

15. PARKING FOR THE DISABLED

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval to change all the existing 'mobility' car parks within the four avenues to include the words "At Any Time".

Central city parking is in demand at night throughout the week and on Sundays, due to the many activities people wish to attend. Parking restrictions operate from 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday unless otherwise specified. This means that unless the words "At Any Time" are included on the sign, any vehicle can use the 'Mobility' space after 6pm and on Sundays. The Parking Enforcement Team receive numerous requests for 'Mobility' parking spaces after hours within the central city. The comment the Council has received is that people's disabilities exist beyond 6pm and include Sundays. The Council's webpage, under "Parking Facilities", has a map showing the location of the 'Mobility' parking spaces within the four avenues (see attachment). All these spaces have demands after hours. Some are outside organisations that cater for people with disabilities and these organisations often have meetings at night.

It is not proposed to change the suburban 'Mobility' parking spaces at this time, because a demand has not been established.

It is therefore appropriate for the existing 'Mobility' parks within the central city to be changed to include the words, "At Any Time".

Five of the parks within the four avenues fall outside the Committee's area and would normally be approved by the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board. However, because the parks already exist, and to simplify the process, these five parks have been included in the attached schedule.

More recent installations like those being provided with the Cathedral Square development already include the words "At Any Time". The majority of these 'Mobility' signs within the four avenues are attached to parking meter posts. This means that only vehicles displaying 'Operation Mobility' cards are allowed to use these parking meters. Parking meters operate at different times and these times are displayed on the meter housing. The addition of the words "At Any Time" to the signs, means that these parking spaces can be used by vehicles displaying 'Operation Mobility' cards outside the displayed times free of charge and all other vehicles are excluded.

Staff

Recommendation: That the existing parking spaces for vehicles displaying 'Operation Mobility Cards' within the four avenues can be amended to include the words "At Any Time".

The Schedule of 'Mobility' parking spaces to be altered:

- Antigua Street, east side, north of Tuam Street (1 space)
- Armagh Street, south side, west of Durham Street (1 space)
- Cashel Street, south side, east of Cambridge Terrace (1 space)
- Centennial Pool carpark (2 spaces)
- Dundas Street, south side, east of Colombo Street (2 spaces)
- Gloucester Street, south side, west of Cambridge Terrace (1 space)
- Hereford Street, south side, east of Liverpool Street (1 space)
- Hereford Street, south side, east of High Street Mall (1 space)
- High Street, south west side, south of Cashel Street (1 space)
- Liverpool Street, west side, north of Cashel Street (2 spaces)
- Madras Street, west side, north of Armagh Street (2 spaces)
- Oxford Terrace, north side, east of Manchester Street (1 space)
- Oxford Terrace, east side, north of Gloucester Street (2 spaces)
- Rolleston Avenue, west side, north of Cashel Street (3 spaces)
- Rolleston Avenue, west side, north of Montreal Street (1 space)
- Rolleston Avenue carpark, between Rolleston Ave and Worcester Boulevard (2 spaces)
- St Asaph Street, north side, west of Antigua Street (2 spaces)
- St Asaph Street, south side, east of Antigua Street (3 spaces)
- Tuam Street, south side, west of Manchester Street (1 space)
- Chester Street West, behind the Salvation Army Citadel (4 spaces)

- Worcester Boulevard, north side, west of Cambridge Terrace (2 spaces)
- Worcester Street, south side, west of Manchester Street (1 space)

Chairman's

Recommendation:

That the above recommendation be adopted.