

11. GRASSMERE STREET – PROPOSED NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8608
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Manager
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Grassmere Street in the vicinity of Roderick Alleyn Lane.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. During the Shirley/Papanui Community Board's Greenspace Traffic Works Committee meeting on 15 December 2008, the Committee agreed that "staff be requested to consider the effectiveness of the current street parking allowed adjacent to the Grassmere Street traffic island. Members believe there are problems with the area east of this traffic island, which is too narrow for buses if cars are parked nearby. Note: the area is east of the area covered by the Grassmere Renewal project."
3. Reconstruction of the section of Grassmere Street from Main North Road to the centre island was completed during August 2009. The detail of this is shown on the consultation plan (**Attachment 1**) and includes time restricted parking on sections of the north and south sides.
4. A site visit was made on 7 September 2009 at 12 midday and only two vehicles were observed parked on Grassmere Street east of the island. The Red Bus was able to proceed along the road past the island without any difficulty.
5. However recent surveys have established that commuter parking on this section of road is now common place with vehicles parking on both sides of the narrow 8 metre wide road. These vehicles are believed to belong to owners or workers from Northlands Mall. The area in question is also adjacent to an automotive business and the owner is reporting difficulty with heavy vehicles accessing his business.
6. It is therefore proposed that parking be restricted on the north side of Grassmere Street opposite Roderick Alleyn Lane as shown on the plan (**Attachment 2**).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The estimated cost of this proposal is approximately \$200.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. Part 1, Clause 5 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008 provides the Council with the authority to install parking restrictions by resolution.
10. The Community Boards have delegated authority from the Council to exercise the delegations as set out in the Register of Delegations dated April 2008. The list of delegations for the Community Boards includes the resolution of parking restrictions and Traffic Control Devices
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 above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. 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?

14. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. 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?

16. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. The owner of the automotive business just west of Roderick Alleyn Lane has been very helpful over recent months with monitoring the parking and is fully supportive of the proposal. No other parties have been contacted.
18. The Officer in Charge – Parking Enforcement agrees with this recommendation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board approve the following on Grassmere Street:

- (a) That any existing parking restrictions at any time on the north side of Grassmere Street to a point 127 metres in a westerly direction from the western kerb line of Roderick Alleyn Lane be revoked.
- (b) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Grassmere Street commencing at a point 25 metres in an easterly direction from the western kerb line of Roderick Alleyn Lane and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 127 metres.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.