

7. SIR WILLIAM PICKERING DRIVE - NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Community Board's approval to implement no stopping restrictions on both sides of Sir William Pickering Drive from Sheffield Crescent to Roydvale Avenue to allow for the unrestricted two way flow of vehicles.

BACKGROUND

Sir William Pickering Drive was constructed in the mid 1980's during the period of the former Waimairi District Council in conjunction with the developer of the Canterbury Technology Park.

This Park has been developed progressively over time, and the road has served these businesses well, and has also been a convenient link for businesses in Sheffield Crescent.

The 1 km long road was constructed at 7 metres wide as it was intended that its primary function would be to provide access for local businesses. It was not intended that motorists use the road for parking.

The Council has been receiving calls from local people concerned over:

- Access difficulties for businesses onto this relatively narrow road.
- Road safety being compromised by the practice of some commuters parking on the roadway.

Historically, the difficulties with the first issue were partially addressed with sections of "no stopping" being installed during 1999 and 2001.

INVESTIGATION

Recent Council surveys have shown that parking on the street is of a very minor nature, and confined to just a few vehicles. Surveys have also found that parking is available off-street in business designated carparks, or nearby in Roydvale Avenue.

Traffic flows of 150 to 300 vehicles per hour were recorded for early afternoon and late afternoon periods respectively.

CONSULTATION

Letters were hand delivered to all the occupiers of the buildings in Sir William Pickering Drive and mailed to the building owners. The letter gave background on the development of the road and indicated that the Council had been receiving complaints over the practice of parking on the roadway.

They were also informed that it was now proposed to install "no stopping" on both sides of Sir William Pickering Drive from Sheffield Crescent to Roydvale Avenue, and that approval would have to be obtained from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board to have this implemented.

The owners/occupiers were then requested to respond to the Council proposal using the enclosed questionnaire before 14 May 2004.

CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

There are currently 29 separate businesses operating from Sir William Pickering Drive. 30 responses were received from the owners/occupiers. One occupier was against the proposal to implement "no stopping".

CONCLUSION

The full width of the 7 metre wide carriageway carrying up to 300 vehicles per hour is required to:

- Provide unrestricted two way vehicle flow along the road.
- Ensure unrestricted vehicle access to abutting businesses.
- Provide access for emergency and service vehicles.

Consequently the current practice of allowing kerbside parking, cannot continue to be supported by the Council. Some short sections of broken yellow "no stopping" lines were introduced during 1999 and 2001, but now needs extending to the full length of the roadway between Roydvale Avenue and Sheffield Crescent. There has been almost unanimous support from local businesses for this change.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the eastern side of Sir William Pickering Drive commencing at its intersection with Roydvale Avenue and extending in an northerly direction for a distance of 612 metres.
 2. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the western side of Sir William Pickering Drive commencing at its intersection with Roydvale Avenue and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 53 metres.
 3. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the western side of Sir William Pickering Drive commencing at a point 70 metres from its intersection with Roydvale Avenue and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 517 metres.
 4. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the western side of Sir William Pickering Drive commencing at its intersection with Sheffield Crescent and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 425 metres.
 5. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the eastern side of Sir William Pickering Drive commencing at its intersection with Sheffield Crescent and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 400 metres.
 6. That all existing parking restrictions in the aforementioned areas on Sir William Pickering Drive be revoked.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendations be adopted.