

6. BARRINGTON MALL ACCESS

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of traffic issues at the Barrington Street entrance of the Barrington Mall.

BACKGROUND

Barrington Mall was redeveloped and expanded in 1997 through a resource consent application. A number of on-street works were required as a consequence, including the installation of traffic signals at Athelstan Street, which was funded by the mall owner to mitigate the increased traffic effects of the expanded retail area.

A further consent was granted in 2001 for a minor change to the parking area on Athelstan Street, which added 11 spaces to the overall car parking provision. A minor addition to the storage area for the supermarket was also granted in 2002.

The original consent for the mall included a condition that the performance of the Barrington Street access be monitored annually to ensure the access continues to operate safely and efficiently.

A letter was recently received from the Whareora House of Life Trust (located in Athelstan Street) which expressed concern that, as the traffic volumes on Barrington Street continue to increase, it is becoming more difficult for pedestrians to traverse the area safely.

DISCUSSION

There is a perception from some members of the public that the driveway onto Barrington Street is not operating safely, particularly for right-turning motorists. However, a search of the LTSA Accident database shows there have been no reported crashes in this vicinity for the last five years. Therefore, the provisions of the resource consent which provide for an annual review of the driveway cannot be used to implement changes to the driveway, and if any changes are to be implemented they would need to be undertaken in conjunction with the mall owners.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

Recommendations: That the Board request the City Transport Unit to investigate and report back on the wider issue of traffic management at Barrington Mall, including entrances on Simeon and Athelstan Streets.