

HUTT CITY COUNCILTRAFFIC SUBCOMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road,
Lower Hutt on

Monday 25 February 2019 commencing at 3.00pm

PRESENT: Cr Cousins (Chair) Cr Briggs
Cr Edwards (Deputy Chair) Cr Lewis (from 3.04pm)
Cr Sutton

APOLOGIES: There was an apology received from Cr Barratt.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr D Simmons, Traffic Asset Manager
Mr J Gloag, Divisional Manager, Transport (part meeting)
Mr A Hopkinson, Senior Traffic Engineer
Mr Z Moodie, Traffic Engineer - Network Operations
Mr D Wood, Traffic Engineer
Ms D Male, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED: (Cr Cousins/Cr Sutton)

Minute No. TRS 19101

"That the apology received from Cr Barratt be accepted and leave of absence be granted and the apology for late arrival received from Cr Lewis be accepted."

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

Cr Lewis joined the meeting at 3.04pm.

3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: (Cr Cousins/Cr Sutton)

Minute No. TRS 19102

"That, in terms of Standing Order 10.4, precedence be accorded to item 4vii) dealing with Amberley Grove - Proposed P120 Parking Restrictions and item 4ix) dealing with Eastern Hutt Road Proposed Parking Restriction on Omnibus Parking."

The items are recorded in the order in which they were listed on the order paper.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL - 26 March 2019

- i) Muritai Road - Proposed Mobility Parking Restrictions (18/1699)

The Traffic Engineer - Network Operations elaborated on the report.

Members noted that the Eastbourne Community Board endorsed the recommendations contained in the officer's report at its meeting held on 19 February 2019.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Cousins/Cr Lewis)	Minute No. TRS 19103
<i>"That the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that Council:</i>	
<i>(i) approves the installation of a Mobility Parking Restriction outside Muritai School as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and</i>	
<i>(ii) approves the installation of No Stopping at all Times Restrictions outside Muritai School as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report."</i>	

For the reasons that the proposed restrictions will improve the availability of mobility parking in the vicinity of the school.

- ii) Orr Crescent - Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions (19/47)

The Traffic Asset Manager elaborated on the report.

Cr Lewis left the meeting at 3.43pm.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Briggs)	Minute No. TRS 19104
<i>"That the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that Council approves the installation of No Stopping At All Times Restrictions at the intersection of Orr Crescent and Epuni Street, as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report."</i>	

For the reasons, the proposed restrictions: would improve road safety for the benefit of all road users; would promote compliance with the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004; would support Council's Parking Policy 2017; and are supported by all of the local residents who responded to the consultation documents.

iii) Naenae Road - Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions (19/57)

Cr Lewis rejoined the meeting at 3.44pm.

The Traffic Engineer elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Traffic Asset Manager advised that officers could consult with any affected residents and provide feedback at the Council meeting to be held on 26 March 2019. He noted this was in relation to extending the No Stopping At All Times restrictions to the corner of Gibson Crescent and Naenae Road.

<p>RECOMMENDED: (Cr Cousins/Cr Sutton) Minute No. TRS 19105</p> <p><i>“That the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that Council:</i></p> <p>(i) <i>approves the installation of the proposed No Stopping At All Times restrictions on Naenae Road, as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>approves the installation of No Stopping At All Times restrictions on the western side of the corner of Gibson Crescent and Naenae Road, subject to officers consulting with any affected residents.”</i></p>
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For the reasons the proposed restrictions: would prevent vehicles parking too close to driveways; would promote compliance with the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004; and are supported by the local residents who responded to the consultation documents.

iv) Gracefield Road - Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions (19/67)

The Traffic Asset Manager elaborated on the report.

Cr Briggs left the meeting at 3.50pm.

In response to a question from a member, the Traffic Engineer - Network Operations advised that the road went from the bend into a 70km/h road. He highlighted that it was unlikely to be safe enough to provide off street parking in that area of road.

Cr Briggs rejoined the meeting at 3.51pm.

Members noted that the Petone Community Board endorsed the recommendations contained in the officer's report at its meeting held on 18 February 2019.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Lewis/Cr Cousins) **Minute No. TRS 19106**

"That the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (i) approves the installation of No Stopping At All Times Restrictions at the intersection of Gracefield Road and Seaview Road, as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and*
- (ii) approves the relocation of the existing No Parking sign, as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report."*

For the reasons, the proposed restrictions: would improve safety within the street for the benefit of all road users; would promote compliance with the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004; and are supported by all the local residents who responded to the consultation documents.

v) Connolly Street - Proposed P60 Parking Restrictions (19/68)

The Traffic Asset Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Traffic Asset Manager elaborated on Council's Parking Policy hierarchy, which was dependent upon the area being defined as a live and play area or commercial area. He added that the area was a mixed area.

In response to a question from a member, the Traffic Engineer - Network Operations advised there was parking behind the building with some of the car parks allocated to the businesses in the immediate vicinity.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Sutton) **Minute No. TRS 19107**

"That the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that Council approves the installation of P60 parking restrictions over eight currently unrestricted parking spaces on Connolly Street, as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report."

For the reasons, the proposed restrictions: would improve parking availability on the street for the benefit of all road users; support Council's Parking Policy 2017; and are supported by the local residents who responded to the consultation documents.

vi) Rutherford Street - Proposed P30 Parking Restrictions (19/73)

The Traffic Asset Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Traffic Asset Manager advised that the parking was currently paid parking and the P30 would be free parks.

In response to a question from a member, the Traffic Engineer – Network Operations advised that there were some P30 parks in similar areas and more were planned for inbetween P120 and all day paid parks.

Cr Edwards expressed supported for option 9a. within the officer's report to leave the area without any restrictions and to accept the current level of service for parking availability.

Cr Lewis expressed support for the recommendation within the officer's report.

Cr Briggs commented that he did not see the demand for P30 parking in the area and was in support of Cr Edwards' comments.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Sutton) **Minute No. TRS 19108**
"That the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that Council leaves the area as it is without any restrictions and accept the current level of service for parking availability on Rutherford Street, as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report."

vii) Amberley Grove - Proposed P120 Parking Restrictions (19/76)

Speaking under public comment, **Mr E Robinson** advised that he had lived in Amberley Grove (the Grove) and in recent years parking had become an issue. He noted that workers from the local businesses on Kings Crescent often parked in the Grove for long periods along with commuters parking for six to eight hours a day. He expressed concern that the consultation letter stated a restriction for Monday to Friday from 8am-10am, when it should be from 8am-12pm or P120 for all day. He queried why, within the turning area on the Grove, there was a gap within the broken yellow lines.

In response to questions from members, Mr Robinson advised that most of the properties in the Grove had off street parking, with most residencies owning two cars and some had four cars. He added that commuter parking in the Grove restricted visitor parking, neighbouring streets had time restricted parking and residents wanted the same.

The Traffic Asset Manager elaborated on the report. He said that the time of the restriction had been increased to 12pm following the feedback from the consultation.

In response to a question from a member, the Traffic Asset Manager advised that the impact on the business in Kings Crescent should be minimal, as time restricted parking was installed in 2018 to improve parking turnover for the businesses.

MOVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Briggs)

That the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that Council approves the installation of P120 (Monday to Friday 8am to 12pm only) parking restrictions over three parking spaces on Amberley Grove.

Cr Edwards clarified that the three parks closest to the corner should have the time restrictions. He added that street parking was valuable public space, even if commuter parking was lower on Council's Parking Policy hierarchy, it was still required.

The Chair suggested to add a 12 month review period to the motion. Crs Edwards and Briggs as mover and seconder of the motion agreed to include the wording.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Briggs) **Minute No. TRS 19109**

"That the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (i) approves the installation of P120 (Monday to Friday 8am to 12pm only) parking restrictions over three parking spaces on Amberley Grove, closest to the corner of Kings Crescent, attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and*
- (ii) ask officers to review parking in the area in 12 months' time."*

For the reasons, the proposed restrictions: would improve parking availability on the street for local residents and visitors; would promote compliance with the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004; would support Council's Parking Policy 2017; and are supported by the local residents who responded to the consultation documents.

viii) Bristol Square - Proposed P10 Parking Restrictions (19/89)

The Traffic Asset Manager elaborated on the report.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Cousins/Cr Edwards) **Minute No. TRS 19110**

"That the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that Council approves the installation of P10 Pick up Drop off 8.30-9.00am and 2.30-3.15pm Monday-Friday School Days only parking restrictions over three currently unrestricted parking spaces on Bristol Square, as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report."

For the reasons, the proposed restrictions: would improve accessibility and parking availability within the street for the benefit of all road users; would promote compliance with the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004; would support Council's Parking Policy 2017; and are supported by the local

residents who chose to respond to the consultation documents.

ix) Eastern Hutt Road Proposed Parking Restriction on Omnibus Parking (19/182)

Speaking under public comment, **Mr M Shierlaw** said that officer's recommendations contained in the report were merely a response to complaints on availability of parking in the area. He believed that there were no road safety issues and that there should not be an expectation of gaining parking in the area on public road space. He queried why the officer's recommendations were only to prevent buses but not trucks parking in the area. He commented that the college students had a disregard for safe road crossing.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr G Rutherford** and **Mrs L Rutherford** elaborated on problems with the buses being parked on Eastern Hutt Road. They noted buses from Stokes Valley would not stop as the buses parked on the road were blocking the buses from pulling into the bus stop. When they were travelling from Stokes Valley to pull into Eldon Grove, they were concerned that an overtaking vehicle would crash into a parked bus. They had witnessed a few near misses with trucks passing the parked buses.

In response to questions from members, Mr and Mrs Rutherford advised that they did not know where the buses had recently been parking. They confirmed it was a safety issue, rather than an inconvenience issue.

The Traffic Asset Manager elaborated on the report. He advised that 20 formal complaints had been received and additional complaints had been received through Council's Customer Services team. He said that the bus parking restriction was proposed over a large area to ensure that the buses did not just move further down the road causing the same complaints. He noted that another bus company was establishing a depot in the area. He added that all the public feedback received had been negative in relation to parking of the buses, the bus company owner had provided feedback after the report had been finalised, the owner was against the proposal.

In response to a question from a member, the Traffic Engineer - Network Operations advised that only trucks were required to display a rear red light when parked at night.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Asset Manager advised that buses would still be able to stop at the designated bus stops, provided that the vehicle was attended. He confirmed that a similar restriction had been put in place restricting trucks from parking on The Esplanade, Petone.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Sutton/Cr Edwards) **Minute No. TRS 19111**

"That the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (i) approves the prohibition of Omnibus parking at all times on Eastern Hutt Road, between Peterkin Street and High Street and Eldon Grove, as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (ii) ask officers to review if the bus company move out of the area on Eastern Hutt Road; and*
- (iii) asks officers to inform the Traffic Subcommittee if any consequential issues arise in surrounding areas to Eastern Hutt Road, following the installation of the prohibition of Omnibus parking at all Times."*

For the reasons the proposed prohibition would: reduce the risk of vehicle conflict; improve accessibility for other road users including students at Taita College; prevent damage to the footpath, grass berm and underground services; and improve pedestrian accessibility and safety.

x) Myrtle Street - Proposed Mobility Parking Restrictions (19/203)

The Traffic Engineer – Network Operations elaborated on the report.

RECOMMENDED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Sutton) **Minute No. TRS 19112**

"That the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that Council:

- (i) approves the installation of a P60 Mobility Parking Restriction outside Ss Peter & Paul School, Myrtle Street as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and*
- (ii) approves the installation of No Stopping at all Times Restrictions outside Ss Peter & Paul School, Myrtle Street as shown attached as Appendix 1 to the report."*

For the reasons, the proposed restrictions: would improve parking availability within the street for the benefit of all road users; would promote compliance with the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004; and would support Council's Parking Policy 2017.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Review of Parking - No Stopping At All Times Restriction - Richmond Grove
(19/148)

Memorandum dated 30 January 2019 by the Senior Traffic Engineer

The Senior Traffic Engineer elaborated on the memorandum.

Members requested that officers include information on the demand for on street

parking, when the report was brought back for the members' consideration.

RESOLVED: (Cr Sutton/Cr Cousins)

Minute No. TRS 19113

"That the Traffic Subcommittee:

- (i) receives the information; and*
- (ii) notes that officers will submit a report in Meeting Cycle 2 recommending the extension of the new No Stopping At All Times Restrictions in Richmond Grove, as requested by the requester."*

b) Review of Parking - Shepherd Grove (19/150)

Memorandum dated 7 February 2019 by the Traffic Asset Manager

Cr Briggs left the meeting at 4.17pm.

The Traffic Asset Manager elaborated on the memorandum.

Cr Briggs rejoined the meeting at 4.18pm.

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Cousins)

Minute No. TRS 19114

"That the Traffic Subcommittee:

- (i) receives the information; and*
- (ii) notes that officers will subsequently submit a report recommending changing the existing P5 time restriction to a P10 or P15 restriction in Shepherd Grove."*

c) Review of Parking - Near 313 Jackson Street (19/151)

Memorandum dated 31 January 2019 by the Traffic Engineer - Network Operations

The Traffic Engineer - Network Operations elaborated on the memorandum.

RESOLVED: (Cr Lewis/Cr Cousins)

Minute No. TRS 19115

"That the Traffic Subcommittee:

- (i) receives the information; and*
- (ii) notes that no further action is taken at this time, although officers will likely review the parking in the area, near 313 Jackson Street, further once the effects of any changes to the bus stop are finalised and incorporated by Greater Wellington Regional Council."*

d) **Review of Parking - Gear Street Parking Restrictions** (19/154)

Memorandum dated 4 February 2019 by the Traffic Engineer - Network Operations

The Traffic Engineer - Network Operations elaborated on the memorandum.

The Traffic Asset Manager informed members that the recent consent granted for new apartments in the vicinity could increase the demand on the unrestricted parking in Gear Street.

RESOLVED: (Cr Edwards/Cr Cousins)

Minute No. TRS 19116

"That the Traffic Subcommittee:

(i) receives the information; and

(ii) notes that officers will subsequently submit a report recommending further parking time restrictions on Gear Street."

6. **QUESTIONS**

Cr Sutton raised a question relating to Eastern Hutt Road and making a safer crossing area to get to and from the train station.

The Traffic Asset Manager responded that there were pedestrian refuse islands in the area and the road was a collector road with a 70km/h speed restriction. He noted that the lighting in the area was soon to be upgraded to LED lights. However, with the road speeds a pedestrian crossing would not be considered due to safety reasons. He agreed to respond to Cr Sutton in writing to provide to the resident who raised the issue.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.28pm.

Cr MJ Cousins
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record

Dated this 26th day of March 2019