

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES ON BARBADOES STREET, MADRAS STREET CYCLE LANES AND TRAFFIC AND PARKING AMENDMENT BYLAW 2009 HEARINGS PANEL

**Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices,
On Tuesday 15 December 2009 at 9.00 am**

PRESENT Councillors David Cox (Chairman), Gail Sheriff and Mike Wall.

IN ATTENDANCE Philip Crossland, Rod Whearty, Mervyn Rhind, Vicki Inwood, Warren Brixton and Janet Anderson (Committee Advisers).

Discussion

Philip Crossland, Project Manager advised of changes made to incorporate additional car parking spaces in response to the Panel's request for this to be examined. A video and modelling had been used to assist, resulting in some tweaking to the plans (tabled).

Madras Street

Potentially, from a combined loss of 39 spaces, (from 97 to 58) this could reduce to 32 or even 29 spaces. Staff did not recommend a cycleway on one side of the one-way streets as this would constitute a reduction in the existing rights of cyclists to cycle on either side of the road.

Barbadoes Street

By taking out the proposed cycleway on the west side an additional 19 car parks would be restored. (Originally 104 to 58). There would be 1.8 metres of roadway with no particular use left.

Discussion

Measures discussed included reducing the number of trees and build-outs, reducing the width of the cycle lanes to 1.8 metres and reducing the length of the left-turning lane (Barbadoes Street) and combining the straight-through and right-turning lanes (Madras Street). It was commented that an issue for motorists was the risks involved with opening their car doors and that it would be better for cyclists to be on the footpath. If the number of trees were to be reduced, which might involve planting near intersections and obscuring the traffic signals, then installing arms on traffic poles would alleviate this.

Consideration

After further discussion and consultation of the maps provided, it was agreed that a visual inspection of the area was necessary in order to assess the impact of the various proposals. Councillors will meet staff on site on the morning of Wednesday 3 February 2010 with a view to cycling the area.

The meeting concluded at 9.25am.