

7. PORTNALL PLACE: PETITION

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Corporate Plan Output: Streets Marking and Signs 9.6.9	

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Board concerning the 12-signature petition expressing concern for the safety of children and at speeding vehicles in Portnall Place. The Board received the petition at its 29 January 2001 meeting.

Portnall Place is a residential cul-de-sac located off Lamorna Place, Parklands, and is 74 metres in length. The cul-de-sac provides access to nine residential properties and an entranceway to Parkview Primary School. The main entranceway to Parkview Primary School is on Chadbury Street. At school times Portnall Place is also used by parents to drop off and pick up students.

A summary of traffic and pedestrian movements (including cyclists), using Portnall Place during the following school days and times is shown below.

Tuesday 3 April 2001

- 8.30 am to 9.00 am (raining): 58 pedestrians; 38 vehicle movements including local residents vehicles.
- 2.45 pm to 3.15 pm (fine): 84 pedestrians; 40 vehicle movements including local residents vehicles.

Wednesday 4 April 2001

- 8.30 am to 9.00 am (fine): 72 pedestrians; 50 vehicle movements including local residents vehicles.
- 2.45 pm to 3.15 pm (fine): 70 pedestrians; 40 vehicle movements including local residents vehicles.

In general, it was seen that students and parents used the footpaths provided and motorists parked in a reasonable manner to drop off and pick up students. Parked vehicles did not hinder traffic movements around the cul-de-sac. However, the local Community Constable has been informed of the residents' concern for motorist behaviour in Portnall and Lamorna Places.

The installation of traffic calming measures in Portnall Place would not rate as a high priority in the Neighbourhood Improvement Works programme and would not receive funding on a citywide basis for this type of work, at this time. The installation of a mild traffic restraint, as identified in the Parklands Local Area Traffic Management Scheme, is proposed on Lamorna Place at Queenspark Drive.

As a reminder to motorists that students use this cul-de-sac to access the Parkview Primary School 'Children' warning sign will be installed in Lamorna Place on either side of Portnall Place and a white centre line will be installed at this intersection to improve safety.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the organiser of the petition about road safety in Portnall Place be informed of the report.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.