

## 14. SOCKBURN INDUSTRIAL AREA PROPOSED NIGHT - TIME VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation to the Council to prohibit motor vehicles weighing less than 3,500 kg from entering and/or being used on Ballarat Way, Hammersmith Drive, Wigram Close, Kotzikas Place and Michelle Road from 9pm to 5am on the following day, on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and days immediately preceding Statutory Holidays and to install a night time parking ban on these sections of Wigram, Hayton and Treffers Roads. (**Attachment 1**)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Business proprietors and owners have informed the Council staff and the Police, of damage and littering (broken glass etc) to business properties within the Sockburn Industrial Area. The damage which is occurring on a weekly basis, includes:
  - (a) Diesel being poured on the road surface and motorists doing "burn outs", resulting in road surface damage;
  - (b) Rubbish being deposited on the roadway and adjoining landscaped areas;
  - (c) Glass bottles being broken on roadway and adjacent properties;
  - (d) Vehicles being driven into properties causing damage;
  - (e) Bottles and other objects being thrown at buildings;
  - (f) General damage to buildings, windows and fittings.
3. Ballarat Way, Hammersmith Drive, Wigram Close, Kotzikas Place and Michelle Road are all zoned "General Industrial" which attracts this sort of behaviour at night because it is unlikely that there will be any independent witnesses to these activities occurring.
4. The Police have also been to this area in response to numerous callouts from the public following illegal activities as detailed in paragraph 2 above. (**Attachment 2**).
5. 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 arrived on the scene. It can start up again minutes after the Police leave. Prohibiting both the spectators and the participants from taking their cars on the road allows the Police to deal with the undesirable behaviour. The most effective way to achieve this is to prohibit those vehicles from using or parking on the road unless they are bona fide visitors of properties in that road.
6. Treffers, Parkhouse and Wigram Roads are all classified as Collector Roads and should not be included on the Prohibited Times on Roads Register as these roads are designated traffic routes and therefore the 'New Zealand Bill Of Rights' issues have to be weighed up. It is therefore more appropriate to install a night time parking restriction on these roads. The Police will have the power to stop motorists from gathering on these roads at night which is an effective method of dealing with the problem.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. An estimated cost for this work is \$5,000.

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

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

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

9. Complies with the provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
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 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 noted in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10.

## **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 this recommendation.
18. The request for the prohibition on access and use of the roadway has come from a meeting with a number of business proprietors, from Ballarat Way and Hammersmith Drive, the Police, elected members and Council staff, which was initiated to resolve littering and vandalism problems in the area. The meeting resolved to request the Council to approve the recommendations.
19. There is no Residents' Association representing this area.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board recommend to the Council:

- (a) That pursuant to the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking By Law 2008, Part 2, clause 15, motor vehicles weighing less than 3,500 kg are prohibited from being operated on Ballarat Way, Hammersmith Drive, Wigram Close, Kotzikas Place and Michelle Road:
  - (i) from 9pm on Thursday to 5am the next morning (Friday)
  - (ii) from 9pm on Fridays to 5am the next morning (Saturday)
  - (iii) from 9pm on Saturdays to 5am the next morning (Sunday)
  - (iv) from 9pm on Sundays to 5am the next morning (Monday)
  - (v) from 9pm on any Statutory Holiday to 5am the next morning
  - (vi) from 9pm on any day which immediately precedes a Statutory Holiday to 5am on the Statutory Holiday.
- (b) That the parking of vehicles be prohibited on Wigram Road between its intersection with Treffers Road, to its intersection with Hayton Road between the hours of 11pm to 5am seven days per week.
- (c) That the parking of vehicles be prohibited on the entire length of Treffers Road between the hours of 11pm to 5am seven days per week.
- (d) That the parking of vehicles be prohibited on the Hayton Road commencing at its intersection with Wigram Road and extending to its intersection with Parkhouse Road between the hours of 11pm to 5am seven days per week.