

12. WILSONS ROAD SOUTH – SCHOOL PATROL AT HILLVIEW CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation to the Council that a school patrol on Wilsons Road South at Hillview Christian School be approved, and that the Council legalise operation of this school patrol.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In 2001 the Council completed traffic management work on Wilsons Road South between the Heathcote River and Centaurus Road. See the **attached** plan for details of the specific site. This work included cycling and pedestrian facilities on a section of arterial road with a high number of non-vehicular road users. A crossing facility (kerb extensions and central island) was installed between the two frontages of Hillview Christian School.
3. Since installation of the crossing facility, the combination of increasing traffic volumes and school roll has created difficulties for school staff to safely supervise children across the road. The situation is compounded by some, but not all, motorists stopping to allow children to cross. Motorists are not legally obliged to stop and the varying behaviour of motorists contributes to the confusion.
4. School officials have formally requested a school patrol at this site. The Police Education Officer supports this request.
5. Installation of a school patrol at the island crossing facility: The school patrol would be a Kea crossing. This would be very similar to school patrols operating on Ferry Road at St Anne's and Bamford Schools. The safety of children will be improved by ensuring all traffic is stopped prior to the children crossing.
6. Kerbside parking is not affected due to the existing kerb extensions (for visibility) and the existing broken yellow lines.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. The cost for this work (signs and road markings) is within operational budgets.
8. The crossing site meets the Land Transport Warrant for a School Patrol.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that, in pursuance of the powers vested in it by Section 8.3(1) of the Land Transport Rule Traffic Control Devices 2004 (Rule 54002), and pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Local Government Act 2002, the Christchurch City Council hereby authorises the head teacher of Hillview Christian School to appoint appropriately trained persons to act as School Patrols at the school crossing point as specified at Wilsons Road South, located at a point more or less 124 metres south east generally of St Martins Road.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.