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Chairperson and Community Board Members
PARAPARAUMU/RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD

17 JULY 2012

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

TRAFFIC BYLAW : PARKING RESTRICTIONS IHAKARA STREET, PARAPARAUMU

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report seeks the Board's approval for changes to parking provision and time restrictions for parking in Ihakara Street, Paraparaumu.

SIGNIFICANCE OF DECISION

- 2 The report does not trigger the Council's Significance Policy.

BACKGROUND

- 3 Car parking restrictions are a parking management tool used by councils to ensure business customers are able to access local suppliers and thereby reduce the need to drive outside of the local area. A 15 minute parking restriction would usually be placed outside a retail strip that included a post shop, dairy and bank. Visitors to other retail shops such as cafés, hairdressers, or business centres would expect their visit to last between 30 minutes and two hours. Long stay parking (typically over four hours) would be located off street in the central business area or on the edge of the town centre area away from key attractors.
- 4 The Community Board has been requested to review the current parking restrictions on Ihakara Street (Attachment 1). The primary driver of this has been long stay parking dominating on-street spaces.
- 5 The retailers support the introduction of a two hour limited space as shown by the petition at Attachment 1, and have repeatedly requested its introduction over the past two years.

CONSIDERATIONS

Issues

- 6 Ihakara Street has commercial and retail business along its entire length. Many businesses also have off-street parking for business use including visitors. On-street parking is also provided on Ihakara Street. Parking supply is provided to maximise use and thereby support businesses.
- 7 Two hour restricted parking has been in place on Rimu Road since 2007. These parking spaces have a good turnover and the extension of the restriction into Ihakara Street would support businesses in the street.

- 8 Town Centre parking restrictions need to be considered. This allows for maximising car park space turnover which supports local businesses. A wider review of parking will be undertaken when the Aquatic Centre is nearer completion.

Financial Considerations

- 9 The costs of installing new signage would be funded through the Transport Services budget. Installation would be undertaken in August 2012 and funded from the 2012/13 budget.

Legal Considerations

- 10 No legal issues have been identified.

Delegation

- 11 Under clause 10.18 of Part D, Governance Structure and Delegations (5 April 2012 version) the Community Board is delegated 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.”

Consultation

- 12 The request for the changes have been driven by a member of the business community who has consulted with affected businesses on Ihakara Street over the past two years. Most businesses supported changing the current situation. One business owner was neutral on the proposal for change.

Policy Implications

- 13 The recommendations are aligned with the Transport Strategy and Economic Development strategy.

Tāngata Whenua Considerations

- 14 No issues have been identified.

Publicity Considerations

- 15 Business owners will be informed by letter of the Community Boards’ decision. A media release will also be developed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 16 That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board approves the installation of a two hour time limit along Ihakara Street from SH1 to Rimu Road.

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Approved for submission by:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 : Petition from Ihakara Street Businesses

Attachment 2 : Proposed parking restrictions.