

8. PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION - SCHOOL ROAD, HALSWELL

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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 a P3 Drop off/Pick up parking restriction be installed on the northern side of School Road, Halswell, operating from 8.30am to 9.30am and from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, school days only and to install a no stopping parking restriction.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Staff have received a request from Riccarton/Wigram Community Board to investigate the parking and pedestrian safety issues outside of Halswell Primary School and to recommend improvements.
3. Staff recently commissioned a comprehensive study of the effects of different time limits on caregivers' behaviour with the intention of improving the effectiveness of pick up/drop off zones outside schools. The recommendation that came from the study was that P3 Drop off/ Pick up Zones would be the most effective in maintaining traffic flow in the area. This proposal is in line with the study's recommendations. Time limits greater than this could result in caregivers being tempted to leave their vehicles and inadvertently exceed the time limit.
4. School Road, Halswell is a local road adjacent to Halswell Primary School. The terminus for Halswell 7 bus is located on School Road (refer **Attachment 1**). Currently the only parking restrictions on the northern side of School Road are the bus stop, the bus stop terminus and a nine metre section of No Stopping (Broken Yellow Lines) at the Larsons Road end as shown in the attached plan. Residents are experiencing difficulties during the peak times for school pick up and drop off with the existing situation having parents/caregivers blocking vehicle entrances while waiting for children to come out of school.
5. Halswell School have expressed their concerns for the safety of children when crossing School Road. They consider that the buses parked at the bus stop makes it difficult for pedestrians to see approaching vehicles from the western end of School Road. The installation of the P3 School Drop off/Pick up zones and no stopping restrictions between the bus stops and the proposed P3 parking area will increase pedestrian safety by improving sight distances for motorists and pedestrians. The relocation of the bus stops was suggested by the school but staff do not consider that the cost and subsequent inconvenience to bus users by the relocating of the bus stops and shelter is warranted.
6. Halswell School has entrances on four roads: Halswell Road, Larsens Road, School Road and Kennedys Bush Road. Larsens, School and Kennedys Bush Roads are all local roads. Halswell Road is classified as a Minor Arterial Road with unrestricted parking on the school side of the road but has a very steep camber and is subsequently not very suitable or popular for parents/caregivers to pick up and drop off children. Staff do not encourage this area as a pick up/drop off area. Larsens Road only has space for two vehicles on the school side of the road. Kennedys Bush Road is at the eastern end of the school grounds and away from the class rooms and therefore is not often used by parents dropping off and picking up their children. School Road is the preferred pick up/drop off area for parents/caregivers of pupils at Halswell Primary School.
7. It is therefore important to ensure that there is a good turn over of vehicles at this location. Caregivers wishing to stay longer can use the other many available (but less popular) areas.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The estimated cost of this proposal is \$350.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. Part 1, Clause 5 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008 provides Council with the authority to install parking restrictions by resolution.
11. 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.
12. The installation of any parking restriction signs and/ or markings must comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004. (See **Attachment 2** – Example of Parking Sign).

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

13. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. 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?

15. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. 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?

17. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. All residents of School Road were consulted on the proposal. Of the 16 consultation letters distributed, nine replies were received. Seven replies supported and two did not support the proposal. The replies that did not support the proposal stated that they would support the proposal if the bus stops were relocated to further down School Road to the Kennedy's Bush Road end of School Road.
19. The Halswell Residents' Association were consulted on the proposal. No response was received.
20. The Officer in Charge- Parking Enforcement agrees with this recommendation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Riccarton/Wigram Transport and Greenspace Committee recommend that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board:

(a) Revoke:

- (i) All existing parking restrictions on School Road, Halswell.

(b) Approve:

- (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at all times on the northern side of School Road, Halswell commencing at its intersection with Larsons Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of nine metres.
- (ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at all times on the northern side of School Road, Halswell commencing at a point 88 metre east of its intersection with Larsons Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 28 metres.
- (iii) That a Bus Stop be installed on the northern side of School Road, Halswell commencing at a point 52 metres in an easterly direction from its intersection with Larsons Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 36 metres.
- (iv) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of three minutes on the northern side of School Road, Halswell commencing at a point 116 East of its intersection with Larsens Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 50 metres. This restriction is to apply between 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm on school days.