13. CATHEDRAL SQUARE

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The purpose of this report is to seek support for minor changes to the existing parking restrictions in the northwest quadrant of Cathedral Square (the triangle in front of Chancery Lane).

The Committee will recall the previous change to three car parking spaces from P30 to P10 to resolve an issue relating to the lack of short term parking.

The area along the south side of the larger island (see diagram attached) is currently 'P30 Tour Coaches Only'. This restriction operates from 8am to 6pm which creates confusion when taxi operators move into this area after 6pm. To resolve this it is proposed to add the words 'At Any Time'.

Another issue raised by an operator is the lack of space for tour coaches. Observations show that this is mainly due to coaches remaining in the area for more than the 30 minutes. Discussions with Julia Callen from Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing has determined that 30 minutes is appropriate and to change it to 10 minutes, would not allow sufficient time for the operator to go to the Visitor's Centre and collect a tour group and load.

The Team Leader Enforcement has requested that broken yellow 'No Stopping' lines be marked between the two islands (see diagram) as this area is required for access and offence notices have not been upheld in court as the judge ruled it was too confusing.

Staff
Recommendation:

1. That the 'Tour Coaches Only Time Limited 30 minutes' on the south side of the larger traffic island in the northwest quadrant of Cathedral Square be revoked.

2. That a 'Tour Coaches Only Time Limit 30 minutes At Any Time' be installed on the south side of the larger traffic island in the northwest quadrant of Cathedral Square.

3. That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of the larger island and the south side of the smaller island in the northwest quadrant of Cathedral Square.

Chairman's
Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.