

**Chairperson and Community Board Members**  
WAIKANAE COMMUNITY BOARD

28 AUGUST 2018

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Decision

## **OMAHI STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 To obtain approval from the Community Board to install a short term parking space and a disabled parking space on Omahi Street, Waikanae.

### **DELEGATION**

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

*“...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 Phase 1 of the Waikanae Town Centres parking was undertaken in 2016 following feedback from consultation for the Waikanae Town Centre Upgrade. The new restrictions came into place on 11 September 2017 when the Greater Wellington Regional Council Park and Ride car park was completed. It has always been the intention to undertake a Phase 2 implementation as the Town Centres proposals are more fully developed. The Council Town Centres and Access & Transport teams are in the process of developing the Phase 2 strategy, including undertaking further survey work and consulting on potential improvements. In the meantime, some businesses in Omahi Street have raised concerns about the lack of short term parking and that on-street parking is being monopolised by commuters and business staff.

### **ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

#### **Issues**

- 4 Omahi Street is zoned “Industrial” under the District Plan and is occupied by a mix of industrial and commercial businesses. For the most part, these businesses have some off-street parking for customers and staff with the overspill parking on the street. The main exceptions being The Pathology Lab, Veterinary Practice, Law Firm, and The Pantry who all have little or no off-street parking available for customers.

- 5 Requests have been received from local businesses and residents for some short term and disabled parking on Omaha Street. Due to the ongoing Town Centre works and consultation, these requests have been logged until further work has been done on an overall parking strategy for the Town Centre.
- 6 Council Officers conducted a survey in the Omaha and Parata Streets industrial zone, to identify any key issues and get a wider view from the businesses there. Almost all of the businesses considered there to be a lack of parking caused by commuter parking and business staff parking on-street.

## Options

- 7 The survey suggested five different options for the business owners to consider:
  - A. 30 Minute Parking: provides high turnover allowing more people to visit local businesses but will prevent linked trips where people parking are able to visit more than one place. There is also a cost attached to new signs and enforcement.
  - B. 4 Hour Parking: allows people to visit a number of places in one trip, provides turnover for business and prevents long term commuter parking, but may also impact staff parking if no parking is available on site, as well as the length of stay of customers / visitors. There is also a cost attached to new signs and enforcement.
  - C. A mixed parking approach that takes a holistic view of parking in the Town Centre: allows for commuter and long stay parking as well as providing turnover for local businesses. This provides a range of parking options to suit the needs of residents, businesses, customers, visitors, and workers. May take longer to ensure a balanced and appropriate strategy.
  - D. Unlimited Parking: provides for people to stay in the Town Centre longer but does not prevent commuter parking,
  - E. Metered Parking: may discourage long term commuter parking but may also discourage short term parking as people have to pay and return frequently to feed the meters.
- 8 To date 22 surveys have been received or recorded on the day and the tabulated response shows: A at 6%, B at 19%, C at 44%, D at 31%, and E with 0% support. While the survey responses all recognise the problems, nearly a third do not want any parking restrictions, with the mixed parking approach getting the most support.
- 9 Generally most businesses have sufficient parking to accommodate their staff and customers, although at the time of the survey there were several vacant premises whose parking was being utilised by neighbours. There is also competition for the available on-street parking and anecdotal reports of neighbourly complaints and disagreements.
- 10 Council officers believe that the Town Centre Upgrade and Phase 2 Parking Studies need to be completed before a wider ranging parking regime is introduced. It is therefore preferred to undertake some small local parking

changes in the short term, with no changes proposed for Parata Street at this stage. Without further monitoring to understand parking demand and usage in Waikanae, there is a risk that proposing solutions for one area will create additional pressure elsewhere.

- 11 Monitoring will be undertaken in the next few months. The results will then inform a parking strategy for Waikanae in coordination with the Town Centre Upgrade and Revocation projects.

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

### Legal considerations

- 12 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

- 13 The cost of new signs and any line marking can be accommodated in the 2018/2019 Road Maintenance budget.

## **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT**

### Significance policy

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

### Consultation already undertaken

- 15 Council Officers have conducted a door to door survey on Omahi and Parata Streets to get a better understanding of parking demand, local issues, and opinions.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 16 That the Waikanae Community Board approves the following parking restrictions for ratification by Council:
  - 16.1 installation of a single 10 minute (P10) parking restriction outside the premises at 19 Omahi Street as shown on the plan in Appendix 1 of report IS-18-579; and
  - 16.2 installation of a single disabled parking bay outside 3 Omahi Street as shown on the plan in Appendix 2 of report IS-18-579.

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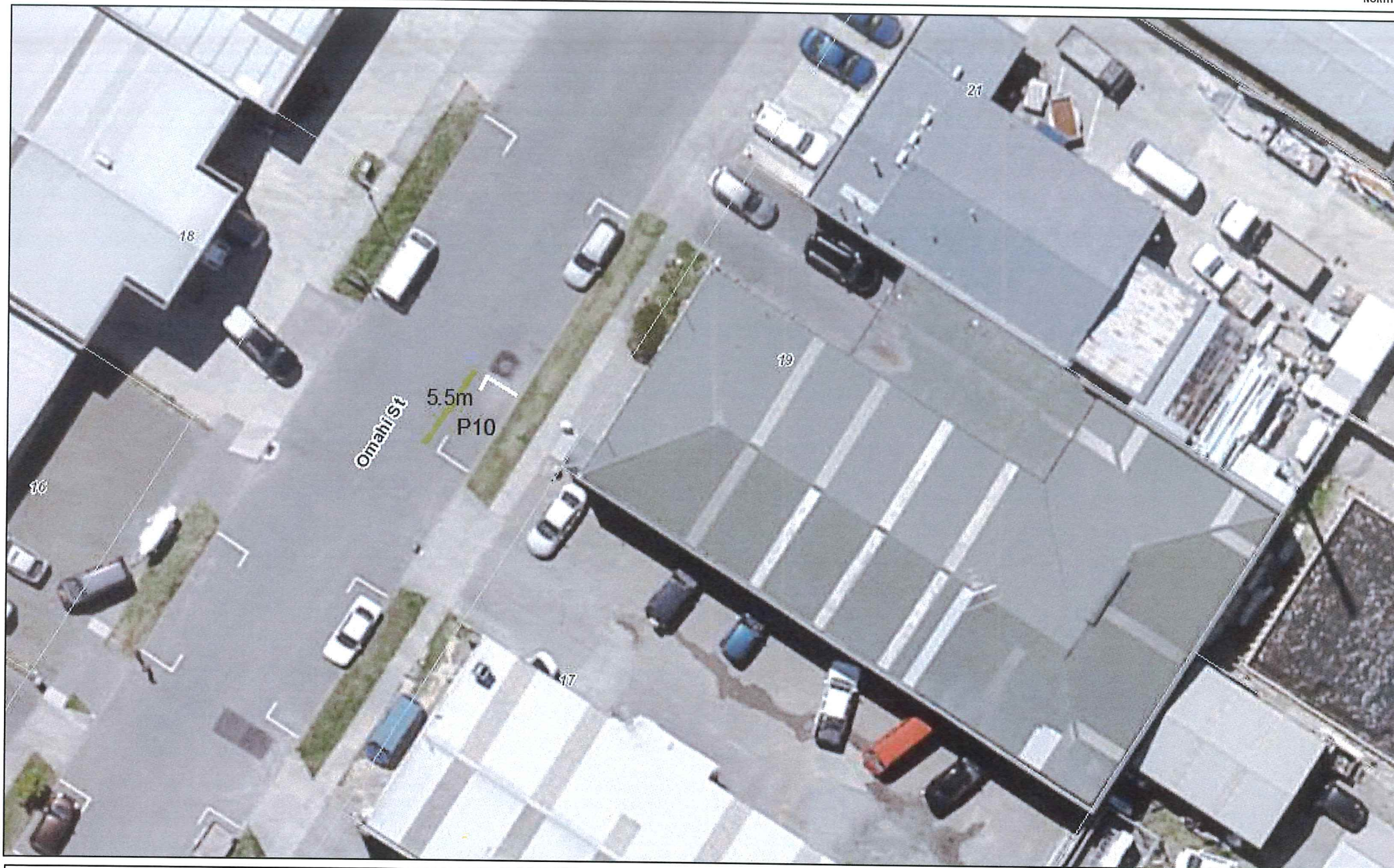
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## **ATTACHMENTS**

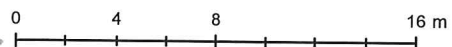
Appendix 1: Plan of Time Restricted Parking 19 Omaha Street

Appendix 2: Plan of Disabled parking space 3 Omaha Street

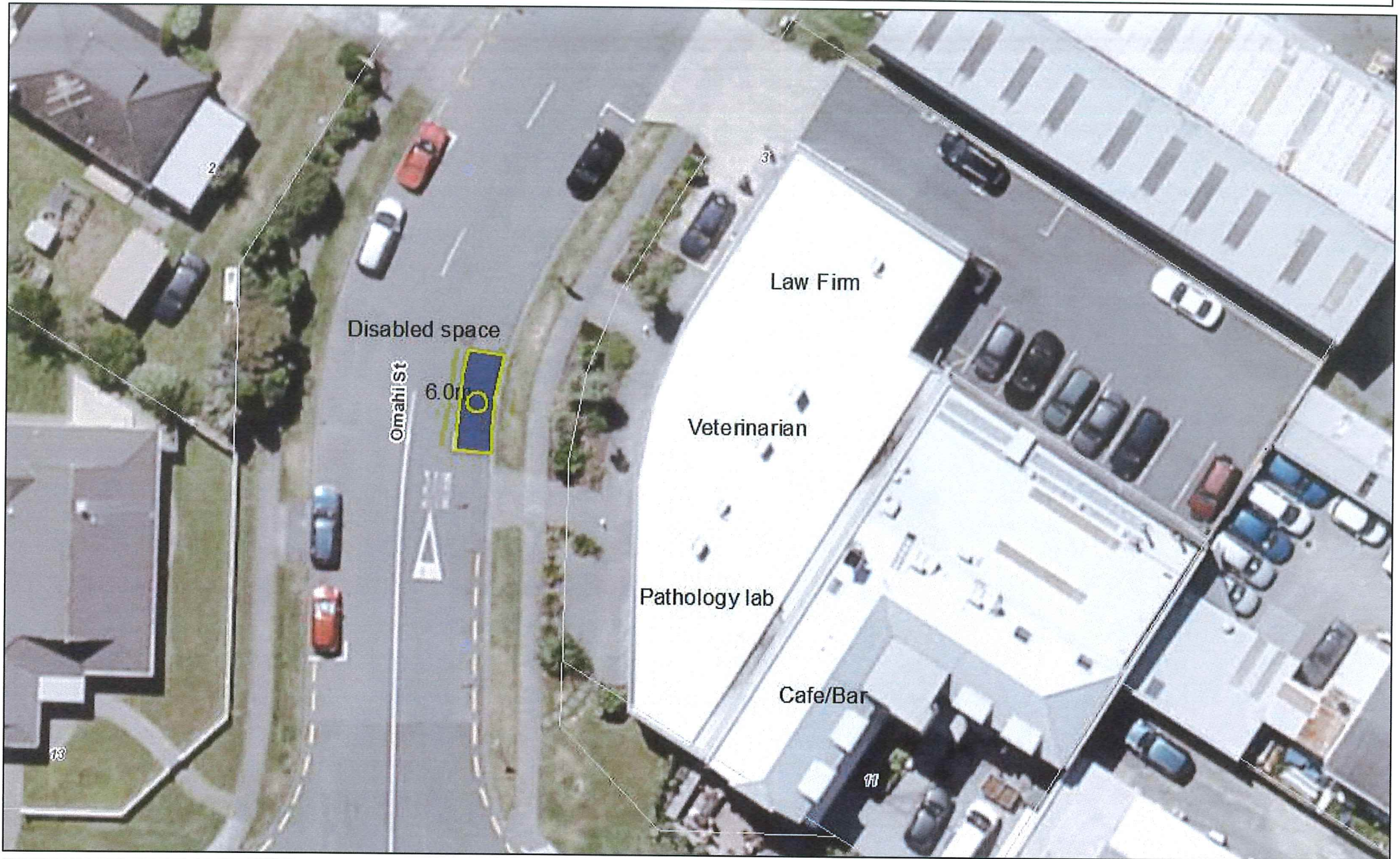
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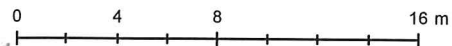
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