

**MEETING NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HEARINGS PANEL
– DECLARATION TO THE NEW REGENT STREET PEDESTRIAN MALL SPECIAL ORDER
AT 9.30AM AND 2.45PM ON MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2009
IN THE BOARDROOM, 180 SMITH STREET, LINWOOD**

PRESENT: Sue Wells (Chairperson).
Councillors David Cox, Yani Johanson, Norm Withers, and Mike Wall.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

2. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

9.30am – New Regent Street Business – Todd Flygenring

The submitter raised the following issues:

- The need for greater opening hours for the Manchester Street car park.
- The use of bollards.

The meeting adjourned at 10am and re-adjourned at 2.45pm

3. CONSIDERATION

The Panel considered the following issues:

Issues –

- Doesn't matter if no bollards – too expensive
- People will just keep parking in the street
- There will be loading/taxi at the top and tail of the street.
- Enforceability.

Questions –

- How many carparks are there in the New Regent Street.
- What are the operational hours of the Manchester Street carpark
- What is current signage and pricing and is it the source of confusion?
- Can parking be enforced through CCTV?

Objectives/Recommendation –

- Night-time vehicle closure – if it is a pedestrian mall
- Is there parking or not?
- 24/7 enforcement.

Proposed Signage –

1. “No vehicle entry at any time except for trams, bicycles and emergency vehicles” – 10 kilometres per hour speed limit.
2. “Service Vehicles P5 between 5am and 10am or service loading at the end of street”
3. “Service vehicles may not park for more than 5 minutes at a time”.

Possible Recommendation –

1. 24/7 enforcement – including signage and cctv
2. Gloucester and Armagh Streets loading
3. Manchester carparking building opening hours
4. Restricting loading durations
5. No vehicles except emergency vehicles and bicycles.

4. DELIBERATION

The Panel asked staff to gather shop owners to discuss potential changes further.

The Panel asked the Committee Adviser to write to the Chief Executive on its behalf, on the basis that any proposed option would need dedicated full-time enforcement. The Panel believed that staff were currently considering the idea of round-the-clock parking enforcement and wanted feedback on this issue into the Panel's consideration.

Regarding the Manchester Street car park, the Panel supports the idea of extended hours of operation. Full time automated car parking was discussed but initially the possibility of extended hours Sunday through Thursday. The Panel asked the Chief Executive to provide comment on this issue.

The Panel will reconvene once this information has been received.

The meeting concluded at 4.08pm