

**REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD**

PART A – MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. CAMBRIDGE TERRACE/FITZGERALD AVENUE – PROPOSED LEFT TURN BAN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to an amendment to the Fifth Schedule of the Christchurch Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 to be implemented to prohibit all vehicles entering Cambridge Terrace from Fitzgerald Avenue. Specifically, the purpose of the change is to prohibit all vehicles travelling in a northerly direction on Fitzgerald Avenue from entering Cambridge Terrace.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board received a deputation on 12 September 2007 from Messrs Mark van Dooren, Bill Lawrence and Brian O'Sullivan relating to late night traffic and social behaviour in Churchill Street and Cambridge Terrace.
3. Concern was expressed at the number of noisy vehicles that use the route from Fitzgerald Avenue through Cambridge Terrace and Churchill Street to Bealey Avenue especially at night. Both Cambridge Terrace and Churchill Street are local residential streets with significant 1900's character. Mr van Dooren owns and operates an Edwardian Bed and Breakfast known as Riverview Lodge which is situated on the corner of Cambridge Terrace and Churchill Street overlooking the Avon River. He had commented about vehicle noise at night.
4. The deputation requested that the Council consider implementing measures to help curb this noise problem. It was requested that the left turn into Cambridge Terrace from Fitzgerald Avenue be banned with only left turn access out of Cambridge Terrace available.
5. Cambridge Terrace forms a T-intersection at Fitzgerald Avenue. Access from Fitzgerald Avenue into Cambridge Terrace is very easy for motorists and can be taken at speed. A large central island exists to help soak up some of the expansive road space that would otherwise exist at the intersection. Right turning movements both into and out of Cambridge Terrace are already restricted due to the presence of a solid central median on Fitzgerald Avenue. See attached plan for details.
6. The proposal is to remove the ability for vehicles to enter Cambridge Terrace from Fitzgerald Avenue. This will be achieved by blocking off the existing left turn access into Cambridge Terrace. Appropriate signage and road markings will be installed to advise motorists of the left turn ban and the one way section of Cambridge Terrace. Cycle access will be retained by installing a cycle path between Fitzgerald Avenue and Cambridge Terrace (the **attached** plan refers).
7. Mr van Dooren has undertaken consultation with the affected residents to seek their views on the proposal. There is overwhelming support from the residents for the proposal. Consultation has also been carried out by Council staff. This resulted in an 85% support for the proposal. Eight replies were received from employees and management from Powell Fenwick Consultants Limited of Amuri Park. They oppose the proposal citing access issues. The MOA Neighbourhood Committee also supports the proposal.

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Financial implications

8. An estimate cost of this work is \$25,000.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

9. Currently, there is no funding allocated under the LTCCP for this sort of project. Funding is, however, allocated in the 2008/09 and 2009/10 financial year for street renewal of Cambridge Terrace from Barbadoes Street to Fitzgerald Avenue. It would be appropriate for this work to be undertaken as part of the street renewal project.

Legal considerations

10. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of traffic signs and road markings.
11. The Local Government Act gives Local Authorities powers to establish bylaws.

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 - Community and safety.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

14. This contributes to improve the level of road safety.

Alignment with strategies

15. This proposal aligns with Council's guidelines on Local Area Traffic Management (LATM).

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

16. As above.

Consultation fulfilment

17. Consultation has been carried out. This resulted in an 85% support for the proposal. However, the employees and management from one of the businesses in Amuri Park have voiced their concern for the proposal. Eight replies were received from Powell Fenwick Consultants Limited. They oppose the proposal citing access issues. Access to Amuri Park can be gained from Barbadoes Street, Bealey Avenue and Churchill Street. No other businesses in Amuri Park made comment. The MOA Neighbourhood Committee also supports the proposal.

Conclusion

18. Funding to undertake the proposed work is not currently allocated under the LTCCP. Funding is, however, allocated in the 2008/09 and 2009/10 financial year for street renewal of Cambridge Terrace from Barbadoes Street to Fitzgerald Avenue. Making a decision now may prevent 'big picture' solutions from being implemented. Staff will provide an update at the meeting on when public consultation for the street renewal of Cambridge Terrace from Barbadoes Street to Fitzgerald Avenue is scheduled to start.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council agree that it is appropriate for this work to be considered as part of the street renewal project which will consider a wider range of potential options to address the concerns of residents.

BOARD CONSIDERATION

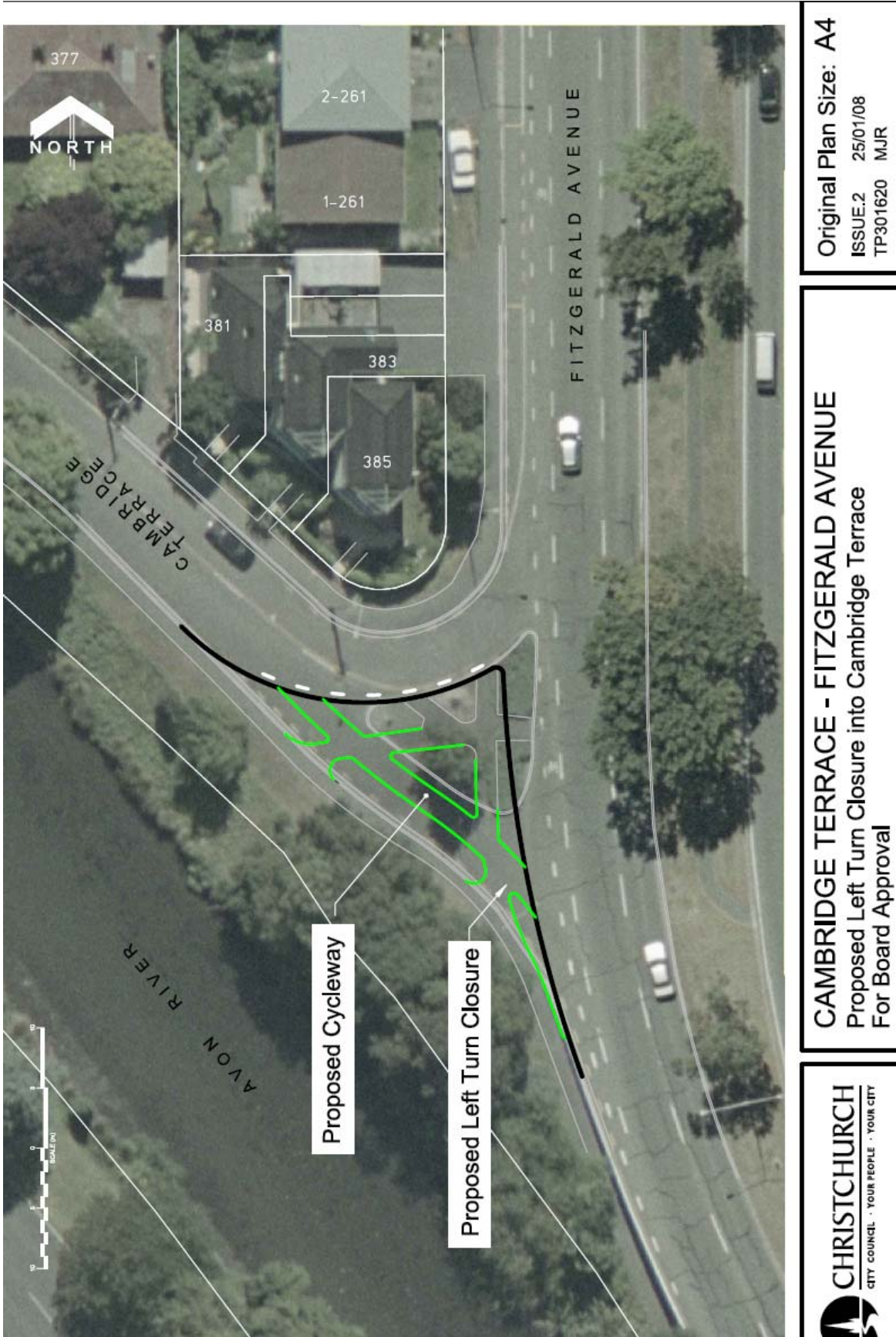
Members expressed concern at delays in acting to address the issue while further consultation was undertaken on the street renewal of Cambridge Terrace from Barbadoes Street to Fitzgerald Avenue. The preferred option was to use temporary measures to close off the left hand turn into Cambridge Terrace pending the outcome of the street renewal consultation.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Council resolve that pursuant to the powers vested in the Council under clauses 66 and 76 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 that the Fifth Schedule be amended by adding the following paragraph:

“Cambridge Terrace in an easterly direction from its intersection with Fitzgerald Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 20 metres.”
2. That this be implemented by use of temporary measures until such time as the outcome of the consultation for the Cambridge Terrace street renewal project is known.
3. That appropriate Council staff investigate the feasibility of setting up a working party to look at the issues of maintenance and enhancement.

CLAUSE 1 ATTACHMENT 1



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CAMBRIDGE TERRACE - FITZGERALD AVENUE
Proposed Left Turn Closure into Cambridge Terrace
For Board Approval



**Consultation Feedback
Cambridge Terrace/Fitzgerald Avenue – Proposed Left Turn Closure**

	Yes	No	Neither
Resident	16	1	1
Worker (Amuri Park) ¹	1	1(8 ²)	
Total	17	2 (9 ²)	1
	85%	10%	5%

¹ All responses were from Powell Fenwick Consultants Limited.

² As all were from one business this is classed as one response even though eight replied.