

### 3 VILLA GROVE – PROPOSED 120 MINUTE PARKING RESTRICTION

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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the installation of a 120 minute parking restriction on the north side of Villa Grove.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Residents of Villa Grove have approached the Council expressing concerns with cars associated with Villa Maria College parking in the street for extended periods and therefore denying parking for visitors and tradespeople etc. Residents also harbour concerns relating the adverse effect the parking and additional traffic activity is having on their residential amenity level.
3. This issue has been simmering for over a year with the most recent mitigating measure undertaken by the Council being the restriction of parking around the corners of the intersection of Brodie Street and Villa Grove to improve visibility and traffic flow. The issue is not confined to Villa Grove, with Brodie Street between the College and Villa Grove also experiencing a similar problem.
4. Residents of Villa Grove have been well organised and have undertaken a survey of residents' views on the problem and preferred course of action. A meeting with local residents has also been undertaken on site on 30 May 2005.
5. Four options were considered to mitigate the problem including the "status quo".
6. The views of affected stakeholders have been obtained.
7. The installation of a P120 parking restriction for the period 8am to 4pm (operative on School Days) on the northern side of Villa Grove is considered the most cost effective, strategically aligned and practical solution to the problem.

#### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

##### Cost

8. Less than \$1000. (5 signs and 3 posts required)

##### Legal Considerations(refer attachment 3 for complete references)

9. Land Transport Rule, Road User 2004 Rule 61001  
Part 6 Stopping and Parking
10. Land Transport Rule, Traffic Control Devices 2004 Rule 54002  
Section 12 Stopping, Standing and Parking.

#### BACKGROUND ON VILLA GROVE – PROPOSED P120 PARKING RESTRICTION

11. There has been a long standing issue with cars associated with students from Villa Maria College parking in both Brodie Street and Villa Grove. Brodie Street already has a 30 minute parking restriction on the western side opposite the school extending from the Yaldhurst Road intersection back along the street for approximately 170 metres. This works reasonably effectively at dissuading students parking there for the school day. Brodie Street is quite narrow with a roadway width of 8.5 metres and the restriction also improves the flow of traffic outside of peak school related periods. However, this existing restriction only extends partially along Brodie Street and student parking can be observed in the remaining (and unrestricted) section of Brodie Street covering both sides of the roadway and also extending into Villa Grove.
12. The problems associated with student car parking overspilling onto the streets surrounding high schools are quite common. Most residential areas in the vicinity of High Schools experience

these issues. Unfortunately it is extremely difficult for the schools themselves to adequately address the issue. While new schools can plan for and accommodate a level of student parking, older more established schools do not have the infra-structure to successfully and safely accommodate student parking in any significant amount within the school grounds. In fact, some schools seek to specifically exclude students from any parking spaces on the school grounds due to safety and congestion issues. The problems can realistically only be addressed, at least in the short term, through the appropriate management of the on street parking stock.

13. The management of the on street car parks should ideally reflect a balance in the demands of residents and the demands of students. This approach will minimise the effects of displacing parking further into the residential areas resulting in a mere migration of the problem elsewhere.
14. It is acknowledged that this report discusses and seeks a resolution to the parking issues in Villa Grove and does not address the outstanding car parking issues within Brodie Street. It is considered more expedient to address the issues raised by Villa Grove residents first then undertake further consultation with Brodie Street residents with a view to adopting the same or similar action. The alternative would be to commence a process from scratch which would be inclusive of Brodie Street residents as well as Villa Grove residents. It is possible that a greater mixture of views would be forthcoming from a wider group with other contentious issues relating to the adequacy of the width of Brodie Street being brought into the mix. It is certainly the preference of the Villa Grove residents to see their specific concerns resolved independently.

#### OPTIONS

15. Three options were considered to address the problem. These are outlined as follows:

- (a) **Status Quo**

The problem occurs only on school days.

- (b) **Install a Two Hour Parking Restriction on both sides of Villa Grove**

Installing a 120 minute parking restriction for specified periods covering both sides on Villa Grove is likely to remove most if not all school related parked vehicles. However it is also likely to displace all the current parked vehicles elsewhere. The likely location would be further along Brodie Street. While some displacement will occur with any such restriction, covering both sides is considered excessive and imbalanced. The option also restricts resident related parking to 120 minutes which can create issues for residents and guests that require longer periods.

- (c) **Install a Two Hour Parking Restriction on the North side of Villa Grove**

Installing a 120 minute parking restriction for specified periods covering the north side of Villa Grove will provide a reasonable balance between the demand for student parking and the demand for resident related parking. It would create an improvement to the existing residential amenity while minimising the migration of parking into other areas. It will also provide some opportunity for longer stay resident related parking.

#### PREFERRED OPTION

16. After careful consideration, **Option C** is favoured as it provides a cost effective solution to the problem.
17. The option is aligned to the Parking Strategy, specifically Policy 7A "*Residential On-Street*" –  
*a – In residential areas, manage and provide on-street parking so that it is able to meet the needs of the residents and their visitors.*  
*b.- To minimise the incidence of non-local vehicles parking on local streets*  
*c. – To recognise on-street parking provision as a traffic management option*
18. This is achieved through method 4 "*Charged parking and parking restrictions – In residential areas with non-residential parking which causes adverse impacts on the residential amenity, use meters and/or time restrictions to mitigate these impacts and stimulate parking turnover*"

#### CONSULTATION

19. A survey of residents views was organised by one of the residents (refer attachment 2). This survey revealed that a clear majority (14 out of 16) supported a 2 hour parking restriction. Ten of the fourteen residents that supported a 2 hour restriction, preferred the north side.
20. A street meeting was also held. At this meeting the advantages and disadvantages of many options were discussed. After this discussion a clear majority of residents were supportive of the 120 minute restrictions on the north side.
21. Villa Maria College have been contacted (Mr Stephen Roach) regarding the proposal and are generally sympathetic to the concerns being raised. The College does not oppose the request but is conscious of the migration of parking that may result. The concept of providing additional parking closer to the College by introducing angle parking was raised, however the width of Brodie Street is insufficient to accommodate this.

#### **CONCLUSION**

22. The adverse effects of parking associated with students from the Villa Maria College is causing concern for the residents of Villa Grove and Brodie Street. Villa Grove residents have been proactive in seeking a resolution to the problem by canvassing views and organising a street meeting. The effects can be mitigated by the implementation of a 120 minute parking restriction on the north side of Villa Grove operative between 8am and 4pm on school days. This action is well aligned with the Parking Strategy. The parking issues in Brodie Street should also be examined and consultation should also occur should the Board support the preferred option.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Community Board agree that:

- (a) The parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum of 120 minutes, from 8am to 4pm, School Days, on the north side of Villa Grove.
- (b) The restriction commence at a point 19.6 metres in an easterly direction from the Brodie Street intersection and extend in an easterly direction for a distance of 163 metres following the kerb line around the cul-de-sac head and terminating on the south side of Villa Grove at a point 113 metres east of the Brodie Street intersection.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be adopted.