

## 6. CIRCUIT STREET – PROPOSED P120 PARKING RESTRICTION

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Boards approval to install a 120 minute parking restriction on the north side of Circuit Street.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received numerous complaints from local residents regarding the levels of traffic congestion and on-street parking in Circuit Street. The congestion is predominantly attributed to the presence of the Heaton Intermediate School and St Andrews College. This particularly happens at peak “drop-off” and “pick-up” times namely 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm. On street parking concerns relate to all day commuter parking from nearby businesses. Vehicle access to properties is regularly blocked due to vehicles parking closer than they should to driveways. The high level of on-street parking contributes to the congestion and raises safety and visibility issues for both residents and road users of the street.
3. A public meeting has been held with the residents and two rounds of consultation have been carried out involving all affected stakeholders. The first round of consultation sought to identify the issues and problems currently being experienced in the street and suggested a solution by installing a P120, 8:00am – 4:00pm, Monday - Friday parking restriction on one side of the street. The parking restriction was identified at the residents meeting. A total of 15 consultation documents were delivered and 13 were returned. The consultation documents suggested the problems currently being experienced could be alleviated with the installation of a parking restriction on the one side of the street.
4. The majority of submissions received expressed dissatisfaction with the current situation. The main concerns that emerged from the consultation process were:
  - (a) Adverse effects of all day staff parking in particular from St Georges Hospital;
  - (b) Traffic congestion in the street at peak school times;
  - (c) Double parking of vehicles down the centre of the roadway at these times;
  - (d) The lack of available on-street parking for residents and their visitors;
  - (e) Frustration with St Georges Hospital for not providing adequate off-street parking for staff;
  - (f) Inconsiderate parking on both sides of the street (encroaching over driveways);
  - (g) Poor visibility when exiting driveways due to poorly parked vehicles;
  - (h) Parking on fire hydrants;
  - (i) Angle parking at the St Andrews frontage;
5. The feedback from the first round of consultation (see attachment 1) showed that:
  - (a) Eleven were in favour of the installation of a parking restriction on one side of the street and 2 were opposed. Three were in favour of ‘Residents Only’ parking as well as the proposal;
  - (b) Six were in favour of the north side of the street, 1 either side, 3 the south side and 3 both sides;
  - (c) Six favoured P120, 1 P60, 1 any time limit, and 3 no preference;
  - (d) Their was a general feeling St Georges should provide more staff parking;
  - (e) Some residents want the street parking for residents only;

6. Feedback from those opposed to the suggested parking restriction was happy with the current situation. Elizabeth House also opposes any form of restriction stating that they will go out of business. Currently they do not have any off street parking for their customers. The original residents meeting discussed this issue and the proposal took into account the requirement of on street parking for Elizabeth House customers.
7. The second round of consultation (see attachment 2) offered the following option for comment:  
  
That a "P120, 8:30am–4:00pm, Monday - Friday" parking restriction be installed on the north side of Circuit Street.
8. A total of 15 consultation documents were delivered and 13 submissions were received. All 13 submissions were in favour of the proposal. General comments were:
  - Landscape the street;
  - Mark parking limit lines at driveways;
  - Change parking restriction alternate years from north to south and vice versa;
  - Both sides of the street;
  - Enforcement of the restriction;
9. The proposed P120 parking restriction will help alleviate the issues of congestion in the street by limiting all day parking to the south side only. It will also significantly improve visibility for residents exiting their properties and increase the general safety of the street by reducing the need for double parking. To stop illegal angle parking at the St Andrews frontage no stopping lines will be installed. Parking limit lines will be installed in association with the parking restriction as will as on the other (north) side of the street. By limiting the restriction to "8:30am – 4:00pm Monday - Friday residents will benefit both from the increased turn over of car parking spaces when the restriction is operative and from unrestricted parking outside week days. This will also help alleviate concerns expressed by Elizabeth House. The P120 parking restriction as in the proposal is considered the most cost effective and practical solution to the problems currently being experienced in Circuit Street.
10. St Andrews College has been advised of the residents request and fully supports the proposal.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. The estimated cost of this work is \$1500.

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

12. The installation of parking signs and road markings is within the LTCCP Streets and Transport Operational Budgets.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

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

14. As above.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

15. Aligns with the Streets and Transport activities by contributing to the Council's Community outcomes – Safety and Community.

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

16. As above.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

17. The recommendations align with the Council's Parking Strategy 2003.

## **DO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGN WITH THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIES?**

18. As above.

## **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

19. Consultation has been carried out with the residents and businesses and general support has been forthcoming. St Andrews College supports the proposal.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve:

- (a) The parking of vehicles is limited to a maximum of 120 minutes (8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday) on the north side of Circuit Street from a point 11 metres west of the Heaton Street intersection and extending 178 metres in a westerly direction. (see attachment 3)
- (b) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time at the end of Circuit Street across the frontage at St Andrews College, commencing at the boundary of number 31 Circuit Street and extending across Circuit Street to the boundary of number 34 Circuit Street for a distance of 20 metres.