

8. COLOMBO STREET – CASHMERE ROAD TO TENNYSON STREET



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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of officer response to complaints from proprietors of businesses at Thorrington regarding kerbside parking.

The Board will be aware that the marking of cycle lanes and flush (painted) median, incorporating three pedestrian islands in Colombo Street between Tennyson Street and Cashmere Road, necessitated the removal of kerbside parking. The proprietors of the Thorrington Dairy, the florist and the hairdresser objected to the installation of broken yellow lines and bus stop markings between the shopping block and Thorrington Road.

With reference to the attached plan (distributed to all residents and businesses fronting on to Colombo Street in December 1999), parking has been restricted directly across the road (outside the Church) to provide visibility at the crossing point and provide the cycle lane.

Parking was also restricted around the inside bend (south of the shops and outside the Shell Service Station) for the same purpose. It was intended to relocate the inbound bus stop further north to provide more parking. As a result of the public consultation, objections were received about this relocation regarding two issues.

1. Loss of visibility when exiting Thorrington Road if a bus was parked at the relocated position.
2. Loss of privacy in living areas of the residents living at the relocated position.

These concerns were considered valid and combined with a modification to the kerblines at the request of the dairy owners, no change in kerbside parking was considered to have occurred at this part of the project. Further to this, Environment Canterbury staff considered the existing bus stop location to be appropriate in terms of the side road catchments.

City Streets Unit staff have been considering options to improve kerbside parking without compromising road safety. It is possible to construct a recessed bay outside numbers 30 and 30A Colombo Street (Cashmere New Life Church) which still retains a 2 metre wide footpath on one side and a cycle lane on the other side of the bay. Church Trustees have advised they would have no objection to this bay and have offered to reduce their two driveway entrances to one to allow more parking. The City Streets Unit views this work as a great opportunity to provide more parking and retain existing road safety features, subject to resource consent for the Church being given, and provision of \$15,000 to construct the bay being available.

There is still continuing requests to have the inbound bus stop relocated to a position north of Thorrington Road from the resident at number 31 and for other reasons, and this relocation would be considered ideal if there is no objection from residents at the new location or Environment Canterbury.

Recommendation:

That the Board support the proposal to construct a recessed bay at numbers 30 and 30A Colombo Street, subject to funding and a resource consent for the property being given, to provide parking for the Thorrington businesses.