the entrance is a real bottleneck. The street is too narrow for parking on both sides all day.
- (c) Has the installation of a "P120" parking restriction between 9 am to 4 pm on school days improved the parking issues?  
Yes = 6 No = 4
- (d) If "No" please indicate your preferred option.
1. Students still continue to park all day and/or lengthy periods in the P120. (two responses)
  2. More enforcement – At moment students come out and swap the cars from one park in Cottesmore Close to another.
  3. As a new resident, feel strongly that the predominantly older people at the Greers Road end of the Close are discriminated against in favour of the students.
  4. Student cars seem to be parked all day in different positions

(e) Comments:

1. It has got better, however some abuse of Close is evident particularly when school is in.
2. There has been some minor improvement.
3. Notice that policing of the parking restrictions is carried out. Trust that these visits continue on a regular basis
4. Still getting a few student cars parking, but not as many.
5. "No Stopping" lines working well
6. Not sufficiently monitored. (three responses)
7. The flush median at the entrance to Cottesmore Close should be painted to indicate that cars can wait on it to turn right into Close.
8. Would prefer residents/trades parking only. Nowhere in my years have I not been able to park in front of our residences.
9. Cars park haphazardly in front of property, because of the curve.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Some residents expressed a wish for the "no stopping" lines to be extended even further in front of No. 2 Cottesmore Close. This property has recently been sold and the new owner is agreeable to the extension of the "no stopping" lines. Residents would also like to see more enforcement of the restrictions.

#### **VEHICLE MOVEMENT SURVEY**

A video survey was carried out of vehicle movements in the Close between 8 am to 4 pm on Thursday 1 April 2004 (a school day).

The following observations were noted:

- 19 vehicles parked in the P120 section during the survey time with an average stopping time of 44 minutes. Some motorists stopped for 1 to 5 minutes to drop off or pick up students. Three vehicles parked for periods greater than 120 minutes, but not all the available spaces were used during the survey time.
- Eight vehicles parked in the section which has no time restriction, for an average of 3 hours 50 minutes. Vehicles stopped in these spaces for durations between 1 hour and 6 hours 45 minutes.
- Two vehicles stopped on the no stopping lines at the Close entrance to drop of students
- A Parking Enforcement Officer visited the Close during the day.

#### **PARKING ENFORCEMENT COMMENTS**

The Parking Officers attend the time limited area twice daily when staffing allows. During the year only 29 infringement notices have been issued to vehicles for breaching the time limited area.

The results of the days videoing in our opinion are typical of what the Parking Officers observe on their routine patrols. There are always parking spaces available in Cottesmore Close. The majority of vehicles move before exceeding the time limit. However, there is a small percentage of vehicles that remain within the time limited area undetected.

In our view, the P120 time limited area works well. Unfortunately due to the location of the area it means an education process is necessary each year, as new students arrive into the area. We are also aware that the winter months require further enforcement as typically a larger volume of vehicles descend on the area in the winter months

#### **CONCLUSION**

During the time of the survey, it was noted that there were parking spaces available in the Close for visitors and tradespeople. Many residents exited and entered their properties during this time and at lunch time most residents or visitors parked in their own driveways.

It is proposed to remove one parking space in front of No. 2 Cottesmore Close (with the residents agreement) and extend the "no stopping" lines to increase the safety for road users at the entrance to the close. It will also assist residents of number 1 and 3 to enter or exit their properties.

Residents generally support the work that has been carried out in the Close.

**Staff**

**Recommendations:** That the installation of the following parking restrictions be approved:

1. That the stopping of vehicles prohibited at any time on the south west side of Cottesmore Close commencing at its intersection with Greers Road and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 21 metres, be revoked.
2. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south west side of Cottesmore Close commencing at its intersection with Greers Road and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 34 metres.
3. That the parking of vehicles restricted to a maximum period of "120 minutes 9 am to 4 pm School Days" on the south west side of Cottesmore Close commencing at a point 21 metres from its intersection with Greers Road and extending in a southerly direction and also around the cul-de-sac head for a total distance of 98 metres, be revoked.
4. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of "120 minutes 9 am to 4 pm School Days" on the south west side of Cottesmore Close commencing at a point 34 metres from its intersection with Greers Road and extending in a southerly direction and also around the cul-de-sac head for a total distance of 85 metres.

**Chairman's**

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