

5. MONA VALE AVENUE AND MATAI STREET EAST – PROPOSED NIGHT TIME NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's recommendation to the Board to approve Night Time No Stopping restriction on the western side of Mona Vale Avenue and on Matai Street East operating from 11pm to 5am. **(Attachment 1)**.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board requested advice on options available to decrease the anti-social drivers' (boy racers) ability to park in the Mona Vale area at night and make a nuisance of themselves. **(Attachment 2)**.
3. Anti-social drivers (boy racers) are a constant problem for many people in Christchurch. Their behaviour, which includes wheel spinning, drinking, loitering, vandalism and littering is experienced wherever they go. The Police have powers to deal with offences relating to the lack of traction of vehicles, speed of vehicles and the road worthiness of vehicles (however, this behaviour will usually have stopped by the time the Police arrive on the scene).
4. The Council recently installed Night Time No Stopping parking restrictions on Harper Avenue and Deans Avenue to stop anti-social drivers (boy racers) gathering, which has significantly reduced the anti-social activity in the immediate area. Unfortunately, the same problems are now being endured by residents of Mona Vale Avenue and Matai Street East.
5. Current parking restrictions installed on Mona Vale Avenue include No Stopping located at the northern end of Mona Vale Avenue. Current parking restrictions installed on Matai Street East include two sections of P120 time restricted parking, 56 metres in total on the south side of Matai Street East, P5 time restricted parking and a school bus stop on the northern side outside the main entrance to Christchurch Girls High School.
6. All remaining kerbside parking spaces on Mona Vale Avenue and Matai Street East is unrestricted parking. Approximately half of the unrestricted parking on these streets is 45° angle parking with the balance being parallel to the kerb.
7. Five options were considered during this investigation:
 - (a) Status quo: Not considered to be a viable option as it will not address the problem;
 - (b) Police enforcement: Monitoring is already being carried out by police with limited effect on anti-social activity in the area;
 - (c) Night time parking ban: To install time specific parking restrictions on these sections of Mona Vale Avenue and Matai Street East (preferred option);
 - (d) Prohibition of light vehicles during night time hours: Not considered suitable in this situation due to the residential nature of the roads;
 - (e) Physical features (traffic calming devices): There is already a platform in place on Matai Street East and staff do not consider the addition of more traffic calming devices a suitable option as these structures often attract anti-social drivers and can encourage wheel spinning and increase vehicle noise level on the street.
8. Staff consider option (c) to be the preferred option as it is the only option that will have any positive impact on anti-social drivers' activity in the area.
9. For consultation details refer to clause 20, 21, 22 and 23.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The estimated cost of this proposal is approximately \$1,500.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

11. The installation of road markings and signs is within the LTCCP Streets and Transport Operational Budgets.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. Part 1, Clause 5 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008 provides the Council with the authority to install parking restrictions by resolution.
13. The Community Boards have delegated authority from the Council to exercise the delegations as set out in the Register of Delegations dated December 2009. The list of delegations for the Community Boards includes the resolution of parking restrictions and Traffic Control Devices.
14. The installation of any parking restriction signs and/ or markings must comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

15. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

16. Aligns with the Streets and Transport activities by contributing to the Council's Community Outcomes - Safety and Community.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

17. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

18. The recommendations align with the Council Strategies including the Parking Strategy 2003, Pedestrian Strategy 2001, Road Safety Strategy 2004 and the Safer Christchurch Strategy 2005.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's Strategies?

19. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

20. Christchurch Girls High School, The Chateau Hotel, residents within this section of Mona Vale Avenue and residents of Matai Street East were consulted on the proposal. Staff received 20 replies to the consultation letter. All replies were in full support of the proposed night time parking restrictions on Mona Vale Avenue and Matai Street East.
21. The Deans Avenue Precinct Society supports this proposal.
22. The Officer in Charge, Parking Enforcement, agrees with this recommendation.
23. New Zealand Police support the proposal and agree to enforce the proposed restrictions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee recommends that the Board:

- (a) Revoke the following parking restrictions:
 - (i) That any existing parking restrictions on the western side of Mona Vale Avenue be revoked;
 - (ii) That any existing parking restrictions on the northern side of Matai Street East be revoked;
- (b) Approve the following restrictions on Mona Vale Avenue:
 - (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited on the western side of Mona Vale Avenue commencing at its intersection with Kilmarnock Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 131 metres between the hours of 11pm to 5am seven days per week.
 - (ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at all times on the western side of Mona Vale Avenue commencing at a point 131 metres north of its intersection with Kilmarnock Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 35 metres.
- (c) Approve the following restrictions on Matai Street East:
 - (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited on the northern side of Matai Street East between the hours of 11pm to 5am seven days per week.
 - (ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at all times on the northern side of Matai Street East commencing its intersection with Deans Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 19 metres.
 - (iii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at all times on the northern side of Matai Street East commencing at a point 94 metres west of its intersection with Deans Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 48 metres.
 - (iv) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at all times on the northern side of Matai Street East commencing its intersection with Mona Vale Avenue and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres.
 - (v) That a Bus Stop be installed on the northern side of Matai Street East commencing at a point 142 metres east from its intersection with Deans Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 25 metres.
 - (vi) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of five minutes on the northern side of Matai Street East commencing at a point 72 metres east of its intersection with Deans Avenue and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 11 metres. This restriction is to apply to 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday on school days.
 - (vii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited on the southern side of Matai Street East from the intersection of Deans Avenue to the intersection of Darvel Street between the hours of 11pm to 5am seven days per week.