

10. ANTIGUA STREET - PROPOSED P5 LOADING ZONE (GOODS VEHICLES ONLY)

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the installation a P5 Loading Zone for goods vehicles only on the east side of Antigua Street immediately south of Moorhouse Avenue (refer attached).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received a request for a loading zone from the property manager's responsible for the commercial/retail building on the south east corner of Antigua Street and Moorhouse Avenue. The building has previously been used as a large format appliance store but has recently been divided into two large format furniture outlets. The change has received planning approval from the Council. Historically the goods unloading point for the site is through a large roller door directly onto Antigua Street some 40 metres south of the Moorhouse Avenue intersection. Due to the changes in size and frequency of goods arrivals and departures the existing loading bay is proving inadequate and heavy vehicles servicing the site are double parking and parking within the bus stop on Antigua Street.
3. The request has been investigated and observations reveal that the existing loading bay can only accommodate a single large vehicle at any time. Thus there are periods when a second heavy vehicle arrives and queues on the roadway waiting to enter the loading bay. Antigua Street is classified a "collector" road in this location. The periodic queuing of heavy vehicles is unlikely to lower the traffic function of the road below anticipated levels, however, the proximity of the queuing relative to a busy intersection and a bus stop raises road safety concerns.
4. Parking along the Antigua Street road frontage of the site comprises a bus stop and two unrestricted spaces likely to be used by people working in the immediate area. A loading zone of sufficient length to accommodate most deliver vehicles could be installed replacing the two car parking spaces immediately adjacent the roller door. This would allow vehicles servicing the site to queue clear of the traffic stream as well as providing the opportunity for goods loading to occur directly from the loading zone. The latter is likely to arise with smaller deliveries. A loading zone in this location would also service other business in the immediate area particularly the car yard on the south west corner of the intersection.
5. Consultation has been carried out with the car yard opposite the site and their support has been obtained. The car yard is directly affected. Other parties that could possibly be affected to a lesser degree may include a multitude of business in Hazeldean Road and Moorhouse Avenue. Given the scale of the proposal consultation with other parties further a field is not considered justified.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Cost

6. Installation of signs and posts is within existing budgets.

Legal

7. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions including loading zones.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council agree that:

- (a) A Loading Zone restricted to **Goods Vehicles Only** for a maximum of **5 minutes** is installed in the following location:

The east side of Antigua Street commencing at a point 43 metres south of the Moorhouse Avenue intersection and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 14 metres.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.