7. CASHEL STREET: MOBILITY PARK

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The purpose of this report is to ask the Board to approve the establishment of a mobility park located adjacent to Linwood Avenue outside Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ).

INTRODUCTION

A request has been received from the Manager of WINZ for the installation of a disabled parking space outside their building (see attached map).

BACKGROUND

The existing threshold was constructed in conjunction with the kerb and channel renewal project carried out in 1998, between Linwood Avenue and Olliviers Road. A P5 Good Vehicles Only Loading Zone for two vehicles was incorporated within the threshold at this time.

CURRENT SITUATION

WINZ receive between 80 - 150 clients per day and on average two - three clients are disabled. There is no designated park in the area for these people. Commuter parking is available on Cashel Street but not in close proximity.

The P5 Good Vehicle Only Loading Zone is being used by clients driving a full range of vehicles. These drivers are ignoring the designated use for this park.

WINZ have advised that goods vehicles are infrequent users, with courier vans being the most common.

DISCUSSION

A discussion was held with the management of WINZ and it was concluded that the best option would be to:

- Halve the size of the existing loading zone and install a disabled park adjacent to Linwood Avenue. The paved area at this location was ideal for the loading and unloading of disabled people.
- Change the designation of the P5 Loading Zone by removing the supplementary "Goods Vehicles Only".

Staff Recommendation:	1.	That the P5 Loading Zone Goods Vehicles Only installed on the south side of Cashel Street commencing at a point six metres from the western kerbline of Linwood Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for 14 metres be removed.
	2.	That parking be restricted to 60 minutes, to vehicles displaying a mobility card, on the south side of Cashel Street commencing at a point six metres from the western kerbline of Linwood Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for seven metres.
	3.	That a Loading Zone be created on the south side of Cashel Street commencing at a point 13 metres from the western kerbline of Linwood Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for seven metres.
Chairperson's Recommendation:	That the recommendation be adopted.	