

17. CATHEDRAL SQUARE PARKING OF POLICE VEHICLES

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The purpose of this report is to address the issue of police vehicles parking in Cathedral Square.

A request has been received from the Sergeant in Charge of the Beat Section, which operates from the Police Kiosk in Cathedral Square, for an area to park two vehicles in the Square. In the past the only provision for vehicles associated with the Kiosk was the use of land owned by the Cathedral. This area is now generally free of motor vehicles and the seating that has been provided at this location has been a good deterrent.

The Police currently have permits to park three vehicles in the Cathedral car park, to the south of the main building, free of charge. At present it is not uncommon for up to six vehicles to be found parking around the Kiosk. These vehicles include marked Police cars, unmarked police cars, officers individual cars operating on police business, volunteers and at times visitors to the building including maintenance vehicles. While in the past marked police vehicles have been permitted to park in front of the Cathedral, both the police and cathedral administrators' would prefer that this activity does not continue.

At present there is little parking control and as the Police are also responsible for enforcement, there is need for some clear boundaries to be established. It is recommended that provision be made for two police vehicles to park at 90 degrees to the northeast wall of the police building. Two small signs attached to the building would delineate these two parking spaces. The police would prefer the spaces to be marked on the ground but this does not comply with the requirements for the square.

This has been discussed with the Parking Unit and Cathedral administrators and they support the following recommendation

Recommendation: That parking space for two Police vehicles be permitted in Cathedral Square adjacent to the northeastern side of the police Kiosk.

Chairman's Recommendation: That the parking space specifically for Police vehicles not be provided in Cathedral Square.