8. MAIN SOUTH ROAD – PROPOSED P5 PARKING RESTRICTION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the conversion of an existing no time limit parking space to a P5 parking restriction on the southeast side of Main South Road directly northeast of the vehicle crossing that provides access to 93 Main South Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The Council has received a request from a tenant at 93 Main South Road for a short term parking area to assist in servicing their small take away food outlet. The tenant in the neighbouring home loan business has indicated their support.
- 3. The area where the tenant would like a short term parking restriction is currently unrestricted parking and it has been indicated by the tenant that staff associated with businesses in the area commonly park directly outside his business for the entirety of the working day. The tenant is concerned that this is having a negative effect on his business as the nature of the business is such that customers tend to desire to park on-street in close proximity and for a very short amount of time.
- 4. The Council receives regular requests for parking restrictions throughout the City. These requests are managed with reference to the "Parking Strategy". This strategy provides a sound basis for determining what priority to give a particular request in the context of the conflicting demands on kerbside space.
- 5. In this case, as the request is located within a commercial area, "short stay parking for business and retail needs" is 5th in the priority for kerbside space, ahead of commuter parking which is given least priority. Therefore the use of the space as a P5 parking area would not be contrary to the priorities set out in the Council's Parking Strategy with reference to kerbside parking.
- 6. The conversion of the existing single unrestricted parking space to a "P5 At Any Time" parking restriction is considered the most cost effective and practicable solution.
- 7. The views of affected residents and businesses have been obtained and support has been forthcoming.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 8. Road markings and signage are within the existing operational budget.
- 9. 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 on the southeast side of Main South Road from a point 25 metres southwest of the Craven Street intersection and extending 7.1 metres in an south-westerly direction.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.