

4. MOORHOUSE AVENUE/ORBELL STREET INTERSECTION P60 PARKING RESTRICTION

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The purpose of this report is to enable the Board to consider creating “P60” parking zones along a short section of Moorhouse Avenue and within the angle parking area on the east side of Orbell Street adjacent to the intersection of Moorhouse Avenue and Orbell Street (see attached plan).

BACKGROUND

Both on-street and off-street parking demand within the business zone on the south side of Moorhouse Avenue between Colombo Street and Montreal Street is high. Businesses within the city block bounded by Durham Street, Moorhouse Avenue, Orbell Street and the railway are under particular pressure due to the lack of available parking during peak shopping times and at weekends when the nearby movie complex is the venue for movie festivals.

With a number of “P60” parking restrictions already in place along sections of Moorhouse Avenue, many people who work in the area park their cars in the “all day” kerbside parking areas denying customers access to the businesses alongside. Although the Council needs to be mindful of the competing demands for parking in this area, the availability of short-term customer parking is vital to the businesses located within the Moorhouse Avenue business zones.

DISCUSSION

Following an approach from two of the larger businesses in the area the views of the business community was sought. The businesses fronting Moorhouse Avenue between Durham Street and Orbell Street enthusiastically supported a “P60” kerbside parking restriction. However, there were some reservations from businesses in the Moorhouse Avenue block between Orbell Street and Montreal Street due to a possible shift of “all day” parking from the street into their off-street carparks. However, on balance, the need for on-street time limit parking adjacent to the businesses between Durham Street and Orbell Street is considered to be an asset for the business community.

CONCLUSION

If “P60” parking restrictions were to be introduced, twelve “all day” angle carparks in Orbell Street would be affected along with five parallel carparks in Moorhouse Avenue. The new time limit parking would assist businesses that operate out of premises fronting both of these roads.

Staff

Recommendation: That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 60 minutes in the following areas:

1. On the south side of Moorhouse Avenue commencing at a point 12m from its intersection with Orbell Street and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 32m.
2. On the eastern side of Orbell Street commencing at a point 16m from its intersection with Moorhouse Avenue and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 30m.

The Parking Manager agrees with the above recommendations.

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.