

8. INNES ROAD– PROPOSED NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Shirley/Papanui Board to approve that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the northwest side of Innes Road, northeast of Rutland Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Staff received a request from a resident of Innes Road for a No Stopping Restriction on the kerbside special vehicle lane (cycle lane) on the northwest side of the Innes Road, northeast Rutland Street, as vehicles are parking on the cycle lane and forcing cyclists out into the busy traffic lane of Innes Road (attached).
3. Innes Road is designated as a Minor Arterial road carrying almost 14,000 vehicles per day.
4. There is currently no existing stopping restrictions installed on the northwest side of Innes Road.
5. The Christchurch City Council is planning to install No Stopping Restrictions on all kerbside special vehicle lanes to stop vehicles parking to create a safer environment for cyclists. This will also improve traffic flow on the main carriageway as cyclists will not need to enter the traffic lane to manoeuvre around parked cars. This also supports the Council strategies which encourage sustainable transport use.
6. Although parking restrictions within special vehicle lanes falls under the Land Transport (Road User) rule 2004 (section 6.6) and road code – which states that 'A driver or person in charge of vehicle must not stop or park the vehicle in any special vehicle lane' there is still some confusion with road users. By installing broken yellow lines within these special vehicle lanes there will be no confusion for motorists as to whether they can park here and enforcement will be made easier.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The estimated cost of this proposal is approximately \$200.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. Part 1, Clause 5 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008 provides Council with the authority to install parking restrictions by resolution.
10. The Community Boards have delegated authority from the Council to exercise the delegations as set out in the Register of Delegations dated April 2008. The list of delegations for the Community Boards includes the resolution of parking restrictions and Traffic Control Devices.
11. The installation of any parking restriction signs and/or markings must comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

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

12. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. 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 2009-19 LTCCP?

14. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. The recommendations align with the Council Strategies including the Parking Strategy 2003, Road Safety Strategy 2004 and the Safer Christchurch Strategy 2005.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's Strategies?

16. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. No consultation has been carried out as the Land Transport (road user) Rule 2004 (section 6.6) 'a driver or person in charge of vehicle must not stop or park the vehicle in any special vehicle lane.' So there is no loss to parking or any affects on adjacent properties. The broken yellow lines merely serve to reiterate the Road User Rule.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Board approve that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the northwest side of Innes Road commencing at the intersection with Rutland Street and extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 99 metres.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.