

11. NORTHFIELD ROAD AT VEITCHES ROAD – REQUESTED GIVE WAY SIGN

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Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Manager
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information requested by the Board on a proposal to install a Give Way sign placed against Northfield Road at its intersection with Veitches Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board received a letter from Mr Dyet, dated 5 January 2010, in which a request was made to install a Give Way or Stop Control at Northfield/Veitches Road intersection. Council staff replied to the issues contained in this letter in a Memo dated 15 January 2010 to the Board and stated that “Intersection Priority Controls will be evaluated and reported to the Community Board in March/April 2010.” Mr Dyet also requested that the Council give consideration to “narrowing this intersection in some way to make motorists slow down before entering Northfield Road from Veitches Road.”
3. Veitches Road is a 12.8 metre wide Collector Road carrying 3200 vehicles per day and Northfield Road is a 13.1 metre wide Local Road carrying 1500 vehicles per day. The intersection under discussion is wide and open and currently uncontrolled. This can result in higher entry speeds into Northfield Road from Veitches Road; however visibility is very good across the intersection. There are good pedestrian crossing points across Northfield Road at Veitches Road. (Please see the **attached** plan).
4. The New Zealand Transport Authority Crash Database has only recorded one crash at this location during the last five years and that was due to a vehicle turning right into Veitches Road failing to give way to a vehicle travelling west along Veitches Road.
5. A Public Meeting with Council staff, Board Members, Clayton Cosgrove and approximately 37 residents was held on Saturday 14 July 2008 at the corner of Veitches Road and Northfield Road. The minutes of this meeting recorded that “there was major disagreement for Give Way signs at either end of Northfield Road.”
6. A suggestion has been made by Mr Dyet that a “Give Way” control be installed. This is supported under the current rules for turning traffic at intersections because it reinforces the road hierarchy and mitigates the possible confusion for drivers when a right turning vehicle is entering from Veitches Road and a vehicle is turning right out of Northfield Road. The associated centre line and limit line would also give improved direction for drivers.
7. The suggestion from Mr Dyet to “narrow this intersection in some way to make motorists slow down before entering Northfield Road from Veitches Road” would require capital commitment and therefore inclusion in the next Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP). Although it would be appealing to carry out intersection improvements, the crash record and assessment at this intersection do not justify expenditure at this time.
8. Staff will arrange for a white centre line to be installed on Northfield Road on the approach to Veitches Road.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The centre line will cost approximately \$100.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. 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.
12. The installation of any signs and/or markings associated with traffic control devices must comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

13. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. 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?

15. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's Strategies?

17. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. This proposal is in response to a request from Mr A R Dyet in his letter to the Shirley/Papanui Community Board on 5 January 2010. Mr Dyet states that "I have **not** spoken to all the residents of Northfield Road and adjoining streets about this issue." It is therefore unclear who he is representing with respect to the issues he has raised.
19. A Public Meeting with Council staff, Board Members, Clayton Cosgrove MP and approximately 37 residents was held on Saturday 14 July 2008 at the corner of Veitches Road and Northfield Road. The minutes of this meeting recorded that "there was major disagreement for Give Way signs at either end of Northfield Road."
20. No additional consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board receive the above information.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.