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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD**

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. HAZELDEAN ROAD PROPOSED PROHIBITED TIMES ON ROAD



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 Council's approval to prohibit motor vehicles weighing less than 3,500 kilograms from entering and/or being used on Hazeldean Road, between Grove Road and Montreal Street from 10pm on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and days immediately preceding Statutory Holidays, to 5am on the following day. (Refer **attached** plan.)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Business proprietors and owners have informed Council staff and the Police of damage and littering (broken glass etc) to business properties in Hazeldean Road. The damage which is occurring on a weekly basis, includes:
 - (a) Graffiti to buildings, fences and electrical control boxes.
 - (b) Diesel being poured on the road surface and motorists doing "burn outs", resulting in road surface damage.
 - (c) Rubbish being deposited on the roadway and adjoining landscaped areas.
 - (d) Glass bottles being broken on roadway.
 - (e) Vehicles being abandoned and set alight.
 - (f) Deliberate fires being lit in grass areas, bordering railway lines.
 - (g) Bottles and other objects being thrown at buildings and breaking windows.
 - (h) General damage to buildings and fittings.
3. Hazeldean Road is in an industrial/commercial environment that attracts this sort of behaviour at night when businesses along the road are not staffed. The entire northern frontage is railway land. Very few people reside in this section of Hazeldean Road. There is likely to be few independent witnesses to this activity occurring. This factor, combined with the proximity to the central business district and four avenues, contributes to motorists congregating in this area.
4. The Police have also been informed of these issues by Hazeldean Road business proprietors.
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 arrive on the scene. It can start up again minutes after they leave. By prohibiting both the spectators and the participants from taking their cars on the road, the problems go away. The most effective way to achieve this is to prohibit those vehicles from using or parking on the road unless they are carrying business/residential owners/occupiers, employees, service or emergency personnel, or bona fide visitors of properties within Hazeldean Road.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. Complies with the provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1989.
9. 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".
10. The installation of any 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?

11. As noted in paragraphs 8, 9 and 10.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. 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 2006-16 LTCCP?

13. This contributes to improve the level of service for safety and access.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. The recommendations align with the Council's Safer Christchurch Strategy and Litter Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. As noted in paragraph 14.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. The Police support this recommendation. The request for the prohibition on access and use of the roadway has come from a number of business proprietors. Following a meeting which was initiated to resolve littering and vandalism problems but evolved into this request, all property owners (43), business occupiers (34) and a small group of residents, have been contacted to seek their opinion on the proposed prohibition. All businesses agree and are requesting this prohibition.
17. There is unanimous support for the prohibition on access from property owners who have responded (27 out of 43). The remainder have not responded to the post paid reply survey.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council resolve:

That pursuant to the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008, Part 2, Clause 15, motor vehicles weighing less than 3,500 kg be prohibited from being operated on Hazeldean Road between Montreal Street and Grove Road, at the following times:

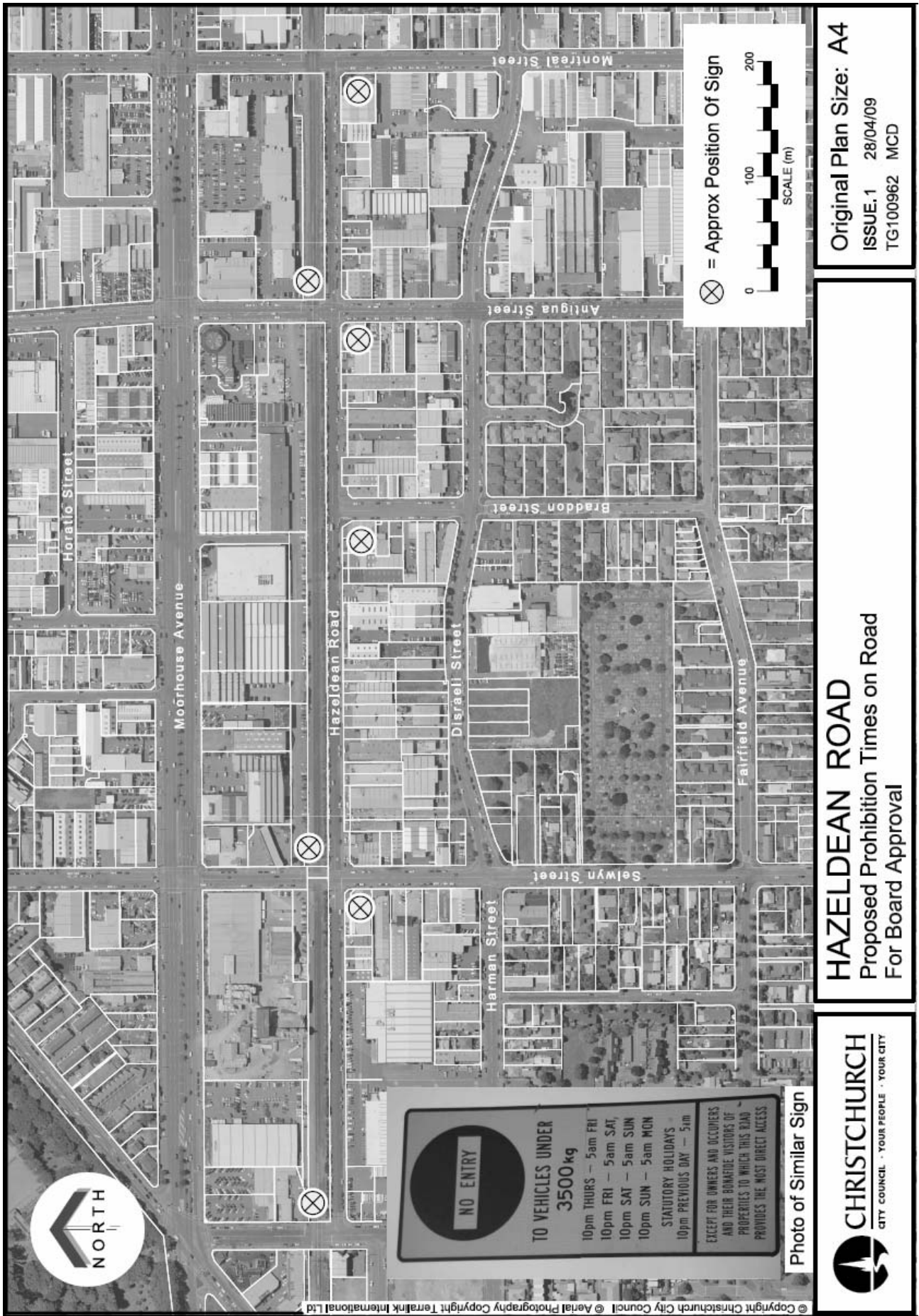
- (i) from 10pm on Thursday to 5am the next morning (Friday);
- (ii) from 10pm on Fridays to 5am the next morning (Saturday);
- (iii) from 10pm on Saturdays to 5am the next morning (Sunday);
- (iv) from 10pm on Sundays to 5am the next morning (Monday);
- (v) from 10pm on any Statutory Holiday to 5am the next morning;
- (vi) from 10pm on any day which immediately precedes a Statutory Holiday to 5am the next morning (the Statutory Holiday day).

BOARD RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended:

- (a) That the staff recommendation be adopted.
- (b) That the wording of the proposed sign to include the words "except for owners and occupiers and their bonafide visitors of properties to which this road provides the most direct access".
- (c) That staff be requested to investigate whether the Mayor's special powers can be enacted as a temporary measure until further information is gathered.
- (d) That Council staff seek discussions with Senior Sergeant Rob Patterson of the New Zealand Police, and representatives of Kiwi Rail, regarding the present situation in Hazeldean Road relating to vandalism and boy-racer behaviour, prior to the report being presented to the Council.

Note: Sue Wells and Chris Mene requested that their votes against the current staff recommendation be recorded for the reason that insufficient alternatives have been presented to the Board for consideration, and that the wider community has not been consulted.



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