

9. PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION – BELLA ROSA DRIVE AND CATALUNA PLACE

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the City Streets Unit's view on the proposal to install a 120 maximum parking restriction in the residential streets, Bella Rosa Drive (Carmen to Jarez) and Cataluna Place.

BACKGROUND

Over the last few years some residents within the residential subdivision (Carmen Gardens), have complained about employees from Tegal Foods parking for long periods in Bella Rosa Drive. Residents have expressed concerns relating to road safety, convenience and visual pollution associated with the parking of these vehicles. A number of site inspections have been carried by both staff and elected members. Whilst there is evidence to suggest that some staff of the Tegal factory do park in Bella Rosa Drive, the extent has always been limited to the very first section, closest to Carmen Road and seldom has involved any more than a dozen vehicles.

THE PROPOSAL

In order to establish the views of local residents, Community Board member and Chairman of the Riccarton/Wigram Community, Board Works and Traffic Committee, Bob Shearing has carried out some consultation on the issue, explaining that some residents see the introduction of a 2 hour maximum parking restriction on both sides of the streets as a mitigating measure...*"for it to be effective, this parking restriction would need to include all of Cataluna Place and extend at least half way around Bella Rosa Drive"*

At the July meeting The Works and Traffic Committee resolved to recommend to the Community Board that this measure be supported.

CITY STREETS UNIT VIEW

Generally the intended function of time limited parking restrictions is to create "turnover" allowing small retail uses without adequate and/or convenient off street parking to be more economically viable. The recent approval by this Board of ten minute maximum parking outside "Food Stop on Carmen" is a good example. Over the last few years short-term parking restrictions have been used to achieve a very different purpose. At the interface between commercial/Industrial and Residential land uses a number of issues typically arise. Not least of these is the issue of conflicting demands for kerbside parking. Typically residents want to preserve the ability for themselves and their visitors/trades people to park outside their property and employees of the commercial/industrial land uses want somewhere to park during working hours. The debate concerning why employees need or want to park on street is complex and varied and will not be solved in the short term. In recognising these conflicting and competing demands, the City Streets Unit has, in the past, been supportive of the implementation of two hour parking on **one** side of the streets within an area experiencing or likely to experience conflicting demand as a result of the implementation. This has been successful and provides a good balance between the desires of residents for visitor parking etc and the need to provide long-term parking for employees. The area to the south of Westfield Shopping Town - Riccarton is a good example of this strategy working effectively.

The concerns of some residents in Bella Rosa Drive are similar to the concerns being expressed by some residents at similar residential/industrial interfaces throughout the city. Parking restrictions can be effective at balancing the requirements of all users, however, in this particular case, the extent of the problem does not warrant the introduction of parking restrictions. The number of residents experiencing a problem is very limited and on street parking is still available for visitors within close walking distance. At the very most, if parking restrictions were to be introduced they should be on one side only.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board does not support the introduction of two hour parking restrictions within Bella Rosa Drive or Cataluna Place
 2. That should the Board decide to support the introduction of parking restrictions they should be on one side only.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion.