

13. CHESTER STREET PEDESTRIAN MALL

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The purpose of this report is recommend to the Council that a pedestrian mall be created in the section of Chester Street between Park Terrace and Cranmer Square.

At the February meeting of the Hagley Ferrymead Community Board, the Board approved a report recommending the use of a section of Chester Street as a pedestrian mall, subject to the following conditions:

1. Definition of the hours and periods the proposed pedestrian mall is to apply.
2. That the Cathedral Grammar School is responsible for all costs associated with the implementation of the Pedestrian Mall.
3. The responsibility and arrangements for the day to day administration of any vehicle barriers be determined.

A meeting has been held with officers of the school to determine the extent of the proposed pedestrian mall, the hours of operation, and the period for which the control is to apply. The extent of the proposed pedestrian mall is illustrated in the attached plan. This diagram illustrates that the proposed pedestrian mall is to include that section of Chester Street between the eastern boundary of Park Terrace and a point opposite the western boundary of number 20 Chester Street.

The proposed hours the pedestrian mall is to apply is between 9:30am and 2:00pm Monday to Friday. During the remainder of the day between the hours of 8:00am to 9:30am and 2:00pm to 4:00pm the parking of vehicles are proposed to restricted to a 10 minute time limit. This restriction is the same as the existing time limit for this part of the street and is intended to provide an area for parents to pick up and drop off children.

It is intended that the pedestrian mall control only apply during those periods that the school is open. The Ministry of Education sets out these periods in the New Zealand Education Gazette in the middle of each year for the following calendar. These dates do not take into account local anniversary day holiday or public holidays.

There will be occasions when the School would like to introduce the pedestrian mall control for special events. These periods will generally be outside those proposed above and would only be introduced with the approval of either the City Streets Manager or the Parking Manager and publicly notified prior to the occasion.

The School accepts that they are to meet all costs associated with the proposed introduction of the pedestrian mall. They have, because of funding limitations, requested that the works associated with the proposal be spread over a two-year period. It is proposed to carry out the work in three stages. The first stage is the erection of barriers and signs. The second stage will be changes to the road pavement and the third stage will be modification to the property boundaries and landscaping.

The day to day control of any barriers is recommended to be delegated to both the School Principal and the Bursar. These two officers shall also be responsible to keep the area in a clean and tidy condition.

Recommendation: That the Community Board recommends to the Council that the following resolution be adopted:

1. "That, pursuant to section 336 of the Local Government Act 1974, the Christchurch City Council resolves, by way of Special Order, that the [area] **part** of Chester Street shown on the Plan **attached** be declared a pedestrian mall.
2. That the driving or parking of any vehicle or the riding of any animals be prohibited between the hours of 9:30am and 2:00pm Monday to Friday **on a school day** subject to the following exceptions and conditions:
 - (a) Trade and other vehicles (including those operated by service authorities) of any class may enter the Mall at specified times if authorised by the City Streets Manager or Parking Manager.
 - (b) Street cleaning and rubbish collection vehicles operated by the Christchurch City Council or its nominated contractor may enter the Mall at any time.
 - (c) Any vehicle or specified class of vehicle that has entered the Mall under any section of this special order must not be parked for a longer period than is necessary for its driver to carry out his or her business or for the period of any emergency.
 - (d) Nothing in this Special Order shall be deemed to prohibit or restrict the use of the Mall by any fire appliance, ambulance or other vehicle where it is necessary for that appliance, ambulance or other vehicle to enter the Mall or portion thereof for the protection of human life or of property."
3. That the School principal and the School bursar be delegated authority to raise and lower the barriers associated with the pedestrian mall in Chester Street.

Chairperson's Recommendation: For discussion.