

11. ARMAGH STREET KERB EXTENSION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek support from the Board to the removal of two parking spaces and construction of a kerb extension for the purposes of an outdoor dining area on Armagh Street, between Oxford Terrace and Durham Street North.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. An application has been made by "Belgian Beer Café Torenhof" to extend the kerb line and enlarge the footpath adjacent to their premise on the south side of Armagh Street between Oxford Terrace and Durham Street North to create an outdoor dining area similar to places like Café Valentinos on Colombo Street. Their proposal involves the removal of two parking spaces (see Attachment 1).
3. There are three "Pay and Display" parking spaces adjacent to a loading zone area. A survey of the parking spaces usage was undertaken and usually, only two of the three parking spaces would be occupied at any one time. The works are to be done in accordance with the Council's standard specifications. It is therefore proposed that the two parking spaces are removed to achieve the desired kerb line.
4. The applicant has obtained the written support of all the residing tenants within the Canterbury Provincial Council Buildings for the removal of two of the "Pay and Display" parks. The Courts Department who are located on the opposite side of Armagh Street from the applicant have been informed of the application. No resident groups cover this area.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. All costs associated with the works to extend the kerb line will be met by the applicant. The lease of the footpath space is expected to generate an income stream that will offset the loss of parking revenue from the two "Pay and Display" spaces.
6. A recommendation from the Board to the Council is required for the removal of the two "Pay and Display" spaces adjacent to the site and to the granting of the application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board supports and recommends to the Council that it approve the removal of the two "Pay and Display" spaces and the application, subject to:

- (a) The present no stopping of vehicles on the south side of Armagh Street commencing from Oxford Terrace and extending 35 metres in a westerly direction being revoked.
- (b) The stopping of vehicles being prohibited at any time on the south side of Armagh Street commencing from Oxford Terrace and extending 49 metres in a westerly direction.
- (c) All costs associated with the kerb extension being met by the applicant, any furniture placed on the street to be in accordance with Council Policy and appropriate measures being taken to preserve the heritage kerb stone in this locality.
- (d) That should the applicant wish to terminate the lease of the outdoor dining, then the applicant shall be responsible and bear all financial cost relating to the reinstating of the two "Pay and Display" spaces.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.