

Chairperson and Community Board Members
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

2 OCTOBER 2018

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

WAIKANAE SCHOOL DISABLED PARKING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To obtain approval from the Community Board to install a disabled parking space on road reserve outside Waikanae Primary School, Seddon Street, Waikanae.

DELEGATION

- 2 Section D of the Governance Structure and Delegations 2016-2019 Triennium provide the Community Board with:

“...authority to approve or reject officer recommendations relating to traffic control and signage matters for existing local roads, except those matters that involve significant safety issues. Community Boards will be consulted about these matters but final delegation will rest with Council officers.”

BACKGROUND

- 3 Children from Room 11 at Waikanae Primary School have written to the Mayor requesting Council to install a disabled parking space outside their school.
- 4 The students had been discussing the importance of disability parking in the community and had researched difficulties experienced by disabled students and/or their parents/caregivers. They had approached their principal for a disabled space at the school but he correctly responded that the school had no jurisdiction over the public road.
- 5 The Council traffic engineer met with Room 11 students and their teacher Peter Corlett and the headmaster Bevan Campbell. The children explained the situation and the need for disabled parking at the school. Two representatives of the class then walked around the school with the traffic engineer looking at possible sites.
- 6 The following day Mr Corlett and four of the students attended the Public Forum before the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting. The children presented to the committee and fielded questions from Councillors and the Mayor.
- 7 The children have contacted all of the local Kāpiti schools and have ascertained that all of the other schools have at least one disabled park.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Issues

- 8 Waikanae Primary School is bounded by roads on four sides which provides approximately 145 on street parking spaces. This includes three spaces which are used as a designated school drop off zone morning and afternoon and two disabled spaces right outside the Waikanae Play Centre on Hira Street. The school has no onsite parking provision and any flat areas close to road access points are playground areas unsuitable for converting in to parking spaces.
- 9 Under the District Plan any consent for a new build would require a) 1 disabled space where 10 or less carpark spaces are provided; b) 2 where between 11 and 100 carpark spaces are provided, plus 1 additional park for every additional 50 carparks, or part thereof, where more than 100 carpark spaces are provided. So while all the parking is being provided by Council on street parking it is certainly not unreasonable for the school to ask for at least one disabled space.
- 10 New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2890.6 2009 (Off-street parking for people with disabilities) specifies the size and shape for disabled spaces. This is 2.4 m x 5m plus a 1.1m wide shared area on one side of the space for angle parking. And 2.4m x 5m plus a 2.4m shared area at one end for a parallel space. These measurements have been used to assess the potential locations.
- 11 With the school having gates on four frontages there are potentially four locations for disabled parking spaces.

Option 1

- 12 On Utauta Street by the side gate into school admin block.
- 13 This site is at the end of a row of angle parks with a No Parking area which could be used to provide the 1.1m shared area. There are two gates next to this space, one slightly wider which would provide good clearance for a wheel chair. It connects to good concrete footpaths and is on level ground.

Option 2

- 14 On Seddon Street north of the vehicle crossing into the school.
- 15 This site is currently an unmarked parallel space north of the marked out school drop off zone. There is sufficient room to mark out the required 2.4m wide x 7.4m long disabled space. This site would be fine for disabled users who are able to walk or use crutches but would need footpath widening and other civil work to construct a wheel chair ramp. There is a wide asphalted vehicle crossing into the school playground which gives good access to the western side of the school.

Option 3

- 16 On Hira Street east of the vehicle crossing into the School Hall
- 17 This site is currently an unmarked parallel space on the section of road between the hall access point and the bank of angle parking outside the kindergarten. This site would require a ramp and connecting path back to the main footpath for wheel chair use. It is close to the existing pedestrian gate and double vehicle gates in to the school and ideal for anyone visiting the school hall. It links to

concrete and asphalt paths and playground areas and provides reasonably flat access to the middle of the school.

Option 4

- 18 On Winara Avenue between the school “Kea Crossing” and the entrance into the childcare centre.
- 19 This site is currently an unmarked parallel space north of the pedestrian Kea Crossing (The kea crossing only operates when a school patrol and two fluorescent orange crossing point flag signs are present otherwise it is treated like any other section of road). There is sufficient room to mark out the required 2.4m wide x 7.4m long disabled space and still retain two other on street spaces. Again this site would require a ramp and footpath widening for wheel chair use. It is located next to the western pedestrian gate into the school and connected to the school by a 1.5m wide concrete footpath. The distance to the nearest classroom is over 65m and the footpath drops approximately 4m over that distance so it is too steep and narrow in places for regular wheel chair use.

Preferred Option

- 20 Council officers favour Option 2 on Seddon Street as it is closest to the main entrance to the school and on one of the wider roads bordering the school.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal considerations

- 21 There are no legal considerations other than ensuring any new road-markings are installed in accordance with New Zealand Transport Agency Guidelines and New Zealand Traffic Regulations.

Financial considerations

- 22 The work can be funded from the current 2018/2019 budgets to install a space compliant with NZ Standards specifications.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Significance policy

- 23 This matter has a low level of significance under Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy.

Consultation already undertaken

- 24 The school, as the effected neighbour on all four streets, is fully in support of the disabled space. The letters from the children of Room 11 were sent to the Mayor and followed up with their petitioning the Mayor and Councillors at the public forum.

Publicity

- 25 This is a good public interest story where the project has been developed and promoted by the children of Room 11 Waikanae School so a media release will

be developed if the disabled space is approved. The school could also inform their own community via their regular newsletters and website.

RECOMMENDATIONS

26 That the Waikanae Community Board approves the following parking restrictions for ratification by Council:

26.1 Installation of a single disabled parking bay on Seddon Street shown as Option 2 on the plan in Appendix 1 of report IS-18-612.

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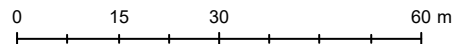
ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 Location Plan of Options 1 to 4 Waikanae School

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