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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board on the outcome of investigations arising from a petition requesting “no stopping” lines outside the Lakewood Court Retirement Home in Horseshoe Lake Road. This petition was presented to the Board at its March meeting.

The petition was signed by 12 persons, who expressed concern at the near misses and time delays in exiting the Lakewood Court property in Horseshoe Lake Road. One staff member had been involved in an accident while exiting the Court.

The Traffic Regulations are quite clear that vehicles should not park within one metre of a vehicle entrance. Because of this the Council does not mark broken yellow “no stopping” lines across vehicle entrances. No stopping lines are used as a traffic management tool, such as at traffic signals or on bends. The Council receives many requests for broken yellow “no stopping” lines, and if they were installed in situations like this, there would be adverse City wide consequences.

An on-site inspection of the driveway to Lakewood Court indicated that there are no extenuating circumstances that would necessitate the need for “no stopping” lines. In fact the road in both directions curves away, improving the visibility. However the vision of vehicles travelling south on Horseshoe Lake Road could be further improved by the clearance of tree growth on the bend opposite the exit to the golf club entrance. This matter has been referred to maintenance staff for action.

The problem in this instance is not with illegally parked vehicles, but with entering the traffic flow. At peak traffic flows it is difficult to find a gap and at off peak periods the speed of vehicles is such that exiting the property can be hazardous. This speed is an issue that will be addressed through the current Local Area Traffic Management Scheme (LATMS) process, and it is envisaged that some form of traffic calming measure will be recommended in this area. In fact the note written on the bottom of the petition suggests this as a preferred solution.

The staff member in charge at the time of the site visit was satisfied that broken yellow lines were not the appropriate solution.

- Recommendations:**
1. That broken yellow “no stopping” lines are not installed on either side of the entrance to Lakewood Court Retirement Home at this time.
 2. That Mrs Helen Franks be informed of this outcome.

Chairperson’s Recommendation: For discussion.