

## 9. SHOW PLACE AT WHITELEIGH AVENUE - PROPOSED GIVE WAY CONTROL & NO STOPPING

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Community Board for the installation of a Give Way control against Show Place at the Whiteleigh Avenue intersection, with associated no stopping (refer attached).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received complaints from local businesses and road users regarding the level of safety at the intersection of Show Place and Whiteleigh Avenue. The intersection is currently an uncontrolled "T" junction with the normal "*give way to the right*" rule applying.
3. There are several factors that are causing concern at this intersection. Confusion with the current give way rules for right turning traffic has been observed. Whiteleigh Avenue is a Minor Arterial that carries 20,000 vehicles per day. Show Place is local business cul de sac that carries approximately 300 vehicles per day. Show Place is now 90% developed with large format business offices. Workers from the businesses in Show Place are having difficulty accessing Whiteleigh Avenue due to not being able to leave Show Place both left and right simultaneously, caused by the traffic lane being restricted by kerb-side parking. This occurs at peak times. Right turning vehicles are blocking those wishing to turn left. Guidance of vehicle position is required for the driver exiting on to Whiteleigh Avenue. There is a general concern regarding the level of safety at the intersection.
4. Businesses have requested that the existing no stopping on the north side of Show Place at its intersection with Whiteleigh Avenue be extended to the west by 150 metres. This will allow two traffic lanes to form to allow both left and right turn movements out of Show Place in the evening peak.
5. A search of reported crashes at or within 30 metres of the intersection over the last five years has shown there has been one crash that could have been prevented with the installation of a Give Way control.
6. The preferred option to address the issues of concern is the installation of a Give Way control with associated road markings against Show Place at the Whiteleigh Avenue intersection.
7. In association with the Give Way control the existing no stopping on Show Place will be extended to the west by 33 metres to provide better clearance for the Give Way control and the marking of a left and right turn lanes. The extension to the existing no stopping will require the removal of kerb side parking for approximately four vehicles. These vehicles are deemed to be currently parking too close to the intersection.
8. Show Place has a roadway width of 12 metres. In the evening peak when staff are leaving their work places two traffic lanes can be formed outside the kerb-side parking for left and right turning movements. Few vehicles will be entering Show Place at this time. It must be noted that the vehicles parked kerb-side are also leaving Show Place at this time so as time progresses the left turn lane forms.
9. There is adequate visibility such that this method of control is considered appropriate. This option would resolve the priority and confusion issues being experienced at the intersection and will be cost effective. Guidance for left and right turning vehicles out of Show Place into Whiteleigh Avenue will be achieved by the associated lane markings at the Give Way control. This option will produce a safer and more efficient intersection.

10. The businesses of Show Place have been advised of the proposed installation of a Give Way control and No Stopping extension.
11. This proposal is the first stage of a wider project for the intersection to improve access into and out of Show Place. Due to financial constraints the second stage will proceed at a later date. Consultation will be carried out on the second stage when funding has been secured.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

12. An estimated cost for this work is \$500.

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

13. The installation of give way controls and road markings is within LTCCP Street and Transport operational budgets.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

14. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of give way controls and parking restrictions including broken yellow (no stopping) lines.

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

15. As above.

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

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

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

17. This contributes to improve the level of service for safety.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

18. The installation of no stopping aligns with the Council's Parking Strategy 2003.

#### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

19. As above.

#### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

20. Consultation has been carried out with the affected stakeholders.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Community Board approve:

- (a) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Show Place commencing at the intersection of Whiteleigh Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 33 metres.
- (b) That a "Give Way" control is placed against Show Place at the Whiteleigh Avenue intersection.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be supported.