

## 18. MONTREAL STREET: P60 PARKING RESTRICTIONS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the installation of a section of 60 minute parking on the east side of Montreal Street between the railway line and Sandyford Street. This is in response to requests from the adjacent businesses to review the current parking arrangements.

### INVESTIGATION

A parking survey on Tuesday 27 July 2004 established that Montreal Street between the Main South Railway line and Brougham Street, and adjacent streets were fully parked during normal work hours by commuter vehicles.

A short section of P30 restricted parking has been established on the west side of Montreal Street south of Sandyford and this appears to be fulfilling a need in this block.

Investigation established that parking across driveways was a common occurrence. This was most likely due to the unavailability of kerbside parking in the area. Four out of the seven driveways on the east side of Montreal Street between the railway line and Sandyford Street were simultaneously parked across at 12.10 pm on 27 July 2004.

The parking enforcement team is continuously receiving calls about blocked vehicle entrances, and local business people have experienced threatening behaviour when they have approached vehicle drivers to shift their vehicles parked across driveways.

### SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT AND CONSULTATION

The attached plan was prepared and discussed first hand with the adjacent business owners. They are in full support.

The main features of the plan would be a P60 parking restriction and the painting of kerbside parking limit lines at the driveways.

The distance between the driveways was generally favourable for achieving efficient use of the space, for vehicle parking.

### ADVANTAGES

It is anticipated that the combination of the above features will reduce the incidence of blocked vehicle entrances, and relieve the Council from its enforcement problems in this area.

The 130 metre section proposed will accommodate 16 cars and help casual parkers visiting businesses in Montreal Street and the wider area.

### PARKING STRATEGY

The Christchurch City Council's City Wide Draft Parking Strategy October 2002 provides guidance for the allocation of parking. For commercial/retail areas, Policy 6G: On Street Parking:

*"To use a mix of pricing regimes, time and parking restrictions to encourage the turnover of on-street parking in areas of high demand".*

The Strategy suggests that kerbside parking space should be allocated in general accordance with the table below:

<b>Commercial/Retail Centres (Including Central City) Parking Priority</b>	
1	Bus Stops
2	Taxi, Limousine and Shuttle services
3	Loading Zones
4	Parking for people with disabilities
5	Short-stay private vehicle parking for business and retail needs
6	Residents' parking
7	Commuter parking

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the parking of vehicles be restricted to maximum period of 60 minutes on the eastern side of Montreal Street commencing at a point 25 metres from its intersection with Sandyford Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 130 metres.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the recommendation be adopted.