

16. HILLS ROAD – P30 TIME LIMIT PARKING AT SERVICE STATION

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Boards approval for the installation of a P30 time limit parking zone along the frontage of the service station on the east side of Hills Road to the north of the slip lane at Shirley Road.

At a recent resource consent hearing concerns were raised about kerbside parking in the area of the Mobil service station and Motorworks on the east side of Hills Road opposite Aylesford Street.

An investigation of parking issues in this area has been carried out. It is apparent that customers of the garage, and staff from the various businesses in the area leave their vehicles parked all day in front of the service station and extending along both sides of Hills Road into the residential zone. In recent times service stations, as well as providing fuel, have taken over the role of the local dairy/corner shop. Access is mostly by car and if space to stop is not readily available then drivers carry on to the next place.

The repair garage and service station have agreed that an additional zone of short term time limited parking along the frontage of the service station will improve access to the service station and also be of benefit to all the other adjacent businesses in the area. The restricted parking zone can be marked on the road and this should help with keeping vehicles well clear of the access.

The necessity for capacity through the approaches to the busy intersection has required the removal of parking from the frontage of the shops in Warrington Street. There is a zone of P 30 on the west side of Hills Road with kerbside space for three cars that serves primarily as a stopping place for the butcher shop on the Warrington Street corner. In this instance the duration of restricted time appears to work well.

The adjoining residents have been consulted.

As Hills Road is classified a Minor Arterial road in this area, the Boards recommendation will be referred to the Council for resolution.

Recommendation: That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the east side of Hills Road commencing at a point 42 metres north of the intersection with Shirley Road and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 26 metres.

Chairperson’s Recommendation: That the officer’s recommendation be adopted.