

7. LOUISSON PLACE - PROPOSED MOBILITY PARKING SPACE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to install a Mobility Parking space on Louisson Place, outside the Opawa Primary School.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Concerns have been expressed from a disabled motorist over the lack of a mobility space near, or at the entrance to Opawa Primary School in Louisson Place. He is finding the area very congested at drop off and pick up times.
3. Currently at this entrance there is no formal drop off-point with parents and caregivers competing for limited kerbside space. His disability means he can not walk far but is generally forced to do so. Louisson Place is a narrow cul-de-sac running off Ford Road. As Louisson Place is a cul-de-sac, the congestion and parking problems are exacerbated.
4. To help alleviate this problem, the Council has funds in the LTCCP for 2008/09 to provide angle parking to the school's boundary, thus doubling the parking supply at this entrance. Within that project, Mobility Parking will be included, however, this is some time away with a demand for mobility parking now.
5. It is proposed to install one Mobility Parking space adjacent to the school's Louisson Place entrance now, to solve this concern and give preference to disabled drivers. **(see attachment)**
6. The installation of a Mobility Parking space in this location is consistent with the Council's Parking Strategy. The Christchurch City Council's Parking Strategy ranks Mobility Parking as one of the higher priority types of parking.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. An estimated cost for this work is \$150.

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

8. The installation of road markings is within LTCCP Street and Transport operational budgets.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

10. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. 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?

12. This contributes to improve the level of service for safety and access.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Consultation has been carried out with the Opawa School and the directly affected property owner who support the proposal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approves:

- (a) The parking of vehicles be restricted to vehicles displaying an operation mobility card only on the west side of Louisson Place, commencing at a point 154 metres south of the Ford Road intersection and extending 6 metres in a southerly direction.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.