

10. WALTHAM ROAD AT BROUGHAM STREET INTERSECTION – PROPOSED NO STOPPING RESTRICTION



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation to Council that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Waltham Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Council in conjunction with NZTA are looking to improve safety on Waltham Road at its intersection with Brougham Street. To improve safety we need to reduce the number of vehicle movements at this intersection and to provide better guidance and advanced notice to drivers.
3. An intersection signal upgrade was undertaken in November 2010 (see **attachment 1**), which involved the installation of two right turn lanes. This was in response to traffic volumes at this intersection. Subsequent monitoring and feedback has found that motorists are struggling to understand the layout changes, which has resulted in safety concerns due to motorists making last minute lane changes and cutting across traffic.
4. The new road markings as shown in the plan attached will make traffic management at this intersection clearer and easier to understand. Motorists will be provided with more prior warning regarding the lane changes and this should ensure more fluid lane changes. (**attachment 2**).
5. The no stopping restriction (broken yellow lines) requested as part of the new road marking layout is essential to improve safety at this intersection as it will allow greater visibility for drivers up to the intersection and it will provide motorists the opportunity to move into the correct lane earlier. The subsequent effect resulting from the removal of parking will be to reduce the number of vehicle movements near the intersection and improve sight distances which will in turn reduce the potential for conflict. The new layout will also provide more road space for cyclists and help increase safety for these vulnerable road users.
6. This is a safety issue therefore no consultation has been undertaken. Properties at 180 Waltham Road are owned by the Christchurch City Council and 188 Waltham Road has off street parking available.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The estimated cost of this proposal is approximately \$6,000 to be funded by NZTA.

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

8. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

9. 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.
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. As this matter involves improving safety at the intersection of Waltham Road and Brougham Street, which is a road of metropolitan significance it requires ratification by the Council.

12. The installation of any parking restriction signs and/ or markings must comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. 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?

14. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

15. The recommendations align with the Council Strategies including the Road Safety Strategy 2004 and the Safer Christchurch Strategy 2005.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's Strategies?

16. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

17. The officer in charge of parking enforcement and NZTA agree with this recommendation. No further consultation has been carried out as this is deemed to be a safety issue.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/ Heathcote Board recommends that the Council:

Revoke the following on Waltham Road:

- (a) That the current restrictions on the east side of Waltham Road commencing from its intersection with Brougham Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 163 metres be revoked.

Approve the following on Waltham Road:

- (b) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Waltham Road commencing from its intersection with Brougham Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 163 metres.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.