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The purpose of this report is to outline a proposal to construct a campervan effluent dump point at the cul-de-sac end of Canterbury Street. This report will also be considered by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board.

BACKGROUND

The Committee will recall considering a proposal to install three “caravan/motorcaravan dump points” in the city. In a report to the Committee in August it was proposed that dump points be established in the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board’s area in Sabys Road (between Candys Road and Quaifes Road) and in Foremans Road (between the Main South Road and Halswell Junction Road).

The Board approved of the proposal to establish campervan effluent dump points that would be used by campervan/motorcaravan travellers when moving into or out of the city from State Highways 73 and 75.

LOCATION OF CAMPERVAN EFFLUENT DUMP POINTS

Following a meeting of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board (a caravan effluent dump point was proposed for Tyrone Street in Belfast) and discussion at a City Services Committee meeting there was some concern about the proposed locations that were remote from the main highways and close to residential areas. There was also some concern from Halswell and Islington residents that the movement of caravans/motorcaravans would cause problems in their respective areas.

It was suggested that the facilities be located on the main highway or within camping grounds that already provide some (limited) services for campervan travellers. With these concerns in mind a study was carried out on the siting of other (existing) campervan effluent dump points located in Timaru, Lake Tekapo, Oamaru, Clinton, Invercargill, Gore, Twizel and Tokanui. The results of the study reveal:

- There is a mixture of on street and off street facilities in other centres in the South Island.
- All dump point facilities are located off the main highway.
- Most of the facilities are in business areas or located near recreational facilities such as parks and rest area laybys.
- There does not appear to be a problem if the facility is located on a roadway adjacent to a residential area (eg Oamaru).
- The Timaru and Twizel facilities are purpose built and located adjacent to, but off, the roadway.
- The facilities in Invercargill and Oamaru are located within industrial premises, of low standard and not convenient for people travelling in campervans.

- The most convenient facilities are located in side roads immediately adjacent to the main highway and can be serviced from the roadside. The Tokanui, Gore and Clinton dump points are particularly accessible.
- The South Canterbury dump point structures (Timaru, Twizel and Tekapo) are user friendly, particularly well laid out and should be used as a model for any installation in Christchurch City.
- No rubbish was found at any of the installations visited and certainly no pollution of any kind.

The conclusion gained from visiting all of the above campervan effluent dump points was that all of the installations matched the particular road/land use environments and, when located roadside, are well maintained and free of any pollution.

CANTERBURY STREET SITE

Photographs of the Gore and Twizel effluent dump points are attached to this report. The setting for the Gore dump point would be similar to that proposed in Canterbury Street. The dump point structure in Twizel would be used as a model for any installation in Christchurch City.

The site at the cul-de-sac end of Canterbury Street is illustrated on the copy of the aerial photograph attached to this report. This site is ideally situated to support this type of facility as it is in an industrial area immediately adjacent to state highway 73 and would cater for campervan travellers using the Akaroa Highway (SH 75) and the Main South Road (SH 1 and 73). On this section of the Main South Road, right turn facilities are provided for vehicles turning into Canterbury Street and excellent opportunities exist to signpost the facility on both the approaches and at the intersection itself.

Businesses and landowners whose properties front Canterbury Street have all been approached about the proposal which will involve the construction of an effluent dump point at the end of the street where kerbside parking would be reserved for the use of caravans/motorcaravans 24 hours a day.

The three sites originally proposed for the dump points have been abandoned. The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association is confident that the alternative site in Canterbury Street would be used by campervan travellers and that this single facility would service this side of the city.

The response from landowners and businesses fronting Canterbury Street is being collected and will be reported to the Committee at its meeting on 24 November.

CONCLUSION

Following discussions with the local representatives of the Holiday Association Parks of New Zealand it has been ascertained that 24 hour public facilities are not appropriate in camping grounds. A number of grounds do provide a facility for which a charge is made to campervan travellers who are not staying at a particular motorcamp. Most of the existing facilities are difficult to access by large vehicles and cannot be relied upon to provide the service envisaged by the City Council.

It is neither desirable nor practicable to provide facilities on the state highways running through the city. Campervan and motorcaravan travellers need to access the dump point from either the right or left hand side of their vehicles which often requires the driver to manoeuvre on the wrong side of the roadway to use the dump point. This manoeuvring operation in particular would be hazardous on a main highway. Cost effectiveness is very important as far as the Council is concerned and the availability of a foul sewer is paramount to any roadside installation. Very few sites on or near state highways (remote from residential areas) are serviced in this way.

The proposed kerbside caravan effluent dump point site in Canterbury Street is ideally situated. An equivalent site north of the city adjacent to state highways 1 and 74 has not yet been found and this will be reported on separately when more information is available.

- Recommendation:**
1. That a campervan effluent dump point be established in the cul-de-sac end of Canterbury Street.
 2. That, when the proposal to establish a campervan effluent dump point in Canterbury Street has been resolved, the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board approve (separately) the setting aside of the necessary kerbside space to enable the 24 hour operation of the facility.

Chairman's

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