

11. OPAWA ROAD – PROPOSED NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north eastern side of Opawa Road at its intersection with Vincent Place and extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 18 metres.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council have received a request from a local resident that a No Stopping restriction be installed on the north eastern side of Opawa Road extending south eastwards from the zebra pedestrian crossing outside number 147 Opawa Road. (**see Attachment 1**).
3. This section of Opawa Road is a collector road with an Average Annual Daily Total (AADT) of approximately 6,000 vehicles per day. The zebra pedestrian crossing has existing No Stopping restrictions (broken yellow lines) on three sides to provide good visibility both for users of the crossing and approaching vehicles. However, there are no broken yellow lines on the north side of the road on the departure side of the crossing and vehicles are currently able to park directly beside the crossing.
4. A vehicle parked beside the crossing restricts the visibility for both a pedestrian waiting on the north east side of Opawa Road and a vehicle approaching the crossing from the south east. The curve in Opawa Road at it heads towards the Heathcote River makes this situation worse for both the pedestrian and motorist. This is of special concern for children or the elderly who maybe slower in crossing the road.
5. This proposal is for the installation of a six metre length of No Stopping restriction on the northeast side of the road extending south eastwards from the zebra pedestrian crossing which will improve the visibility for both crossing users and approaching vehicles.
6. The proposed No Stopping restriction will remove one of three on-street parking spaces between the zebra crossing and the existing broken yellow lines in front of number 151.
7. A letter and plan explaining the proposed No Stopping restriction was sent to the property owners of the seven houses / shops adjacent to the pedestrian crossing. For further details refer to paragraphs 18 to 20.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The estimated cost of this proposal is approximately \$50.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 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 April 2010. 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.

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 2006-16 LTCCP?

15. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. The recommendations align with the Council Strategies including the Parking Strategy 2003 and the Road Safety Strategy 2004.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's Strategies?

17. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. A letter and plan explaining the proposed No Stopping restriction was sent to the property owners and residents / tenants of the seven houses / shops adjacent to the pedestrian crossing. Two queries were received checking that no new broken yellow lines were to be installed on the south western side of Opawa Road.
19. There is no residents' association representing the north eastern side of Opawa Road, but a letter and plan explaining the proposed No Stopping restriction was sent to the St Martins / Opawa Residents Association who cover the south western side of Opawa Road.
20. The Officer in Charge - Parking Enforcement agrees with this recommendation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board:

Revoke the following on Opawa Road:

- (a) That the stopping of vehicles currently prohibited at any time on the north eastern side of Opawa Road commencing at its intersection with Vincent Place and extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres be revoked.

Approve the following on Opawa Road:

- (b) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north eastern side of Opawa Road commencing at its intersection with Vincent Place and extending in a south easterly direction for a distance of 18 metres.

CHAIRPERSONS' RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.