

2. CHRISTCHURCH CITY PARKING AND TRAFFIC BYLAW 1991

Mr Barry Cook, Transport and City Streets Unit then tabled diagrams relating to:

- The 1972/73 restrictions on traffic in the Cathedral Square.
- Current traffic movements in Cathedral Square.
- Traffic movements prohibited if a one-way road was created in the north-west quadrant.

Mr Brian Neill, Transport and City Streets Unit spoke further to these and advised that the resolution submitted in the report of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee to the 26 February 2004 Council meeting contained only those changes required to the north-west quadrant to allow for a one-way road.

He noted that some existing sections of the bylaw were redundant in respect to Cathedral Square and some current signage was not consistent with the bylaw. Formal changes had been delayed until such time as the future traffic management for the area had been clarified and decided.

The Chairman commented on the need to abolish the redundant sections of the bylaw and also to investigate the traffic movement restrictions in the adjacent streets and the intersections accessing the Square. It was noted that the restrictions in the south-west sector of the Square would still remain in order to allow for the market area.

In response to a members enquiry attention was then drawn to the original recommendations of the Council at its meetings on 12 December 2002 and 26 February 2004, as contained within the agenda. It was noted that the resolution of the Council of 26 February 2004 referred back to the Committee for discussion, clauses 5 and 6 of the report of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee relating to 'Cathedral Square Redevelopment Stage 5' in respect to parking, bus and shuttle traffic management and in respect to clause 6 'Cathedral Square Traffic and Parking Bylaw' the amendments to the bylaw.

The resolution in respect to the one-way road contained within clause 16, Part C of the report to the Chair had been made in terms of the original Council resolution of 12 December 2002 that:

"The Property and Major Projects Committee be responsible for coordination and consultation with the other parties in order to finalise a design for the Square which would then be decided at the Council and implemented by the Property and Major Projects Committee but that the details of the traffic engineering first be approved by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee."

As the one-way road decision had already been made by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee under delegated authority at its 10 February 2004 meeting, and reported for information only to the Council on 26 February 2004 as a Part C item, the matter would now be referred to the Property and Major Projects Committee for completion of the remaining design elements in the Square, excluding traffic management and submission to the Council in due course for final overall approval of the total concept including traffic management.

The provisions of clause 2.18.14 of the Council's standing orders in respect to the ability of individual members to revoke or alter a previous council resolution were then explained to the meeting.

Councillor Helen Broughton then moved: "That the meeting be adjourned in order to allow a legal opinion to be sought from the General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services, in respect to the implications of the Council resolutions and to be reconvened prior to the Council meeting on 25 March 2004.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Carole Evans and upon being put to the meeting was declared **lost** by division No 1 by three votes to two, the voting being as follows:

Against (3): Councillors Corbett, Williams and O'Rourke
For (2): Councillors Broughton and C Evans)

Following further discussion the Committee then adopted the recommendations as detailed below:

Committee

Recommendation: 1. In respect to Clause 5 of the Council agenda of 26 February 2004 "Cathedral Square Redevelopment Stage 5" the Committee recommended:

(a) That the recommendations contained in clause 5 of the report of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee meeting of 10 February 2004 be confirmed ie:

“(i) That in consultation with the taxi and shuttle companies improvements be made to the management and utilisation of taxi services in the square.

(ii) That when required, provision of further coach and shuttle stops in Hereford Street and Gloucester Street be investigated.

(iii) That the Council investigate the opportunities for a partnership with appropriate stakeholders for a central city coach terminal to serve tourist coaches, intercity buses and shuttle buses.

(iv) That a parking officer be employed exclusively for the purpose of managing the car parking, taxi ramps and coach and shuttle bus loading drop off areas in Cathedral Square.”

2. In respect to Clause 6 of the Council agenda of 26 February 2004 "Cathedral Square: Amendments to Traffic and Parking Bylaw" the Committee decided:

(a) That staff be requested to review the Christchurch Traffic and Parking Bylaw 1991, including as it relates to the proposed Cathedral Square one way road and the other intersections accessing Cathedral Square, for report back to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee.