

Chairperson and Community Board Members
PARAPARAUMU/RAUMATI COMMUNITY BOARD

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Purpose of Report: For Decision

**CIVIC PRECINCT, KAPITI ROAD, AND TONGARIRO STREET
PARKING RESTRICTION CHANGES**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To obtain approval from the Community Board to address parking issues at three locations in Paraparaumu by altering parking restrictions in and around the Civic Precinct, at Kapiti Road, and on Tongariro Street.

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 The current parking restrictions were introduced in the Civic Precinct area (Council offices, Library, Community Centre, and Aquatic Centre) in 2013. It has now been 6 years since these restrictions were put in place and following requests from the public, the parking regime has been reviewed.
- 4 The parking of vehicles “for sale” on Kapiti Road has been an ongoing issue that Officers have been working on but, as with Councils throughout New Zealand, have struggled to find an ideal solution. The District Plan only allows this activity in designated areas but in the absence of the Council having approved any areas for this purpose, Compliance Officers have been reluctant to enforce. With the recent growth in the numbers of vehicles (including boats and caravans) they are now impacting on the function of the Church, safe access to properties, and road safety at the Langdale Road intersection. Therefore, the introduction of a parking limit on this section of Kapiti Road will control the numbers and extent of vehicles parked for sale.
- 5 Following the relocation of St Patricks School and the Catholic Church to their new location on Presentation Way the existing school crossing, bus stops and parking restrictions on Tongariro Street were disestablished. Rail commuter parking is now occupying much of the street to the detriment of residents and businesses.

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Issues Site 1: Civic Precinct

- 6 Is the current four-hour parking appropriate for the majority of the car parks outside the Civic building, library and community centre or should we have a wider range of parking time limits? The recommendations in the report from October 2013 was for increasing the limit of two hours to four hours to maximise the use of the community facilities, to provide short term drop off areas for school, kindergarten and Community Centre, and a permit parking area south of the Community Centre.
- 7 There are currently 8 disabled parking spaces adjacent to the Community Centre, two outside the library, and three outside the Civic Building on Iver Trask Place. The two that service the Library are directly outside Café Novella and would be the most utilised of all the disabled spaces but are probably used more by Café customers than visitors to the Library. The three outside the Civic Building are not as well used and we have had one complaint after the recent landscaping project on Iver Trask Place relocated two of the spaces. They were previously directly opposite the Council doors, on a level surface and accessible from traffic travelling in either direction but are now on the southern side of the road parallel to the full height kerb. This makes them harder to access and does not provide a level surface suitable for a wheel chair.
- 8 The relocation of disabled and P10 spaces outside the Civic Building was undertaken during the construction and beautification works at the intersection of Iver Trask Place and Rimu Road. These changes were instigated using the Construction Temporary Traffic Management Plan and following the completion of the works now have to go through the approval process or revert back to the old layout.
- 9 The biggest source of complaints has come from library users frustrated at not being able to park outside the library whenever they want to and the lack of more short term parking and disabled parking for them. And while many users of the library are there for four hours or more, including first aid courses and meetings, by decreasing the time limit to one or two hours would promote more turnover of parking spaces.
- 10 Customer Service counter staff also report that customers regularly complain about the lack of parking when they come in to pay bills or make enquiries.
- 11 The Aquatic Centre parking is predominantly 3 hour (P180) and this is operating as intended and there have been minimal complaints or requests for change. They have periods of intense activity when they are over capacity but this is not a regular occurrence.

Preferred Option: Civic Precinct

- 12 The following modifications to the current parking regime are suggested and tabulated below with the areas defined on Figure 1 in the attachments:

Site	Current restriction	Change
Aquatic Centre	P180 and permit parking	No change

Site	Current restriction	Change
KCDC Staff parking	Council permit parking only 7:30 until 5 Mon-Fri	No change
Bridge Club area	4 hour parking	No change
Community Centre	Permit parking	No change
	Four hour	No change
	Disabled parking	No change
	P10 drop off	No change
Library ramp area	P10 drop off	No change
Library area A	4hr	Change to 2 hr
Library area B	4hr	Change to P60
Library area C	4hr	Change to 2 disabled and 2 P60
Café Novella area D	2 disabled, 2 P10, 2 P60	No change – but confirm provision put in place by TMP
Civic building area E	4hr P240, 2 P10, 1 motorcycle	1hr P60, 2 disabled, 1 motorcycle
Civic building area F	3 disabled and 1 P10	1 disabled and 3 P10

Issues Site 2: Kapiti Road

- 13 With the “cars for sale” parking now extending from Hurley Road to Langdale Drive it is now beginning to affect parking for people visiting St Paul’s Anglican Church, the Aviation Museum and the sculpture park on the north boundary of the airfield.
- 14 Residents at 240 Kapiti Road have struggled to access their property and following repeated instances of vehicles being left for days within 1 metre of their access Council arranged for broken yellow lines to be painted across their access.
- 15 In normal parking behaviour vehicles are parked while the occupant visits a site, attends a job or activity, or catches a train or bus to work. But in this situation these vehicles are sometimes parked for days in the same position creating a semi-permanent obstacle to safe access and visibility at driveways and intersections.
- 16 Council has fielded complaints about restrictions to visibility at the intersections of Kapiti Road with Lodge Drive and Cedar Drive which has led to the progressive introduction of more ‘no parking’ lines along Kapiti Road to improve safety. This is slowly reducing the parking capacity in this area and in the event of large funerals at the Church attendees struggle to find anywhere to park.
- 17 The Vicar of the Church has written in support of introducing parking restrictions which would improve safety at the Langdale intersection and assist the parking

situation when they have large combined church services, funerals, and the various other community groups that utilise the facility.

- 18 Parking has now started to extend to the southeast of Langdale Avenue which, as well as obstructing visibility, is causing a visual and physical narrowing of Kapiti Road at a point where there are multiple conflicting traffic movements. As part of the consent for the Caltex Service Station a bolt down central median was installed to channel traffic in and out of the service station which has narrowed Kapiti Road near the Langdale Avenue intersection and creates a pinch point with the two through lanes of traffic, a right turning lane and bus stops on both sides of Kapiti Road.
- 19 In the proposed district plan under Chapter 11 section **11E.5.2 Non-Complying Activities** states:

“The parking or placing of any motor vehicle, boat, caravan or material for the purpose of sale or lease, within legal road or public reserve other than areas specified by the resolution of Council”

There are no such zones approved by the Council for roadside selling of vehicles. In the absence of any approved zones the Council Compliance team have taken a position of not enforcing this Rule until such areas are defined and resolved by Council. The Traffic Bylaw and NZ Traffic Regulations do not have any provisions other than infringing vehicles for lack of a warrant of fitness or current Licence label (rego) or parking within 1 metre of a vehicle access or 0.5m of a fire hydrant. The designation of areas for vehicles for sale will be considered during the Traffic Bylaw review in 2020.

Preferred Option: Kapiti Road

- 20 Therefore, the means of controlling the cars for sale on Kapiti Road is to introduce a four-hour parking limit between 240 Kapiti Road and Langdale Avenue and to install no stopping lines on the corner of Langdale Avenue southeast for approximately 40m to the bus stop and shelter.

Issues Site 3: Tongariro Street

- 21 Commuter parking has now overspilled from Hinemoa Street into Tongariro Street and is blocking or hindering resident’s accesses, parking across and obscuring the new pedestrian ramps, and impacting on the function of businesses and community organisations in the street.
- 22 St Patricks School relocated to their new site off Kapiti Road in 2017 with the old Hall and playing fields sold for a residential development for sheltered housing in 2015 and the school and Church being purchased by the Kapiti Impact Trust in 2017. As part of the consent conditions for the residential subdivision the school zebra crossing, bus stop signs and short term parking were removed and some new pedestrian ramps and footpath installed near the old hall.
- 23 Council has also received a request from “The Shed” for an on-street disabled parking space and parking restrictions on Tongariro Street. Officers have met with a representative of The Shed onsite and have agreed on the best location for the disabled space and talked through their parking issues. The Shed confirm their approval of a four hour parking restriction.

Preferred Option: Tongariro Street

- 24 Introduce broken yellow lines over the pedestrian ramps and L-bar or “hockey stick” markings around all private accesses on Tongariro Street. Install a four hour (P240) parking restriction to extend from the old bus stop outside the Kapiti Impact Trust east to the eastern boundary of The Shed’s premises, plus an on street disabled space at the vehicle entrance to The Shed adjacent to their pedestrian ramp.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

- 25 There are no policy implications in relation to the recommendations.

Legal considerations

- 26 There are no legal considerations other than ensuring any new signs and/or road-markings are installed in accordance with New Zealand Transport Agency Guidelines and New Zealand Traffic Regulations. And any parking changes have to be completed using the appropriate resolution process under the KCDC Traffic Bylaw 2010.

Financial considerations

- 27 The cost of new signs, line marking and civil works can be accommodated in the current budgets.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Significance policy

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

Consultation already undertaken

- 29 The Community Board is aware of the issues contained in this report and have actively promoted and contributed to these areas being investigated and solutions devised.
- 30 The affected parties at each of the sites have been contacted and the issues and proposals talked through.

Engagement planning

- 31 An engagement plan is not needed to implement this decision.

Publicity

- 32 A media release will be developed to advise users in each of these areas of the parking changes. Signs will be put up in the Civic Precinct to warn drivers of the changes and Compliance Officers will be supplied with a warning letter and operate a lenient approach during the initial two week settling in period.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 33 That the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board approves:
- 34 The recommendations contained in the table below in relation to the Civic Precinct parking area as shown in Figure 1 of Report IS-19-854:

Site	Proposed parking amendment
Library area A	Reduce the current parking restriction to 2 hours (P120)
Library area B	Reduce the current parking restriction to 1 hour (P60)
Library area C	Reduce the current parking restriction on the two western most spaces to 1 hour (P60) and convert the remaining three spaces to two disabled spaces including the provision of wheelchair ramps
Café Novella area D	Approve the current parking provision of two disabled spaces, two P10, and two P60 spaces
Civic Building area E	Reduce the current parking restriction to 1hr (P60), relocate the two disabled spaces from the opposite side of Iver Trask Place, remove the two P10 spaces and retain the single motorcycle space
Civic Building area F	Convert the two parallel disabled spaces back into two P10 spaces, retain the current disabled and P10 spaces

- 35 The Introduction of four hour parking limits on the north side of Kapiti Road between number 240 Kapiti Road and Langdale Avenue as shown in Figure 2 of report IS-19-854.
- 36 The installation of no stopping lines on the corner of Langdale Avenue southeast for approximately 45m to the Aero Club bus stop and shelter (ID1219) as shown in Figure 2 of report IS-19-854.
- 37 The Introduction of four hour parking limits on the south side of Tongariro Street between numbers 6 and 24 as shown in Figure 3 of report IS-19-854.

38 The installation of a disabled parking space on the south side of Tongariro Street near the vehicle access into 20-24 Tongariro Street.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Figure 1 Civic Precinct Restrictions
- 2 Figure 2 Kapiti Road Restrictions.
- 3 Figure 3 Tongariro Street Restrictions.

Figure 1 Civic Precinct Restrictions



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


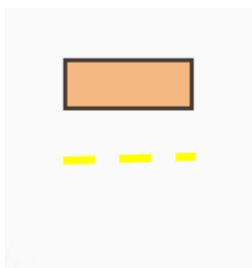
	Motorcycle space
	Disabled Space
	P10 parking
	P60 parking
	P120 parking

Figure 2 Kapiti Road Restrictions



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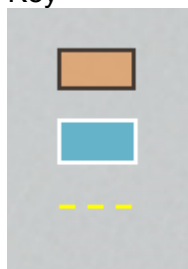


P240 (four hour) parking limit
No stopping (broken yellow lines)

Figure 3 Tongariro Street Restrictions



Key



- P240 (four hour) parking limit
- Disabled space
- No stopping (broken yellow lines)