

2. RICCARTON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to install two short sections of no stopping restriction (broken yellow line) on the south side of Main South Road outside the new Riccarton Library.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In early 2002 Christchurch City Libraries reported that Riccarton High School was a desirable location for a suburban library. In July 2002 the Council formally resolved to build a joint community/school library within the grounds of Riccarton High School.
3. Board Members will be aware that construction on the new Riccarton Library is well underway. The library will service the local community as well as the High School and is therefore located near the Main South Road with a separate vehicle access into a new public car parking area directly from this road. Public cycle and pedestrian access will also be provided from Main South Road, however, it will be possible to gain access using these modes through the school grounds from the Vicki Street access via Curletts Road. The library will provide a café, a community meeting room, teaching rooms and reading areas. Some scope for outdoor seating in association with the café will also be provided.
4. Resource Consent was required and has been granted for the Library and associated activities. There will be provision for 34 public car parking spaces accessed via the new vehicle crossing with a further 11 car parks and goods loading located to the rear of the building and accessed via a separate and existing vehicle crossing along the western boundary of the School.
5. The Main South Road frontage is commonly used for student car parking and also car parking associated with the neighbouring funeral parlour. There is a concern that this parking will restrict visibility when exiting the public car parking area jeopardising road safety.
6. The concerns regarding visibility can be overcome through the installation of a short section of no stopping restriction (broken yellow line) to the right of the access when exiting.
7. The restriction will significantly enhance visibility when exiting the car park. A further section of broken yellow (no stopping) line is proposed. This would extend across the existing vehicle access to the School and would connect with an existing no stopping restriction leading up to a pedestrian crossing. This will prevent vehicles from parking over the pedestrian entranceway into the library and will also enhance visibility when exiting the existing vehicle access.
8. It is understood that a condition of consent seeks the provision of a 2 hour parking restriction along part of the Main South Road frontage of the new library to supplement the onsite car parking supply. The need for this restriction is dependant on the actual parking demand for the library and associated activities. This will be monitored once the facility is operational and the need for the restriction will be examined at this time.
9. Riccarton High School is the only directly affected stakeholder and they support the installation of the no stopping restriction.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. Road markings are within existing budgets.
11. The land Transport Rules provide for the installation of no stopping restrictions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Board agree that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time in the following locations:

- (a) On the southern side of Main South Road from a point 11.5m in a westerly direction from the Bowman Place intersection and extending 10 metres in a westerly direction.
- (b) On the southern side of Main South Road from a point 68.7m in a westerly direction from the Bowman Place intersection and extending 9.3 metres in a westerly direction.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.