

## 5. LEINSTER ROAD – PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION OUTSIDE ELMWOOD NORMAL SCHOOL

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board Works, Traffic and Environment Committee's recommendation that the Board approve that a P3 (8am - 9am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm School Days) Parking Restriction and a school bus stop (9am - 3pm School Days) be installed on the southeast side of Leinster Road outside Elmwood Normal School (refer to **attachment**).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This report is in response to the request by the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board at its meeting on 10 February 2009, when the Board was considering the Merivale North Parking Plan, for a further report to be brought back to the Board with respect to Leinster Road, specifically in regard to parking around Elmwood Normal School.
3. Leinster Road is a local road running generally in a northeast – southwest direction, linking Papanui Road and Rossall Street. Both Papanui Road and Rossall Street are minor arterials.
4. Almost two-thirds of the way along Leinster Road from its intersection with Papanui Road, Allister Avenue (another local road) links Leinster Road to another minor arterial Heaton Street, to the north of and parallel to Leinster Road.
5. This proposal is for parking to be restricted to a maximum of three minutes (P3) between 8am - 9am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm on school days, and for no stopping except for a school bus between 9am and 3pm on school days, on the south eastern kerbside of Leinster Road outside the school frontage. A four metre No Stopping restriction is being proposed between the above two restrictions, for the purpose of the required manoeuvring area for a bus, in line with the current bus stop marking standards.
6. Parking is currently unrestricted outside and opposite Elmwood Normal School between Allister Avenue and Rossall Street.
7. Parking is currently unrestricted on Allister Avenue. However, staff are currently investigating parking options on Allister Avenue as part of the proposed Heaton Street Traffic Management Scheme.
8. Parking surveys have been carried out in this section of Leinster Road on 11 occasions between 24 December 2009 and 8 March 2010, at different times of the day, and at school term and non-term times.
9. During these parking surveys, it was observed that parking was relatively sparse on both sides of Leinster Road between Allister Avenue and Rossall Street.
10. A residential development is currently being constructed on the northwest side, at 65 and 67 Leinster Road, directly across from Elmwood Normal School. The survey results show that on that side of Leinster Road, 70 percent of the vehicles parked there belonged to builders and tradesmen working at the construction site.
11. It is likely that fewer vehicles will be parked outside this construction site after construction is completed.
12. The surveys also show that vehicles parking on the southeast side of Leinster Road outside Elmwood Normal School are predominantly private vehicles.
13. Under the proposed Heaton Street Traffic Management Scheme, some of the on-street parking on Heaton Street, Circuit Street and Allister Avenue which are currently unrestricted are proposed to be converted to time-restricted parking. Most of these unrestricted parking spaces are currently being used as all-day parking by commuters.

14. If the proposed Heaton Street Traffic Management Scheme is approved and implemented, it is expected that some of the commuters will migrate to the unrestricted parking spaces at the southwest end of Leinster Road. These commuters may occupy some of the spaces outside Elmwood Normal School currently used by parents to drop-off and pick-up their children attending the school.
15. The proposed P3 (8am - 9am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm School Days) Parking Restriction outside Elmwood Normal School will ensure that this area is available for parents to drop-off and pick-up their children before and after school hours.
16. In addition to this P3, the school has requested a school bus stop to further assist with student travel arrangement.
17. Consultation has been carried out with the school and residents from twelve adjoining properties. Details of responses are described in the consultation section below.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

18. The estimated cost of this proposal is approximately \$1,000.

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

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

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

20. 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.
21. The Community Boards have delegated authority from the Council to exercise the delegations as set out in the Register of Delegations dated 10 December 2009. The list of delegations for the Community Boards includes the resolution of parking restrictions and Traffic Control Devices.
22. 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?**

23. As above.

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

24. 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?**

25. As above.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

26. The recommendations align with the Council Strategies including the Parking Strategy 2003 and Road Safety Strategy 2004.

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

27. As above.

## **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

28. Residents from twelve adjacent properties have been consulted. Five responses have been received. Three of these responses fully support the proposal. One resident supports the proposal but would like dedicated resident or visitor parking.
29. One resident objects, as they believe these restrictions will transfer school staff parking to their side (northwest side) of the road. This resident would prefer the drop-off / pick-up zone to be opposite the school.
30. In regard to the dedicated residents parking request, this does not comply with current Council policy, as residents do have some on-site parking.
31. Providing a drop-off/pick-up zone on the school side reduces the need for children to cross the roadway from vehicles, therefore this recommended option is considered safer. Discussions with school staff indicate that the opposite kerbside will not be fully occupied by school staff vehicles.
32. The Officer in Charge - Parking Enforcement, agrees with this recommendation

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board Works, Traffic and Environment Committee recommends that the Board approve:

- a) That a school bus stop be installed on the southeast side of Leinster Road commencing at a point 29 metres southwest of the prolongation of the Allister Avenue north eastern kerb line, and extending in a south westerly direction for a distance of 14 metres. This school bus stop is to operate from 9am – 3pm on school days.
- b) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south eastern side of Leinster Road commencing at a point 43 metres southwest of the prolongation of the Allister Avenue north eastern kerb line, and extending in a south westerly direction for a distance of 4 metres.
- c) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of three minutes on the south eastern side of Leinster Road commencing at a point 47 metres southwest of the prolongation of the Allister Avenue north eastern kerb line, and extending in a south westerly direction for a distance of 68 metres. This restriction is to apply for the period 8am – 9am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm on school days.