

### 31. CASHEL STREET HIGH STREET TAXI STAND P5 LOADING AND METERED PARKING

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Corporate Plan Output: Activities on Street	

The purpose of this report is to relocate the taxi stand, create a new P5 Loading Zone in Cashel Street and in High Street to replace the P5 Loading Zone with metered parking spaces including a space for vehicles displaying a mobility card holder.

Following an approach from a number of Taxi Association members, the Taxi Association and the managers of the two hotels, with an objective to improve traffic operations in Cashel Street in the area of the two hotels, a number of changes are proposed. These changes include relocating the taxi stand from the west side of the Centra Hotel to the east side. In place of the existing taxi stand it is proposed to extend the P5 Loading Zone in front of the hotel to include this area. The metered parking displaced by the proposed taxi stand is to be included in an extension of the angle parking along High Street into the P5 Loading Zone.

The advantages of the new layout are that taxis can be called to the hotels from the front of the taxi stand, there is the ability for taxis to use the existing stand in Manchester Street as a feeder to the new stand during the day, there is more room for the larger vehicles to service the hotels and less traffic congestion. Other advantages are that the space for mobility card holders will be located closer to the mall and has a better level of access.

The additional angle spaces will assist with the parking demand in this area and while this is of general benefit, the loss of a drop off or free parking area will be missed by at least one business.

The proposed changes are generally supported by businesses in the immediate area as they are seen to be an improvement to an area where there is traffic congestion. The Parking Manager supports the proposed changes.

- Recommendation:**
1. That a taxi stand be created on the southern side of Cashel Street commencing at a point 6 metres measured in a westerly direction from a point opposite the western kerblines of Manchester Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 30 metres.
  2. That a P5 Loading Zone at any time created on the southern side of Cashel Street commencing at a point 42 metres measured in a westerly direction from a point opposite the western kerblines of Manchester Street and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 44 metres.

3. That angle parking with parking meters having a time limit of 60 minutes which applies during the hours 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Thursday, 9.00 am to 8.30 pm Friday and 9.00 am to 1.00 pm Saturday be provided on the north eastern side of High Street commencing at a point 22 metres measured in a south easterly direction from a point opposite the southern kerbline of Cashel Street and extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 21 metres.
4. That a parking space for vehicles displaying a mobility card be created on the north eastern side of High Street commencing at a point 19 metres measured in a south easterly direction from a point opposite the southern kerbline of Cashel Street and extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 3 metres.
5. That the existing parking restrictions in the above described areas be revoked.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.