

16. FERRY ROAD: PROPOSED “NO STOPPING” OUTSIDE NUMBER 537

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s approval for the installation of broken yellow “no stopping” lines at the entrance to the Korean Full Gospel Church (formerly the Settlers Club) at 537 Ferry Road (refer attached plan).

The church has recently applied for a resource consent to enlarge the building. To do this the adjoining property has been purchased to provide sufficient area to meet the parking requirements. Both properties have existing vehicle entrances. The existing church entrance has been identified as having a safety issue with poor visibility to the right when exiting, if vehicles park up to it, because of a bend in Ferry Road at this point. The congregation and users of Woolston Park across the road, often park in this area. The existing entrance to the adjoining land is not affected by the bend. However the applicant wishes to move this entrance 26 metres towards the centre of the site to achieve better circulation. This puts the two entrances approximately 18 metres apart.

The Traffic report to the Hearings Panel has proposed “no stopping” lines on both entrances to resolve the safety concern. The Council receives many requests for “no stopping” over driveways, often from businesses which have deliveries from large vehicles. The policy is not to install such lines because the Traffic Regulations state that vehicles cannot park over or within 1 metre of a vehicle entrance. Installing “no stopping” over both entrances and around the bend sufficiently to provide good visibility is considered excessive. If the church were encouraged to close the original entrance to the church by only approving no stopping to the west of the new entrance, then safety would be improved without creating too great a precedent. The limits of the parking would be reinforced by white end markings. Staff will monitor the safety of this recommendation.

Staff

Recommendation: That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Ferry Road commencing at a point 149 metres from its intersection with Tilford Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 15 metres.

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.