

4. CONISTON AVENUE – PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board approve the installation of a three-minute parking restriction in Coniston Avenue (a local road) east of Avonhead Road.

There is a significant demand for on street parking in Coniston Avenue along the frontage of St Christopher’s Church hall on Sundays when several services are held. At present the long term parking demand leaves little or no room for those wishing to drop people off for gatherings in the church. At times the congestion in the 9 metre wide carriageway can block the movement of vehicles.

Following requests from the church and residents a meeting was held at St Christopher’s, and a survey was distributed in August to determine what support there was for a P3 parking restriction on the north side of Coniston Avenue from Avonhead Road to the eastern boundary of No. 4 applying all day Sunday to all the property owners and residents in Coniston Avenue. 40 properties responded to the survey (24 were from Coniston Avenue properties), 31 unreservedly supported the proposal, 5 requested that the parking restriction be applied seven days a week, and 4 were against the proposal.

The matter of a seven day restriction verses a Sunday only restriction was also discussed at the meeting between the residents and the church. It was decided by the majority of the meeting that there was no need for the P3 parking restriction to apply every day as well as Sunday when the church has (according to the church books) on average through the year, only one funeral or wedding per fortnight. It was acknowledged there tends to be, at times, more funerals in the winter period and more weddings in the summer period.

The Parking Unit has also been consulted and is in favour of the proposed restriction.

Recommendation: That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 3 minutes between 7.30 a.m. and 9.00 p.m. Sundays on the north side of Coniston Avenue commencing at its intersection with Avonhead Road and extending in a easterly direction for a distance of one hundred and ten metres.

Chairman’s Recommendation: That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.