

15. PARKSTONE AVENUE/AVONHEAD ROAD - PROPOSED GIVE WAY CONTROL

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for a Give Way control against Parkstone Avenue at its intersection with Avonhead Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Council has received a request from a resident after the resident had a near miss traffic incident at the Avonhead Road/Parkstone Avenue intersection and has raised a concern with the intersection layout. A Give Way control is proposed to remedy this issue (refer **Attachment 1**).
3. Both Avonhead Road and Parkstone Avenue are classified as Collector Roads under the City Plan. Avonhead Road carried some 7,000 vehicles per day and Parkstone Avenue carries some 2,000 vehicles per day. The intersection of Avonhead Road and Parkstone Avenue is an uncontrolled T intersection, with Avonhead Road forming the top of the T.
4. Staff investigating this incident made day and night time visits to the intersection and confirm that in some circumstances this intersection may appear deceptive.
5. There is a Right of Way serving six properties directly opposite the Parkstone Avenue approach to its intersection with Avonhead Road. At night, there is a privately owned lamp post that illuminates the Right of Way which can cause it to appear to be a continuation of Parkstone Avenue. This could be potentially dangerous because the intersection is uncontrolled and any driver travelling along Parkstone Avenue that perceives the Right of Way as the continuation of the street is at risk of being hit by vehicles travelling along Avonhead Road.
6. Installing a Give Way control against Parkstone Avenue would greatly improve the safety concern outlined above, firstly by confirming to drivers that they are approaching an intersection and secondly by ensuring drivers slow down sufficiently to observe that the Right of Way is not a continuation of Parkstone Avenue.
7. Investigations by Council staff of available sight lines confirm that a Give Way control is the appropriate form of control for this intersection.
8. The proposed Give Way control does not affect on-street parking and hence there is no impact on neighbouring residents.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The estimated cost of this proposal is approximately \$400.00.

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

10. The installation of signs is within the LTCCP Streets and Transport Operational Budgets.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

11. 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 Community Boards includes the resolution of traffic control devices.
12. The installation of any signs and/or markings associated with traffic control devices 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 2009-19 LTCCP?

15. This contributes to improve the level of service for safety.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. The recommendations align with the Council Road Safety Strategy 2004.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. No consultation was undertaken as this is a safety issue and there are no impacts of this proposal on residents because the proposal does not affect on-street parking.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approves a Give Way control be placed against Parkstone Avenue at its intersection with Avonhead Road.