

6. DAWSONS ROAD - PROPOSED PROHIBITED TIMES OF ACCESS AND PARKING ON ROAD



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's recommendation to the Board to recommend to the Council to prohibit motor vehicles weighing less than 3,500 kilograms from entering and/or being used on Dawsons Road, between West Coast Road and Jones Road, from 9pm to 5am Monday to Sunday (refer **Attachment 1**).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received a request from Selwyn District Council (SDC) to add Dawsons Road to the "Prohibited Roads" under Clause 15 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008. SDC have added the section of Dawsons Road between Jones Road and Maddisons Road to their Bylaw and intend to include the remainder of Dawsons Road (Maddisons Road to West Coast Road) in the near future. To allow enforcement to be carried out, both Councils must include the road on their respective Traffic and Parking Bylaw.
3. Dawsons Road is a boundary road between the Christchurch City Council (CCC) and SDC. Being a reasonably remote rural road it attracts anti-social drivers (boy racers) at night that behave badly, doing burn-outs, racing, vandalising property and leaving broken bottles and rubbish. The fact that very few people reside in Dawsons Road contributes to this group congregating in this area.
4. The Police are aware of these issues on Dawsons Road but without Dawsons Road being added to the CCC bylaw there is little they can do to deter this behaviour. The Police have powers to deal with offences relating to the lack of traction of vehicles and the speed of vehicles. However, this behaviour will usually have stopped by the time the police arrive on the scene and can start up again minutes after they leave. By prohibiting both the spectators and the participants from taking their cars on the road, the problems go away.
5. The most effective way to achieve this is to prohibit those vehicles from using or parking on the road unless they are business/residential owners/occupiers, employees, service or emergency personnel, or bona fide visitors of properties within Dawsons Road.
6. The times that this prohibition operates in the SDC's "Traffic and Parking Bylaw" is 9pm to 5am Monday to Friday. This varies from the times that the CCC's policy states for a residential road which is 10pm to 5am Thursday to Sunday and 10pm to 5am on public holidays. For police to be able to enforce the recommendation in this report the hours of prohibition have been adjusted to match SDC hours.
7. Refer to paragraphs 17, 18 & 19 for consultation details.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. An estimated cost for this work is \$5,400. Selwyn District Council has agreed to pay half of the above cost.

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

9. The installation of road signs and markings are within the LTCCP Transport and Greenspace operational budgets.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. Clause 15 (1) of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008 provides that "The Council may by resolution specify any road or part of a road and the days and times during which motor vehicles weighing less than 3,500 kilograms are prohibited from being used on the road or part of that road or roads."

11. The installation of any 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 noted in paragraphs 10 and 11.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. Aligns with the Transport and Greenspace 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. This contributes to improve the level of service for safety and access.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. The recommendations align with the Council's Safer Christchurch Strategy and Litter Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

16. As noted in paragraph 15.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. The Police support the proposal.
18. The six residences on Dawsons Road that are within the Christchurch City Council boundaries were consulted on the proposal. Four replies were received, all of which were in support of the proposal.
19. The Templeton Residents' Association support the proposal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Riccarton/Wigram Transport and Greenspace Committee recommend to the Board to recommend to the Council that pursuant to the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008, Part 2, clause 15, motor vehicles weighing less than 3,500 kilograms are prohibited from being operated on Dawsons Road between West Coast Road and Jones Road between 9pm and 5am, Monday to Sunday.