

6. CATHEDRAL SQUARE: AMENDMENTS TO TRAFFIC AND PARKING BYLAW

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the changes to the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 which will be required if the proposals in the preceding report are adopted. It is to be read in conjunction with the report on the 'Cathedral Square Redevelopment - Stage 5'.

That report recommends that vehicular traffic on Worcester Street between Oxford Terrace and Cathedral Square and on the carriageway in the north-western sector of Cathedral Square between Worcester Street and Colombo Street be restricted to travel in an easterly and an easterly and northerly direction respectively. A street plan detailing this recommendation will be tabled at the meeting. To implement this recommendation it will be necessary to amend the bylaw in two respects.

The first amendment is required to the Fifth Schedule of the Bylaw. In conjunction with Clause 66 of the bylaw, this schedule prescribes those streets or parts of streets in the city that vehicular traffic may only travel in a certain direction. Clause 76 of the bylaw provides that this schedule may be amended by the Council from time to time by resolution. It is recommended that this schedule be amended so as to provide that vehicular traffic on Worcester Street between Oxford Terrace and Cathedral Square (other than trams) be restricted to travel in an easterly direction.

The second amendment is required to the Second Schedule of the Bylaw. In conjunction with Clause 61 this schedule prescribes rules for vehicular movement in Cathedral Square. Clause 76 of the bylaw provides that this schedule may also be amended by resolution of the Council. Paragraph one of this schedule concerns vehicular movement in the 'North-Western Sector' of the Square. Subparagraphs (i) to (iv) of Paragraph one must be deleted. They have, for some time now, been redundant. In summary these subparagraphs:

- (i) Prohibit the entry of all vehicles into the north-western sector of the Square except for buses, taxis, goods service vehicles and other vehicles travelling to a private parking area where access is gained from this area.
- (ii) Prohibit vehicles making right turns from Colombo Street into the north-western sector.
- (iii) Prohibiting the exit of all vehicles (other than certain exempted vehicles) from the north-western sector of the Square into Worcester Street.
- (iv) Exempting from the abovementioned prohibitions vehicles used by the police and parking wardens when carrying out enforcement duties.

A new paragraph one must be substituted in order to provide that vehicular traffic on the carriageway in the north-western sector of Cathedral Square (between Worcester Street and Colombo Street) be restricted to travel in an easterly and northerly direction.

A third amendment is required to update the Fifth Schedule of the Bylaw to continue to allow trams to travel in a westerly direction along the section of Worcester street between Rolleston Avenue and Montreal Street. Other traffic is required to proceed in an easterly direction along this section of roadway.

Recommendation: That the Council resolve to amend the Christchurch City Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991 in the following manner:

1. That the Fifth Schedule be amended by inserting the following paragraph:

"38. Worcester Street in an easterly direction from Oxford Terrace to Cathedral Square."

PROVIDED THAT trams only may travel in a westerly direction on that part of Worcester Street between Cathedral Square and Oxford Terrace.

2. That the Second Schedule be amended by revoking Paragraph one and substituting the following paragraph:

"1. NORTH WESTERN SECTOR

No person shall drive any vehicle other than in an easterly or a northerly direction upon the carriageway in Cathedral Square between Worcester Street and an imaginary line extending due south from the edge of the western curb of Colombo Street (between Cathedral Square and Gloucester Street)".

3. That the Fifth Schedule be amended by adding to clause 30 the following paragraph:

"PROVIDED THAT trams only may travel in a westerly direction on that part of Worcester Street between Rolleston Avenue and Montreal Street."