

## 9. ACHERON DRIVE – PROPOSED LOADING ZONE (GOODS VEHICLES ONLY)

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Community Board to install a Loading Zone (Goods Vehicles Only) on the north side of Acheron Drive approximately midway between the intersections with Blenheim Road.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. There are a number of buildings on Acheron Drive that have a main customer entrance accessed from Blenheim Road but goods delivery is located at the rear of the buildings and accessed from Acheron Drive. These buildings include the premises of “Liquorland”, “Couplands Bakery” and “The Mad Butcher”. The proprietors of these businesses have expressed concern that trucks making deliveries are not able to use the kerbside parking on Acheron Drive directly in front of their businesses due to the presence of other parked vehicles
3. The kerbside spaces are currently unrestricted and can be occupied for extended periods by commuters and/or staff from surrounding businesses. As such trucks and other delivery vehicles “double” park which creates a road safety concern. These service vehicles can access the businesses via the main car park off Blenheim Road, however this involves carrying goods through the front of the shop which is often impracticable due to counters, displays and customer activity.
4. The concerns can be addressed by the implementation of a loading zone for goods vehicles at the rear of the aforementioned businesses. This would provide direct access for service vehicles to the rear of the shops where storage and preparation areas are located.
5. This proposal has been discussed with the neighbouring businesses and support has been forthcoming.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. Installation of signs and posts is within existing budgets.
7. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board agree that the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum of 5 minutes for goods vehicles only on the north side of Acheron Drive from a point (following the kerb line) 240 metres east of the western intersection of Blenheim Road and extending 31 metres in an easterly direction.

### CHAIRPERSON’S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.