

10. BISHOPDALE COURT - PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF MOBILITY PARKING SPACE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the conversion of three existing 'on street' parks to two mobility parking spaces in Bishopdale Court outside the New World Supermarket at the Bishopdale Mall (refer attached).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received a request from the proprietors of New World for two mobility parking spaces to be located within the existing on-street parking area located directly outside their premises in Bishopdale Court. They have indicated that a number of their clients are mobility impaired and often have difficulty finding adequate parking in the area.
3. The New World Supermarket has recently relocated from the southern section of the mall to the northern area fronting onto Harewood Road. In its previous location the supermarket had access to six mobility parks immediately adjacent, outside of the neighbouring Community Centre. Due to its relocation, the supermarket now has only two mobility parking spaces immediately outside its entrance. One additional mobility parking space is poorly located fifteen metres away, across a road with access gained by walking through the car park (there is no footpath) or across a grassed area which becomes slippery during damp conditions.
4. The proprietors consider that their business is being adversely affected by the lack of mobility parking spaces. The staff are constantly fielding complaints from customers (on average two per day) and some customers have stated that they have taken their custom elsewhere to another supermarket that provides a higher quantity of mobility parks which are more conveniently located close to the store entrance.
5. The conversion of three existing 'on street' parking spaces to include two mobility parking spaces is considered the most cost effective and practicable solution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The estimated cost of this work is \$500.

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

7. The installation of parking signs and road markings is within the LTCCP budgets.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions and parking meters.

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

9. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Aligns with the streets and Transport activities by contributing to the Council's Community outcomes- Community.

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

11. This contributes to improve the level of service and safety for parking.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. The recommendations align with the Council's parking strategy 2003.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. The proprietors of New World Supermarket are considered to be the only party affected; they were consulted and satisfied with the proposed alteration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve:

- (a) The parking of vehicles currently limited to those displaying an "operation mobility card only" be revoked on the northern side of Bishopdale Court commencing from a point equal to the north east corner of the New World Supermarket and extending for two spaces in a southerly direction.
- (b) That the parking of vehicles be limited to those displaying an "operation mobility card only" in Bishopdale Court commencing from a point along the projection of the northern wall of the north east corner of the New World supermarket and extending for a distance of 16 metres in a southerly direction.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.