


## 15. HARPER AVENUE AND DEANS AVENUE – NO STOPPING (11PM TO 5AM) RESTRICTION



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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to install a "No Stopping 11pm to 5am" restriction on Harper Avenue and Deans Avenue.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board received a deputation on 18 November 2008 from Steve Ellis and Shirley Ferguson, residents of Holmwood Road, expressing concerns regarding the congregation of "boy racers" in Harper Avenue and the racing occurring in the neighbouring residential streets.
3. The result of these activities is a safety concern, property damage, litter, vandalism, noise issues and a poor image for the city particularly from tourists that use Harper Avenue to connect with late flights.
4. The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board arranged a meeting with the Mayor, Inspector Derek Erasmus from the Police, the Chair and representatives from Fendalton/Waimairi and Hagley/Ferrymead Community Boards and staff.
5. It was agreed that the problem created by 'boy racers' was not going to be easily solved but it was appropriate to deal with the problem in Harper Avenue with whatever means deemed appropriate.
6. The introduction of the extended central city alcohol ban is likely to solve the problem but this will not be brought into effect until July 2009 and action needs to be taken in the interim.
7. A "No Stopping 11pm to 5am" was seen as being the best option available at this stage to deal with the problem during this period.
8. Concern was then expressed that this would just push the problem around the corner to Deans Avenue.
9. To prevent this, it was decided to include Deans Avenue in the "No Stopping 11pm to 5am" restrictions.
10. A media release has been released to inform the wider community of this proposal.
11. It was also seen that this media release should give a strong message to the wider community that the Council would use any means available to deal with the 'boy racer' issues, or at least move them on.
12. These activities are supported by a wide range of people within the community from parents who help fund the vehicles to the various business that make a profit from these people.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. The estimated cost to install posts and signs and remove them again next year is \$30,000.

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

14. The installation of road markings and signs is within the LTCCP Streets and Transport Operational Budgets. However, this unexpected amount will have to be managed.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

15. 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.
16. The installation of these parking restriction signs comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

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

17. As above.

## **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

18. 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 2006-16 LTCCP?**

19. As above.

## **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

20. The recommendations align with the Council Strategies including the Parking Strategy 2003, Safer Christchurch Strategy 2005

### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

21. As above.

## **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

22. Community Board representatives from Fendalton/Waimairi and Hagley/Ferrymead were involved in the development of this proposal.
23. Community Board members from the Fendalton/Waimairi, Hagley/Ferrymead and Riccarton/Wigram have been informed of this report. The Community Board Chairs of these three Boards have given their support to the proposal, noting that timing constraints mean this report could not be considered through normal the normal Board meeting process.
24. Residents near Harper Avenue requested action.
25. The Deans Avenue Precinct Society, the Rastrick Area Association and the Merivale Precinct Society, and ICON-Inner City West Neighbourhood Association (the residents' associations most affected by this proposal) have been sent copies of this report.
26. Other residents will have been informed through a media release.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council approve:

- (a) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited between the hours of 11pm and 5am on both sides of Harper and Deans Avenue for their entire lengths.
- (b) That this restriction be uplifted when the proposed extended liquor ban has come into effect in this area.