

8. STAPLETONS ROAD – PARKING AT BEND OUTSIDE 176

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to review a request in a letter from Mr Gavin Royfee asking for the installation of “No Stopping Lines” outside 176 Stapletons Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The following is an extract from the Shirley/Papanui Board Minutes from their meeting on 7 October 2009:

“The Board received the following correspondence:

5.1 A letter from Gavin Royfee requesting No-Stopping lines on the bend in Stapletons Road outside numbers 126 and 128 Stapletons Road.

*It was **decided** to request a report from staff on the proposed installation of No-Stopping lines on the East side of Stapletons Roads on the bend by 126 and 128 Stapleton Road in the interest of safety.”*

There is an error with this record – Mr Royfee was requesting no-parking lines on the bend by his property. He lives at 168 Stapletons Road and the bend he is referring to is the frontage of house number 176 (Refer attachment).

3. Staff have visited this site numerous times during the last 12–18 months and have not observed parking in the location noted by Mr Royfee. Mr Royfee has also been informed of this in writing.
4. Staff have talked on site to the owner of the property at 176 and she stated that it was not her practice to park on the road and she believed this was also the case for the adjacent property owner at 172 Stapletons Road. She also stated “Why would any responsible driver park in this location.” This comment is supported by the New Zealand Road Code which states that “You must not stop or park your vehicle near a corner, curve, hill, traffic island or intersection, if it will stop other people seeing along the road.”
5. There have been no crashes reported to the Police at, or near, this location.
6. The Council Parking and Enforcement staff will respond to any complaint of inconsiderate parking at this location.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. 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?

9. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. 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?

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. The recommendations align with the Council Strategies including the Parking Strategy 2003, Pedestrian Strategy 2001, Road Safety Strategy 2004 and the Safer Christchurch Strategy 2005.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's Strategies?

13. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. The owner of the property at 176 Stapletons Road has been consulted and is not in agreement with the installation of "No Stopping" lines.
15. Mr Royfee was informed following the Council initial investigation that "No Stopping" lines could not be justified.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Road User Rules are enforced in this situation and that "No Stopping" lines are not installed outside 176 Stapleton Road, because they cannot be justified.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted because of the ongoing cost of maintenance of yellow lines.