

8. NEWBERY STREET – PROPOSED NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to install a broken yellow "no stopping" line restriction and a part time "no stopping" on Newbery Street adjacent to the Opawa school entrance (refer attached map).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received a request from Opawa School and the Police Education Officer regarding the safety of school children crossing on Newbery Street. These problems are attributed to the lack of a safe pedestrian crossing point from Opawa School to the western side of Newbery Street.
3. Currently, the pedestrian and cycle access into Opawa School on Newbery Street is shared with the vehicle accessway and the pedestrian crossing point on the other side of the road, opposite the school is a driveway. This is not an ideal situation and to improve the safety of the pedestrians and cyclists, the school will be creating another access for pedestrians and cyclists only, separating them from the vehicular traffic. An access onto the footpath from the road will also need to be formed on the west side of Newbery Street directly opposite the new school's pedestrian crossing point.
4. As a result of creating safer crossing points to improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, it is proposed that additional broken yellow "no stopping" lines be installed adjacent to the new crossing point on the school side of the road to improve the visibility for pedestrians.
5. While broken yellow lines tend to be the most effective method of restricting parking, to improve visibility, consultation with residents on the western side (opposite the school gate) has resulted in a compromise that is acceptable to all affected parties. That is, a part-time parking restriction which operates between 8:00 am - 9:00 am and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday, on school days. These are standard times used for restrictions outside schools and are times where there is likely to be parked vehicles dropping off or waiting to pick up school children. Outside these times, the kerbside is available for residents and others' parking. The school Principal will encourage parents /caregivers to comply with the parking restriction opposite the school.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The total estimated cost for undertaking the works is \$650 (\$50 for broken yellow lines and \$600 for a pedestrian kerb cut down and a bridge block crossing point).

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

7. The works are within the LTCCP operational budgets.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions including broken yellow (no stopping) lines.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

9. As noted in paragraph 9.

Alignment with LTCCP and Activity Management plans

10. Aligns with the Streets and Transport activities by contributing to the Council's Community outcomes:
 - Safety (by providing a safe transport system); and
 - Community (by providing easy access to facilities).

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. The recommendations align with the Council's Parking Strategy 2003 and the Pedestrian Strategy for Christchurch City (2001).

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. As noted In paragraph 13.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Consultation with the directly affected property owners was undertaken and their first preference was to have a "no stopping" restriction for the required time only. This would then allow parking outside of their properties at the other times when the "no stopping" is not required. To achieve this, the parking restriction would have to be controlled by signage.
14. The request originally came from Opawa School for improved safety and access for the school children, therefore they fully support the proposal. Parking Unit staff and the Police Education Officer have no objections with this proposal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board resolve to approve:

- (a) That the stopping of vehicles that are prohibited at any time on the east side of Newbery Street commencing at a point 95.5 metres south of the Newbery Street/Ford Road junction and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 21.0 metres be revoked.
- (b) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Newbery Street commencing at a point 82.5 metres south of the Newbery Street/Ford Road junction and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 34.0 metres.
- (c) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited from 8:30 am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday, on school days on the west side of Newbery Street commencing at a point 87.5 metres south of the Newbery Street/Ford Road junction and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 12 metres.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be supported.