

8. WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2009 MEETING



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 28 September 2009 at 8am.

The meeting was attended by Cheryl Colley (Chairperson), Sally Buck, Faimeh Burke, Val Carter, Jamie Gough and Mike Wall.

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Andrew Yoon. An apology for early departure was received from Mike Wall, who retired from the meeting at 9.06am and was absent for part of clause 4 and all of clause 5.

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 Beverly Goodall – Silver Birch Trees on Crofton Road

Beverly and Maurice Goodall, residents of Crofton Road, were in attendance to discuss with the Committee concerns about silver birch trees on Crofton Road. Beverly Goodall commented that she has health concerns related to allergies and a probable connection to silver birch trees in the street immediately outside their property. The Goodalls noted that they would be willing to pay for a replacement tree but not the removal costs for the existing trees.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Board request a report to a subsequent Works, Traffic and Environment Committee meeting on the possibility of removing the silver birch trees outside number 50 Crofton Road as requested by the deputation, with the report to also include staff advice on the possibility of removing all the silver birch trees on Crofton Road and replacing them with an appropriate species.

1.2 Don Southen – Silver Birch Trees in Westburn Reserve

Don and Helen Southen, residents of Braco Place, were in attendance to discuss with the Committee concerns about silver birch trees in Westburn Reserve. Their property is adjacent to the reserve and close to silver birch trees. Helen Southen commented that she has health concerns which are probably exacerbated by the silver birch trees. The Southens noted that they would be willing to pay for replacement trees but not the removal costs for the existing trees.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Board request a report to a subsequent Works, Traffic and Environment Committee meeting on the possibility of removing the silver birch trees in Westburn Reserve, adjacent to Mr and Mrs Southen's property, as requested by the deputation.

(The Board noted the need for urgency regarding the above two requests given the health concerns stated by the deputations.)

Additional Committee Recommendation:

That the Board request that the Council give consideration to adopting a city-wide policy with respect to residents' requests for removal of silver birch trees for health reasons, with the policy to include impacts on Council budgets and advice from the District Health Board regarding health concerns related to silver birch trees.

1.3 Deidre Wood and Nicole Valentine – Aikmans Road Parking

Deidre Wood was in attendance to discuss the agenda report regarding her request for residents' parking on Aikmans Road, Merivale. Deidre Wood reiterated the concerns she expressed at an earlier meeting and discussed the merits of options to improve residents' parking in the vicinity of her property.

The decision regarding this matter is detailed in clause 6 of this report.

The Chairperson thanked all the deputations for their attendance.

2. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Nil.

3. ISLEWORTH SCHOOL – VARIABLE SPEED LIMITS

The Committee's recommendation was sought for the Board to endorse the installation of a new variable speed limit (40 kilometre per hour school zone) on Farrington Avenue and Isleworth Road, in relation to Isleworth School, and that the Board recommend to the Council the approval of a new variable speed limit and its inclusion in the Christchurch City Speed Limits Register.

Committee Recommendation:

PART A – MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

That the Board recommend that the Council approve:

- (a) The installation of a variable speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour on Farrington Avenue and Isleworth Road (school zone) in accordance with Section 7.1 of the Land Transport Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2003.
- (b) That pursuant of Clause 5(1) of the Christchurch City Speed Limits Bylaw 2005 a variable speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour apply on Farrington Avenue, commencing at a point 15 metres north-east of Vauxhall Street and extending in a north-easterly direction along Farrington Avenue, for a distance of 335 metres. The variable speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour is to apply on school days between 8.25am and 9.00am and between 2.55pm and 3.15pm.
- (c) That pursuant of Clause 5(1) of the Christchurch City Speed Limits Bylaw 2005 a variable speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour apply on Isleworth Road, commencing at the Farrington Avenue intersection and extending in a north-westerly direction along Isleworth Road, for a distance of 215 metres. The variable speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour is to apply on school days between 8.25am and 9.00am and between 2.55pm and 3.15pm.
- (d) That the abovementioned variable speed limit shall come into force on the date of adoption of the Council's resolution, and will be enforceable following the installation of the variable speed limit signage as per the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control devices 2004 and NZTA Traffic Note 37: 40 kilometres per hour variable speed limits in school zones - Guidelines.

4. CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL – VARIABLE SPEED LIMITS

The Committee's recommendation was sought for the Board to endorse the installation of a new variable speed limit (40 kilometre per hour school zone) on Kahu Road, in relation to Christchurch Boys' High School, and that the Board recommend to the Council the approval of a new variable speed limit and its inclusion in the Christchurch City Speed Limits Register.

Committee Recommendation:

PART A – MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

That the Board recommend that the Council approve:

- (a) The installation of a variable speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour on Kahu Road (school zone) in accordance with Section 7.1 of the Land Transport Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2003.
- (b) That pursuant of Clause 5(1) of the Christchurch City Speed Limits Bylaw 2005 a variable speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour apply on Kahu Road, commencing at a point 44 metres north-west of Titoki Street and extending in a north-westerly direction along Kahu Road, for a distance of 348 metres. The variable speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour is to apply on school days, for no more than forty-five minutes in the morning at a time between 8.15am and 8.50am Monday to Friday and between 3.10pm and 3.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and between 2.10pm and 2.30pm Wednesday.
- (c) That the abovementioned variable speed limit shall come into force on the date of adoption of the Council's resolution, and will be enforceable following the installation of the variable speed limit signage as per the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 and NZTA Traffic Note 37: 40 kilometres per hour variable speed limits in school zones- Guidelines.

5. PROPOSED GIVE WAY SIGNS - DERBY STREET, RASTRICK STREET, CLARE ROAD, HOLLY ROAD, MERIVALE LANE, WEBB STREET, BEVERLEY STREET, CHURCH LANE, RUGBY STREET, OFFICE ROAD, MCDOUGALL AVENUE, LEINSTER ROAD, MURRAY PLACE, KNOWLES STREET, WESTON ROAD, MAYS ROAD, HALTON STREET, HAWTHORNE STREET

The Committee's recommendation to the Board was sought to approve Give Way signs to be placed against a number of streets intersecting Papanui Road as part of safety improvements related to the Papanui Road/Main North Road Bus Priority Project. Staff tabled amended plans relating to each intersection as those in the agenda had some detail omitted. The amended plans are **attached** to this Committee report.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Board approve a Give Way to be placed against the following streets.

- (a) Derby Street at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (b) Rastrick Street at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (c) Clare Road at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (d) Holly Road at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (e) Merivale Lane at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (f) Webb Street at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (g) Beverley Street at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (h) Church Lane at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (i) Rugby Street at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (j) Office Road at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (k) McDougall Avenue at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (l) Leinster Road at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (m) Murray Place at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (n) Knowles Street at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (o) Weston Road at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (p) Mays Road at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (q) Halton Street at its intersection with Papanui Road;
- (r) Hawthorne Street at its intersection with Papanui Road.

6. AIKMANS ROAD – REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMIT

The Committee's recommendation to the Board was sought regarding a request for a Residents' Parking Permit for 3-135 Aikmans Road, Merivale.

Faimeh Burke moved:

"That two parking spaces of the P30 parking restriction opposite 135 Aikmans Road be revoked to allow all-day parking and the situation be re-evaluated in 12 months time."

The motion was seconded by Sally Buck and when put to the meeting was declared **lost** by 2 votes to 4, on a show of hands.

Committee Recommendation:

That the Board resolve that:

- (a) Option 3 in the report to the Committee be adopted, to maintain the status quo and decline this request for residents' parking.
- (b) The property owner either assumes responsibility for providing parking facilities for their tenants or lets this rental unit with the full understanding by the tenant that parking is not provided.
- (c) The property owner be informed of the option of converting the front yard of 135 Aikmans Road for parking two cars as suggested in Option 4(b) in the report to the Committee (Use Front Yard for Parking).

The meeting concluded at 9.15am.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.