

8. OFFICE ROAD – INSTALLATION OF A MOBILITY PARK

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to revoke the P60 status for one on street parking space on the south west side of Office Road and convert it to a mobility park (refer attached).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received a request for a mobility park to be installed in the immediate vicinity of the Office Road commercial block adjacent to the Merivale Mall. This request has been prompted by the relocation of the ANZ Bank from within the Merivale Mall complex to 175-177 Papanui Road.
3. The ANZ Bank, Merivale Branch supports a client base consisting of a high proportion of elderly customers. Prior to relocation these customers were catered for by the mobility parks located outside the ANZ Bank near the Aikmans Road exit to the Merivale Mall car park. Upon relocation the ANZ Bank has noted that a number of customers have changed to another bank with premises located inside the mall citing the lack of mobility parking coupled with the reluctance to cross the Office Road/Papanui Road intersection as the reason. Neither Office Road nor the Merivale section of Papanui Road have mobility parks implemented with the closest being in the Merivale Mall car park.
4. Currently P60 restrictions are in place on the south west side of Office Road extending from the Papanui Road intersection to the Merivale Mall car park. Parking restrictions are in place on the north east side of Office Road with a combination of P5, a cycle stand and loading zones.
5. The area is predominantly commercial with Merivale Mall immediately to the north and a small commercial block and some residential dwellings to the south.
6. The installation of a mobility park on the south west side of Office Road is considered the most cost effective and practical solution to the problem.
7. Consultation has been carried out with all affected parties in the commercial complex located at the Papanui Road/Office Road intersection and support has been forthcoming.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Cost

8. Installation of signs and posts is within existing budgets

Legal

9. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board approve:

- (a) That the parking of vehicles for a maximum of 60 minutes on the south west side of Office Road commencing at a point 12 metres south west of the Papanui Road intersection and extending in a south westerly direction for a distance of 6.5 metres is revoked.
- (b) That the parking of vehicles be limited to vehicles displaying an operational mobility card only on the south west side of Office Road commencing at a point 12 metres south west of the Papanui Road intersection and extending in a south westerly direction for a distance of 6.5 metres.