

3. REMBRANDT PLACE – MANAGEMENT OF ON-STREET CAR PARKING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the outcome of the consultation process regarding the management of on-street car parking in Rembrandt Place.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received complaints regarding issues associated with Burnside High School students parking in Rembrandt Place. A petition signed by the residents of Rembrandt Place was presented to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board in June 2006 requesting the installation of parking restrictions in Rembrandt Place similar to those in Cottesmore Close.
3. Rembrandt Place is a cul de sac located off Grahams Road north-east of the Memorial Avenue intersection. There is a footpath on the east side of the street only and a pedestrian accessway at the north-east end of the cul de sac which is used by students accessing Burnside High School.
4. Two rounds of consultation have been carried out with residents of Rembrandt Place regarding the best way to address their concerns. The first questionnaire was delivered to residents in October 2006 asking for their views regarding the installation of a time limited parking restriction on one side of Rembrandt Place. Twenty eight questionnaires were delivered and sixteen were returned, twelve of those were in support of a restriction and four were opposed. The majority of those in support of a restriction requested the installation of a 120 minute parking restriction covering the whole of Rembrandt Place. Others however were strongly opposed to the installation of any type of restriction and clearly indicated that unrestricted on-street parking was highly valued (see attachment one for summary of comments).
5. A second questionnaire was delivered to residents in November 2006. Residents were informed that the option of installing a "P120, 9am - 4pm, School Days" parking restriction over the whole of Rembrandt Place was not an option that would be supported as the management of on-street car parking should ideally reflect a balance in the demands of residents and the demands of nearby commercial/educational activities therefore minimising the effects of displacing parking further into residential areas. A restriction covering the whole of Rembrandt Place would also prove inconvenient for residents, their visitors and tradespeople and was clearly opposed by some residents in the street. It is also worth noting that due to the location of Rembrandt Place unrestricted parking is not conveniently available elsewhere. As a result this questionnaire offered the following two options for comment:

Option 1:

6. The installation of a "P120, 9am – 4pm, School Days" parking restriction on the east side of Rembrandt Place between the pedestrian accessway and #26 Rembrandt Place.

Option 2:

7. That the status quo remain.
8. Twenty eight questionnaires were delivered and eleven were returned, five of those in support of Option 1 and seven in support of Option 2 (see attachment two for summary of comments).
9. Observations of the level of on-street parking in Rembrandt Place at various times showed only a small number of parked vehicles. Discussions with residents revealed that during the first two school terms of 2006 Rembrandt Place was full with student cars, during terms three and four the number of student cars parked in Rembrandt Place fell to just a few. Residents indicated their concern that the number of student vehicles being parked in Rembrandt Place may rise again at the start of the school year hence the requests for a parking restriction covering the whole of Rembrandt Place. Residents also raised issues regarding the behaviour of some of the students including dangerous driving, littering and general anti social behaviour.

10. As there was no clear preference for either of the two options offered to residents of Rembrandt Place it is recommended that the status quo remain and that the level of on-street parking continues to be monitored during the school year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.