

9. STOURBRIDGE STREET – GIVE WAY CONTROL AND PARKING RESTRICTION

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The purpose of this report is to recommend that the planned traffic island on Stourbridge Street at Lyttelton Street be supported. Also to consider a resolution for the proposed Give Way control and Time Restricted Parking as illustrated on the plan attached to this report.

BACKGROUND

Motorists and residents have expressed concern to Council staff at the number of vehicle conflicts that occur at this intersection. Council staff observations concur with these concerns. Most motorists turning right into Stourbridge Street cut the corner at speed. This can be attributed to the roadway width and large radius corner roundings. Generally right turning vehicles entering Stourbridge Street do not apply the give way rule as they are required to, when a vehicle is turning right out Stourbridge Street and cut the corner by travelling down the wrong side of the centre line. This practice has caused numerous minor conflicts/crashes at the intersection.

PROPOSAL

The Spreydon Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LATM) recognises that some form of traffic calming is needed at this intersection. A publicity leaflet showing a proposal to install a traffic island and give way control to help resolve some of these concerns has recently been distributed for public comment. The island will not only solve the problems mentioned above but also help pedestrians, especially school children from the nearby West Spreydon School, cross the road. The Safe Routes to School co-ordinator has recently carried out survey work at the school, with this intersection causing concern for many pupils and parents.

CONSULTATION

The proposal has been distributed amongst the community for comment. This resulted in 9 returns from residents who showed a considerable interest in the proposal. Some had reservations as to whether the island is needed. They seemed to be unaware of the issue of school pupils crossing Stourbridge Street.

The consultation leaflet produced a request to install time restricted parking outside the nearby shops. Stourbridge Street Seafoods at no. 5 Stourbridge Street has requested time restricted parking to help give customers easier on-street parking for this business. Within the same block there is also a butcher and hair stylist. On the corner of Lyttelton and Stourbridge Streets there is also a dairy.

All businesses and owners have been consulted, with a consensus being reached that time limited parking of 60 minutes be installed outside their shops on Stourbridge Street and 30 minutes in front of the dairy on Lyttelton Street.

CONCLUSION

By building a traffic island at this intersection we can solve many problems and stop many undesirable driving practises that are currently taking place. Safety for pedestrians will be greatly improved especially school pupils from the nearby West Spreydon School. The shops and businesses request for time limited parking should be implemented.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That a give way control be placed against Stourbridge Street at its intersection with Lyttelton Street.
 3. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 60 minutes at any time on the north side of Stourbridge Street commencing at a point 6 metres from its intersection with Lyttelton Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 35 metres.

4. That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes at any time on the east side of Lyttelton Street commencing at a point 6 metres from its intersection with Stourbridge Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 10 metres.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:**

That the officer's report be adopted.