

10. EXETER STREET/DUBLIN STREET SLIP ROAD – PROPOSED STOP CONTROL AND NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval that a Stop Sign and No Stopping Restrictions be located at the intersection of the slip road from Exeter Street to Dublin Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Council staff have received a request from a Lyttelton resident that a traffic control device be installed at the above intersection to improve safety. Please refer to the **attached** plan.
3. Vehicles exiting from Exeter Street have to merge with vehicles proceeding downhill on Dublin Street via a slip road that is narrow, considerably lower than Dublin Street, and approaches at an acute angle to the intersection. The low road and acute angle of the approach severely restricts the visibility of vehicles on the slip road of and to vehicles approaching from above on Dublin Street. Should there also be vehicles parked on the eastern side of Dublin Street just above the slip road, the visibility of the approaching vehicles is even further restricted. The vehicles exiting from Exeter Street legally have to give way to vehicles travelling downhill from the right.
4. A sign has been installed on the slip road approach to the intersection stating: "Caution Give Way to Traffic on Right". This sign does not comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004 or with any previous authorising legislation. It therefore has no legal standing.
5. Due to the restricted visibility of approaching vehicles described above, and to make clear to motorists exiting from Exeter Street that motorists on Dublin Street have right of way, it is proposed that the Board resolve to install a Stop Sign on the Exeter Street slip road approach to Dublin Street. A stop control is appropriate given the restricted visibility and as the intersection will also be "squared up" by painting Stop limit line markings in line with the direction of Dublin Street (see **attached** plan).
6. To further improve the visibility of the approaching vehicles it is proposed that no stopping markings be installed along the eastern side of Dublin Street above its intersection with the slip road. This will stop parked vehicles from restricting visibility.
7. These proposed changes should improve safety at the intersection by making the Exeter Street approach more of a "T" intersection confirming that motorists should stop and check for oncoming vehicles when entering Dublin Street.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The estimated cost of this proposal is \$750.

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

9. The installation of signs and road markings are covered by Transport and Greenspace Operational budgets

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. The Community Boards have delegated authority from the Council to exercise the delegations as set out in the Register of Delegations. The list of delegations for the Community Boards includes the resolution of parking restrictions and traffic control devices.
11. The installation of any signs and/ or markings associated with traffic control devices must comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004. The previous sign and markings did not comply with that legislation.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. 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 LTP?

13. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. The recommendations align with the latest Council Strategies including the Road Safety Strategy 2004.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's Strategies?

15. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. No consultation was carried out in relation to the installation of the stop sign and the no stopping restrictions for the following reasons:
- (a) The stop sign and no stopping restrictions should be installed at this intersection on safety grounds alone.
 - (b) In relation to the installing of the stop sign, it is legally resolving an approved traffic control device.
 - (c) Motorists from all over Lyttelton use this intersection and consultation with only nearby residents would not reach all these users.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board approve the following:

- (a) That a Stop control be placed on the slip road linking Exeter Street with Dublin Street.
- (b) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the eastern side of Dublin Street commencing at its northern intersection with the slip road from Exeter Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of nine metres.