

14. COWLISHAW STREET PARKING

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Corporate Plan Output: On Street Management	

The purpose of this report is gain Board approval for the installation of either parking ticks or a parking restriction in a section of Cowlshaw Street.

About three years ago the kerb and channel was renewed in Cowlshaw Street and the street was reconstructed with a 9 metre wide carriageway with grass berms and landscaping. This width of street is the normal width of a local street and allows for parking on both sides and two way traffic. The parking on both sides will slow through traffic.

At present there are parking problems being experienced by some residents towards the west end of Cowlshaw Street by the entrances to Avonside Girls high School. The Parking Unit has been receiving approximately one complaint a week from residents in the area about vehicles being illegally parked ie: the vehicles are parked within a metre of the useable driveway. This has resulted in enforcement notices being issued and vehicles being towed away.

There are two options to solve the problems that are occurring:

1. That parking ticks be placed on both sides of the street from Avonside Drive to beyond the school entrances
 - (a) to define the driveways and
 - (b) to provide a clear indication to drivers where they can legally park.
2. That a parking restriction be placed on the north side of the street from Avonside Drive to beyond the school entrances. This would:
 - (a) limit the time vehicles can park on that side of the street,
 - (b) allow more road space during school hours when the majority of the parking occurs, and
 - (c) provide short term parking space for visitors to the residents and school.

The parking restriction may encourage the parking problem to spread further in the street but would provide short term parking. The parking ticks will not restrict parking on either side of the street but will eliminate the problem that occurs at present of vehicles illegally parking.

Recommendation: **Either 1.** That parking ticks be installed on both sides of Cowlshaw Street from Avonside Drive for a distance of 280 metres.

Or 2. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum of 120 minutes on the north side of Cowlshaw Street from Avonside Drive for a distance of 280 metres

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Recommendation: For discussion.