

### 13. PARKING AT RICHMOND SHOPS – STANMORE ROAD

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the result of monitoring the traffic and parking movements in and around the Richmond shops in Stanmore Road.

#### **BACKGROUND**

A deputation from the Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage (Inc.) and Richmond Village businesses came to the Board in October last year to express concern at the increase in traffic and car parking requirements the development of a restaurant at 331 Stanmore would generate.

The Board requested that the car parking in the area be monitored prior to the business opening and for up to three months after the business had commenced.

#### **INFORMATION GATHERED:**

A parking survey was carried out in Siddal Place, Avalon Street to the entrance of the Richmond Workingmen’s Club, Stanmore Road both sides from the church north and the Richmond Village Shopping Area.

During October the area was visited five times over a two week period on different days of the week and at different times of the day. The times ranged from mid morning to mid afternoon and one visit was early evening. At no time was the area parked out and there were on average 30 or more car parks available in the Richmond Village Shopping area.

The business opened in December. Two visits were made at this time and the results were the same as the earlier visits.

During February, after the business had been operating for several months the survey was carried out again. The site was visited five times and the only differences were that there are two or three cars that now regularly park in Siddal Place. Also there were on average 25 or more car parks available in the Richmond Village Shopping area.

These increases are minimal and do not in any way affect the traffic in the area. Cars are able to enter and exit Siddal Place which has no parking at the entrance.

No complaints have been received from residents or customers to the area about the availability of parking. Residents of Avalon Street have found it difficult to exit the Richmond Village Shopping area carpark at peak traffic times now that the access onto Avalon Street has been fenced.

## CONCLUSION

The opening of a new restaurant business at 331 Stanmore Road has had very little effect on traffic and parking in the vicinity of the Richmond Village Shopping area. The availability of parking spaces is more than adequate for the amount of traffic to the Village and the affect on the businesses in the area has been minimal. There is a good turnover of parked vehicles in Stanmore Road and this was occurring while the survey was in progress.

Imposing any form of parking restriction on Stanmore Road would not improve the traffic flow or parking facilities in the area. Any time restriction on the parking in the Richmond Village Shopping car park would need to be imposed by the businesses and the owners.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion