

5. LANGDONS ROAD – PROPOSED 10 MINUTE PARKING RESTRICTION

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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 short length of 10 minute parking restriction on the north side of Langdons Road, immediately east of Morrison Avenue. (Refer to attachment).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. There is a small corner shop on the north east corner of the intersection of Langdons Road and Morrison Avenue. The shop has been established here for many years and like many of the corner shops of this kind, it forms part of a residential dwelling. Given the age of the shop it provides no off-street customer parking. The shop relies on the availability of kerb side space along the Langdons Road and Morrison Avenue frontages. There is adequate kerb side parking in Morrison Avenue however this is not generally conducive to “passing trade” customers who would not generally turn into Morrison Avenue to find parking, but would seek the more convenient parking on Langdons Road. The installation of a pedestrian island in Langdons Road several years ago resulted in a reduction of kerbside parking to two spaces on the Langdons Road frontage immediately outside the shop.
3. Recently the business proprietor has expressed concern that the two remaining spaces are being used for car parking for prolonged periods by staff associated with the commercial and industrial activities in Langstone Lane, which intersects with Langdons Road further to the east. Casual observations reveal that this is likely to be the case with much of Langdons Road in this immediate location being occupied by car parking through the working day. The design of Langstone Lane does not accommodate kerb side parking with a broken yellow line over most of its length. As such staff, not parking on site, have little option but to park on Langdons Road.
4. It is noted that the Council’s parking Strategy for “Business Areas” states that “short stay parking for retail needs” is a higher priority than “commuter parking”.
5. It is likely that the economic vitality of the corner shop is being adversely affected by the lack of available customer car parking on the Langdons Road frontage. The situation can be overcome