

Chairperson and Community Board Members
ŌTAKI COMMUNITY BOARD

25 NOVEMBER 2014

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

DISABLED PARKING ŌTAKI MEDICAL CENTRE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks approval from the Ōtaki Community Board to install two disability car parking spaces on public road outside the Ōtaki Medical Centre.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 The recommendations in this report do not trigger the Kāpiti Coast District Council's significance policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 In May 2014, the owner of the Ōtaki Medical Centre sent in a request to have the parking area directly outside their ramped entrance, rezoned as disabled parking.
- 4 A site visit was made in June and the Practice Nurse outlined the problem and preferred location for parking. She was informed that under our Governance requirements any parking changes had to be approved by the local Community Board and this was confirmed in a letter back to the practice on 26 June 2014.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 5 Currently, there are two disabled spaces on the north side of Raukawa Street in the private car park from which disabled users have a difficult route to the medical centre. The direct (15m) route is across a grass berm, road crossing and kerb crossing with no dropped kerbs, with the longer (30m) alternative route through the car park, along a section of footpath on Aotaki Street, down the kerb ramp, across Raukawa Street and along the path to the surgery.
- 6 Providing a disabled parking space to the adjoining Central PHO lab facility has also been investigated and a second site visit and meeting with staff was undertaken in September 2014. The staff were supportive of the idea and suggested the parking space adjacent to the end of their ramp. In practical terms, this places the disabled space mid-block amongst other spaces and harder to access. To provide an easily accessed parking space which will conform to recommended NZ Standards the preferred solution is to use the end space on Aotaki Street.

Financial Considerations

- 7 There are no financial considerations, as the cost of the road marking and signage can be accommodated from the 2014/2015 road maintenance budget.

Legal Considerations

- 8 There are no legal considerations.

Delegation

- 9 Section 10.17 of the Governance Structure and Delegations 2013-2016 Triennium gives the Community Board the:

“Authority to approve or reject officer recommendations relating to all traffic control and signage matters in relation to existing local roads within the Community Board’s area, except for changes to speed restrictions on local roads. (The latter power has been delegated to the Regulatory Management Committee).”

Consultation

- 10 There has been consultation with the Medical Centre who are directly affected and the only adjoining owner. No wider formal community consultation has been undertaken.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 11 There are no direct considerations between Council and local Iwi, however the current disabled parking is in the private car park owned by the Raukawa Marae. I have asked the Ōtaki Medical Centre to contact the Marae as a courtesy to inform them of the proposals and ask them if they want to delete the existing disabled spaces from the car park and gain one extra space. But they may wish to retain them for community and Marae use.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12 That the Ōtaki Community Board approves the installation of disabled parking spaces on Raukawa Street and Aotaki Street as shown on the aerial photo in **Attachment 1** of report IS-14-1378.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1:** Location of new Disabled car parking spaces for Ōtaki Medical Centre

Attachment 1: Location of new Disabled car parking spaces for Otaki Medical Centre.



Spaces are located on either side of the corner of Raukawa Street and Aotaki Street ,
Ōtaki.

Spaces to conform to the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2890.6:2009 which states that they be marked out 7.8 metres long by 3.2 metres wide together with the correct signposting and painted symbol.