

11. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - ESTABLISHMENT OF PROBATION OFFICES/PERIODIC DETENTION OFFICES

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board on the requirements of the City Plan for the establishment of Probation Offices/Periodic Detention Centres within the city and to comment on traffic implications if Hampshire Street is used for a Periodic Detention Centre.

A. ZONING PROVISIONS

(a) Probation Services (Community Corrections Office)

Offices for the probation service are allowed as permitted activities only in the Commercial Business Zones (B1 and B2 zones).

The industrial Business Zones of:
Business 3 (Inner City Industrial) Zone
Business 5 (General Industrial) Zone
Business 6 (Rural Industrial) Zone

allow offices only as ancillary to a business activity and a resource consent would be required to establish in these zones.

Some smaller Business Zones do allow for offices including:
Business 3B (Inner City Industrial Buffer) Zone
Business 4 (Suburban Industrial) Zone
Business 4T (Technology Park) Zone

Generally where offices are allowed there is a minimum car parking requirement for staff of 2.5 spaces/100² Gross Floor Area plus 5% of the staff parks for visitor parking.

(b) Periodic Detention Centres

There is no provision for Periodic Detention Centres (PDC's) in any zone in the Transitional Plan and any proposed use would therefore be a non-complying activity.

In respect to the Proposed Plan, PDC's can be established as of right in the Business 1,2,3B, 4 and 4T zones subject to meeting the rules for on-site car parking and other development standards. A resource consent is necessary to operate in any other Business Zone.

The Department of Corrections currently operates its periodic detention assembly and administration offices from sites in Brisbane Street and Pages Road which can continue to operate under existing use rights.

B. HAMPSHIRE STREET – POTENTIAL TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS

The Department currently operates a Probation Service office in the Hampshire Street shopping centre. On-site parking is provided at the rear of the building for staff and there is a reasonable amount of parallel parking kerbside along the centre frontage and in the service lane behind the shops.

Under the Proposed City Plan offices are required to provide a minimum of 5% of the staff car parking numbers as additional spaces for visitors. The nature of a probation service and/or periodic detention reporting office suggests that the required visitor parks (probably only 1 for each activity) would usually be inadequate.

The Department has advised that if a site in Hampshire Street, zoned B1, is established as a periodic detention reporting office it will be to service the immediate area and they would expect a significant number to walk to the centre. Others would arrive by public transport or be dropped off and picked up. In the Department's opinion a small number would drive themselves to the centre and park in the vicinity.

The Department estimates that the centre would service up to 100 people each week of which 50% would arrive on Saturday (those who work) and the balance distributed over three week days. The probation office is closed on Saturdays but during the week both offices would operate concurrently.

At Pages Road, which is the reporting centre for one-half of the city, less than 50% arrive by car. The Department's assumption is that maybe one-third will arrive at Hampshire Street by private vehicle because of its closer proximity to where those reporting live.

This would generate about 32 vehicle trips by visitors on the busiest day which is unlikely to contribute significantly to the numbers of existing traffic movements in the street. The extra demand for on-street parking by those who drive to the centre is also unlikely to be significant and time constraints could be imposed if necessary to discourage all day parking if complaints occur.

Recommendation: For information.

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