

NOTICE OF MEETING

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD

(Bethells/Te Henga, Waitakere Village, Swanson, Piha, Karekare, Oratia, Laingholm and Titirangi South including Titirangi Village)

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Waitakere Community Board will be held on:-

DATE: Tuesday, 3 November 2009 AMENDED TIME: 5.00 pm

MEETING ROOM: Council Chamber

VENUE: Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, Waitakere

to consider the business as set out herein and to take any necessary action connected therewith.



28 October 2009

Judith Moore
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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MEMBERSHIP:

Mr	KJP	Witten-Hannah, JP (Chairman)
Mrs	CA	Shepherd, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Ms	LE	Davies
Mrs	EG	Francke
Cr	PA	Hulse
Cr	PG	Mitchell
Mr	EN	Taylor

(Quorum 4 members)

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(Meeting Room could be subject to change)

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THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY
ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2009,
COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM**

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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, 6 October 2009

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the minutes of the meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, Tuesday, 6 October 2009, as circulated, and that they be taken as read and now be confirmed.



3 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Board by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Board may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Council has acknowledged in its Code of Conduct that Elected Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to members to check that no such conflicts arise in relation to any items on this agenda.



5 PRESENTATION - NEW ZEALAND POLICE

Provision has been made on this agenda for a representation from the New Zealand Police to update the Community Board on matters in the Waitakere Ward.



6 PUBLIC FORUM

For guidance of Community Board Members, the Council's Standing Orders have the following provisions in regard to Public Forum.

- (i) members of the public wishing to address the Board in Public Forum shall furnish their names to the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairman shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time;
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of any specific item of business not on the agenda except to refer the items to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. Therefore, no decision may be made on matters raised in Public Forum. However, written reports on matters raised may be requested from the Chief Executive Officer.



7 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

GLOSSARY

Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act (the Act)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

Receive the Chairman's Report for November 2009.

Report

1. It was pleasing that Council included the Community Board Chairmen in the planning for the Council submission to the Local Government Commission on the proposed local boards and boundaries. I was able to present the point of view of the people who attended our combined Residents and Ratepayers groups meeting. The final shape of Council's proposal is one we could live with and includes the key point of a single local board that encompasses the whole area protected by the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Act (the Act). Given the 2006 deliberations and the continuing support by the people of the Waitakere Ranges for a Heritage Area Board, the Council's support for this position is the icing on the cake.

2. The Local Area Plan meeting at Henderson was interesting. A large number of Council officers attended, but they were outnumbered by interested local residents. Council officers had put a lot of work into preparation for the meeting but there were a few lessons not learned from the equivalent meeting at Oratia. Once again the Henderson Residents and Ratepayers Association were excluded from taking a significant role. They had done some preparatory work with a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (S.W.O.T.) analysis of issues and it would have been helpful to have them present it, rather than just have it posted on the wall. Secondly local kaumatua, Eru Thompson, was restricted to providing an opening to the meeting. He could have been given the opportunity to present a mana whenua perspective on local history. The speaker, Mary White, from the Bahai people was interesting, but their history is largely disconnected from that of the rest of the valley.
3. There are two phrases in use in regard to Local Area Plans that I believe need clarification. The first is "Economic Wellbeing in the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area" and the second is "softening the edges". In regard to the first, I am particularly concerned because it appears that there is a plan change in the pipeline for the whole of the Heritage Area. I believe that any changes to economic regulation should come about through the Local Area Plan process. If there is agreement between areas on what they want and a single plan change can cover more than one area that is helpful, but it should not be taken for granted. Economic activity in the Heritage Area is a sensitive issue with both environmental and community concerns. I am sympathetic with some easing of restrictions on uses of open rural blocks. It is not reasonable to prevent people from subdividing these and at the same time prevent them from any economic use of them. I believe local people are best placed to resolve the inevitable tensions that arise. The way the people of Oratia (and beyond) have embraced the Farmers' Market as neighbours, patrons and producers suggests that a way forward can be found.
4. A number of people in the community have queried the meaning of the phrase "softening the edges". The phrase was used at our last Board meeting and by Environmental Consultant and Henderson Valley Resident, Melean Absolum, at the Henderson Valley Local Area Plan meeting. It may be that officers need to clarify what it is meant by the term "softening the edges" in their next report to the Board. As it cannot mean a shrinking of the Heritage Area or watering down of the Act, we need to think about just what it could mean.
5. I have been giving it some thought and would suggest that the place where this edge is the "hardest" is around the Oratia area and I would suggest the first place for softening could be along Parrs Cross Road - from Parrs Park down to Holden Road. The trial area could be a strip going back towards Henderson of, say, 100 metres.
6. In this trial area, Council could begin by increasing street tree planting and offering free trees (native, fruit and ones to provide autumn colour) to residents. Subsidies could be given to residents to paint their houses in more environmentally friendly colours. The next step could be for Council to buy up 25-30% of the properties in the buffer zone and remove the houses. These properties could then be used to soften the hard edge by planting with native or fruit trees. Some could be turned into community gardens or allotments and others kept as mown meadows with the grass being given to local gardeners for mulch.
7. That may be enough to "soften the edge" and would certainly be of benefit to the McLaren Park/ Henderson South area. I hope that what I suggest doesn't terrify McLaren Park locals. It is only intended to be a starting point for discussion.

8. It is not often that a major international sporting event comes to our City - let alone our Ward. I confess to feeling some trepidation at hearing that the World Junior Surfing Championships were coming to Piha. My concern was heightened when I heard that there would be around 250 young surfers competing and they would be accompanied by an army of team management, judges and other officials as well as parents and family members. Initial consultation was sketchy. However, on 7 October 2009, organisers met with Council and local representatives to discuss issues. I am pleased to say that the organisers had well thought out plans and were willing to listen to local input. They also expressed a desire to continue dialogue as the event approaches. The Championships will run for a single weekend over Auckland Anniversary Weekend, being the 20–28 January 2010.
9. Just as I am very pleased that there is good consultation over the Junior Surfing Championships, I am also delighted about the level of consultation over the latest big film production to come to us. I have been frustrated that the excellent example of the way film companies have worked with the Bethells community has been so difficult to establish elsewhere. I am pleased to say the production of Tracker, the latest big film to come to Karekare, is following this example. They have consulted widely and employed a local liaison person and worked around community and environmental concerns. I wish them well with their movie. It has been good to welcome Andy Anderson back into Karekare.
10. At Piha, the Post Office has been shifted and is looking good in its new position. Piha owes a big debt to Ratepayers' Association President, Keith Franich who has not only promoted the vision, but has done much of the hard work. Across the road, the Piha Café is also nearing completion. It remains to be seen if it can be profitable and meet the environmental standards imposed on it. For the sake of its owners, I hope that it can. They have invested a lot of time and effort in getting to this point. Either way, there will be a sizeable proportion of the Piha community saying "I told you so."
11. Oratia Residents and Ratepayers held a Special General Meeting this month. I am not sure whether their meetings are so successful despite, or because they serve wine before they start. Two Council officers attended. Meredith Youngson spoke about Project Twin Streams. Meredith stepped in at short notice to attend the meeting and gave the best and most succinct explanation of the project I have heard. It didn't make it any easier to swallow that the project and its \$40 million budget stops abruptly when it reaches our ward. Nonetheless, it does seem that there might be some funding available to continue a walkway from where Project Twin Streams ends at Parris Cross through to West Coast Road.
12. The second Council officer to speak was Gyles Bendall. Gyles has stepped into the big shoes left by Renee Davies. It was my first time seeing Gyles fronting up to a public meeting and he also did well. Oratia has finally got its park and is passionate about it, tiny though it is. Gyles explained that the border planting was part of the purchase agreement and that no further work will be done without community consultation. He did well to ally the fears of a rather suspicious community.
13. Oratia has a celebration coming up. Albion House is going to have a 100th birthday and with typical generosity of spirit, Dave Harre is going to share the occasion. Dave is the only person I know who uses a traction engine to steam mussels.
14. I attended the Te Taumata Runanga Awards. It was a fantastic evening. Wonderful performances and excellent food set the atmosphere. The real highlight was finding out just what impressive things were being achieved by people in our community. All in all it was a great night.

15. Labour Weekend marked the beginning of another surf lifeguard season. I hope they have a good season and that the public coming to our beaches will take their advice and help to keep them safe.
16. My report this month would not be complete without mentioning the tragedy of the death of Aisling Symes. What happened to Aisling is the stuff of parents' nightmares. The search for her united our City and we all share in her family's grief at the tragic outcome. I attended a memorial service at Parris Park where many families with hundreds of children came to support the Symes family and release balloons in celebration of Aisling's too short life. It is said that it takes a village to raise a child and for a fortnight Waitakere became that village. It would be a tribute to Aisling if we can keep that sense of being a village and keep caring for every child in our city into the future.

KJP Witten-Hannah, JP

CHAIRMAN



8 **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Provision has been made on this agenda for Board Members should they so wish to submit a report on their activities during the month in regard to matters within the scope and delegations of the Board. However, to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, no decision may be made on matters raised in Board Members' reports.

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Christine Shepherd
City Safety Action Group	Evan Taylor Linda Davies (alternate)
Huia/Cornwallis Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Linda Davies
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Christine Shepherd Elizabeth Francke (alternate)
Piha/Karekare Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah
Waitakere Citizens Advice Bureau	Gayle Marshall Linda Davies
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Elizabeth Francke
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Creative Communities Scheme Allocation Subcommittee	Linda Davies Kubi Witten-Hannah (alternate)
Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee	Christine Shepherd
Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee	Kubi Witten-Hannah Elizabeth Francke (alternate)
Street Events Subcommittee	Evan Taylor



9 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:


Receive the Committee Secretary's Report for the Waitakere Community Board dated 3 November 2009.

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
1.	<p>Footpath Maintenance Waitakere Public Forum 2 December 2008</p> <p>Resolution No. 286/2009 3 March 2009</p> <p>Waitakere Community Board</p>	<p>Footpath maintenance update for October and November 2009:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Titirangi Road (Arapito Road to No. 739) this is now with Transport Assets to scope the works. Extensive maintenance works complete. <p>Service requests tentatively planned for the next three months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victory Road – outside No. 54 (tentative for November 2009); • Huia Road – outside No. 370 (tentative for October 2009); • Wood Bay Road – outside No. 89 (tentative for November 2009); • Tanekaha Road – outside No. 6 (tentative for October 2009); • Marine Parade South – centre line kerbing (tentative for October 2009); • Marine Parade South – kerbing in car park (tentative for October 2009); and • Kohu Road - (tentative for October 2009). 	<p>Canute Chandrakumaran</p> <p>☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8716</p>
2.	<p>Parking Stakeholder Consultation Resolution No. 319/2009 5 March 2009</p> <p>Policy and Strategy Committee</p>	<p>The draft Parking Plans were adopted by the Policy and Strategy Committee on Thursday, 3 September 2009.</p> <p>It is now expected that copies of the final version will be available by the end of November 2009.</p>	<p>Charlie Inggs</p> <p>☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8854</p>
3.	<p>Draft Freight Plan Consultation</p>	<p>Public consultation on the draft Waitakere City Freight Plan will commence on Friday, 9 October</p>	<p>Charlie Inggs</p> <p>☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8854</p>

	Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
	Resolution No. 1359/2009 6 August 2009 Policy and Strategy Committee	and conclude at 5.00 pm on Friday, 6 November 2009.	
4.	Laingholm Reserve Playground Design Officer's Report	Feedback has been collated and concept designs are still being developed and are to be completed early in 2010.	Tracey Hamilton ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8969
5.	Relocation of the Piha Post Office building onto Piha Domain Resolution No. 1474/2009 2 September 2009 Infrastructure and Works Committee	This project was successfully completed in October 2009.	Sarah Natac ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8561
6.	Grassmere Reserve Sheep Grazing Officer's Report	The owners of 38 Grassmere Road have sheep grazing at Grassmere Reserve on an informal basis. For fairness and transparency expressions of interest will be called for, to ascertain if there might be anyone else interested in grazing sheep on Grassmere Reserve and be prepared to pay for grazing rights. In November 2009 an advertisement will be placed in the Western Leader and a mail drop to all properties within 0.8 kilometres of Grassmere Reserve will be made. A full Agenda report will be presented to the Community Board once expressions of interest have been received, if any. This is likely to occur February 2010.	Stephanie Willcox ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8305

REPORTS PENDING

Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Piha / Karekare And Huia / Cornwallis Local Water Plans	Resolution No. 1725/2004 7 September 2004 Environmental Management Committee	Further updates will be provided to the Board on the basis of requirement.	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext: 8294

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Project Twin Streams Four Monthly Report	Resolution No. 1468/2005 3 August 2005 Last updated 3 February 2009	5 December 2009	Tony Miguel  836 8000 Ext: 8294

Report prepared by: Judith Moore, Committee Secretary.



10 REMOVAL OF LITTER BINS FROM SELECTED LOCAL PARKS

GLOSSARY

Waitakere Community Board

(the Board)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Waitakere Community Board (the Board) to remove litter bins from selected local parks in the Waitakere Ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Removal of Litter Bins from Selected Local Parks report.
2. **Approve** the removal of all litter bins from the following parks within the Waitakere Ward; Bill Haresnape Walk, Foothills Lane Reserve, French Bay Reserve, Laingholm Reserve, Rahui Kahika Reserve, Robert Knox Memorial Park, Swanson Scenic Reserve, Takaranga Reserve, Taumatarea Esplanade and Woodlands Park.

BACKGROUND

1. On 2 June 2009, a report was presented to the Board outlining the audit findings from the trial of the removal of litter bins in three parks in the Waitakere Ward. The trials were previously approved by the Board in December 2008.
2. At that meeting, the Board resolved as follows:

“The Waitakere Community Board resolved to:

Agree that the provision of litter bins on local parks into the future shall be decided by the relevant Community Board in conjunction with Council officers when required.”

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DECISION MAKING

Issues

3. A workshop was held with the Board on 6 October 2009 to discuss the provision of litter bins in local parks in the Waitakere Ward. Subsequently it was decided to remove the litter bins from the following local parks:
 - Bill Haresnape Walk;
 - Foothills Lane Reserve;
 - French Bay Reserve;
 - Laingholm Reserve;
 - Rahui Kahika Reserve;
 - Robert Knox Memorial Park;
 - Swanson Scenic Reserve;
 - Takaranga Reserve;
 - Taumatarea Esplanade; and
 - Woodlands Park.
4. As a trial, two litter bins were removed from Tangiwai Reserve. However, due to feedback from local residents, one litter bin will be reinstated this financial year.

Consideration of Community Views

5. Residents within 400 metres of the affected reserves will be notified of the litter bin removals through a mail drop at least five working days prior to the scheduled date of works.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

6. Council has adopted an Environment Strategy which addresses how the Council will continue to work on combating litter and illegal dumping, as well as providing for, and supporting, recycling by residents.
7. The Parks and Open Space Strategy identifies that litter bins should only be supplied at parks where people are likely to stay for long periods of time.

CONSULTATION

8. Consultation has taken place with Parks Planning and the Board.

RESOURCES

9. The cost to remove the bins and reinstate the areas with topsoil and grass will be covered within current Parks budgets. Those litter bins with a remaining useful life will be stored and then reused at other locations around Waitakere.
10. Savings of up to \$3,708.80 per annum will be saved on litter collection. However, financial resources may be needed to do one off clean ups of parks if necessary.
11. Monitoring of parks where litter bins are removed will take place as part of Parks standard auditing processes and will not require additional staff resources.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

12. Other than regular monitoring of all parks to ensure potential issues are identified in a timely manner, there are no implementation issues relating to the proposal.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

13. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Sarah Natac, Customer Liaison Officer.



11 MANUKA ROAD, WOODLANDS PARK - NEW NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES PARKING RESTRICTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the Waitakere Community Board's approval for a new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction on Manuka Road, Woodlands Park.

Council officers consulted with affected residents and have taken into consideration the best option for serving them and the community.

Two options have been identified: to install the No Stopping At All Times parking restriction or to have the area remain unrestricted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Manuka Road, Woodlands Park – New No Stopping At All Times Parking Restriction report.
2. **Approve** that in relation to **MANUKA ROAD, WOODLANDS PARK:**
 - (a) and in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No. 7, 1991 – Traffic, the following restriction now be resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,
 - (i) on the north kerb line of **MANUKA ROAD**, starting from a point approximately 25 metres east of the eastern kerb line of Tainui Road and extending east for a distance of approximately 55 metres the **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** parking restriction be put in place.

3. **Agree** that the appropriate signage and/or road markings, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Transport Rule; Traffic Control Devices 2004 – Rule 54002 hereby be approved and be put in place to properly establish, delineate and record the said parking limitation and restriction.

BACKGROUND

1. A resident of Tainui Road is concerned regarding traffic safety on the corner, outside number 21 Manuka Road. A vehicle regularly parks there and blocks visibility of oncoming traffic at a location where the road is narrow.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

2. Manuka Road is a local road and carries minor volumes of traffic.
3. A search of the New Zealand Transport Agency database shows that for the past five years, there have been no reported accidents in the vicinity of the corner outside number 21 Manuka Road. The database does not contain a complete list of all accidents, especially minor or non-injury accidents that have occurred. It is entirely possible one or more unreported accidents have occurred.
4. The location of the new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction is indicated on the diagram attached at page A1.

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Options Identified

5. Two options have been identified: to install the No Stopping At All Times parking restriction or to have the area remain unrestricted.

Consideration of Community Views

6. Consultation with affected residents was undertaken in September 2009. No feedback was received.

Preferred Option

7. The preferred option is to put in the No Stopping At All Times parking restriction to improve traffic safety.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

8. Council's Transport Strategy provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for safe City travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally-responsible and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.
9. No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on all roads by keeping traffic lanes and visibility lines clear.

CONSULTATION

10. Consultation with internal staff, external agencies and Maori, was not required for this report.

RESOURCES

11. The new No Stopping At All Times parking restriction can be implemented under the Annual Plan 2009/2010 maintenance budget.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

12. There are no implementation issues arising from this report.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

13. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

Report prepared by: Duncan Campbell, Senior Transport Engineer.



12 BEACH VALLEY ROAD, PIHA – NEW NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Waitakere Community Board to install No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions on Beach Valley Road, Piha and some pedestrian improvement measures to be undertaken as part of the minor improvement programme.

Council officers consulted with the residents and have taken into consideration the best option for serving them and the community.

Three options have been identified: to install the No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions, to install the pedestrian improvement measures or to have the area remain unrestricted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Waitakere Community Board resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Beach Valley Road, Piha – New No Stopping At All Times Parking Restrictions and Proposed Pedestrian Improvements report.
2. **Approve** in principle the proposed pedestrian improvement measures in **BEACH VALLEY ROAD, PIHA** as shown attached at pages A2 and A5.
3. **Approve** that in relation to **BEACH VALLEY ROAD, PIHA**:
 - (a) and in accordance with the powers conferred by virtue of the Local Government Act 1974, the Land Transport Act 1998, the Transport Act 1962 and the Waitakere City Council Bylaw No. 7, 1991 – Traffic, the following restriction now be resolved to be specified and imposed, namely,

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- (i) on the south kerb line of **BEACH VALLEY ROAD**, starting approximately 6 metres from the eastern boundary of number 34 Beach Valley Road and extending east for a distance of approximately 16 metres the **NO STOPPING AT ALL TIMES** parking restriction be put in place.

BACKGROUND

1. Waitakere City Council has received several requests for pedestrian improvements on Beach Valley Road between Seaview Road and number 34 Beach Valley Road. During the summer the parking demand can be high, and the road is not wide enough to cater for parked vehicles whilst leaving the roadside clear for pedestrians.
2. Beach Valley Road is classified as a local road in the Waitakere City Council District Plan, and is the only access road to South Piha Road.
3. In September 2009, local residents were consulted with proposed plans for pedestrian improvements on Beach Valley Road. These included extending the existing pedestrian path outside number 32, and a scheme using wheelstops to separate parked vehicles from pedestrians for a distance of approximately 170 metres west of Seaview Road.

DECISION MAKING

Issues

4. A search of the New Zealand Transport Agency database shows there has been one reported accident on Beach Valley Road between Seaview Road and number 34 Beach Valley Road in the five year period between 2004 and 2008. The database does not contain a complete list of all accidents, especially minor or non-injury accidents that have occurred. It is entirely possible one or more unreported accidents have occurred in this street.
- A2-A3 5. The location and design of the proposed pedestrian improvements and No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions are indicated on the diagrams attached at pages A2 to A3.

Options Identified

6. The options considered were to install the No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions, or to leave the area unrestricted. The only pedestrian improvement options originally considered were extending the pedestrian path outside number 30, and the wheelstop scheme south of Seaview Road.
7. However, the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association have since suggested that roadside trees could be cleared as an alternative to the wheelstop scheme, and the situation reviewed at a later date to see if further measures are warranted. They have also requested a new pedestrian path to be constructed at the Seaview Road / Beach Valley Road intersection, and for future road widening of Beach Valley Road to be considered. It has been suggested to the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association that options for road widening are more appropriate as an Annual Plan submission.

Consideration of Community Views

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8. During September 2009 letters and voting sheets were delivered to residents of Beach Valley Road, Marine Parade and Sylvan Glade asking residents to indicate whether they were in favour of, or opposed to, the proposed pedestrian improvement measures. The consultation results are indicated on the diagram attached at page A4.
 9. The letter drop responses are as follows:
 - 24 residents replied to the proposed scheme.
 - 17 residents expressed support for the scheme.
 - 7 residents expressed their dissatisfaction with the scheme.
 10. There were no objections to the pedestrian scheme by number 32 Beach Valley Road, but the objections to the wheelstop scheme which have been reiterated by the Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association and the Piha Returned Services Association were as follows:
 - (a) Loss of on-street parking for Returned Services Association visitors.
 - (b) In winter the road side grass area can become boggy, so pedestrians may wish to walk on the road.
 - (c) Aesthetic look of the wheelstops.
 11. The Piha Residents and Ratepayers Association have instead suggested that roadside trees for the 170 metre section west of Seaview Road be cut back, and options for road widening be considered. They have also requested a new pedestrian path be constructed on the Seaview Road / Beach Valley Road corner.
 12. In addition, a number of residents raised concerns about the safety of pedestrians in the vicinity of 9 to 11 Beach Valley Road and the Returned Services Association regarding the narrow road width, high vehicle speeds and restricted sightlines.

Preferred Option

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13. The preferred option is to construct the proposed pedestrian scheme outside number 30 Beach Valley Road attached at page A5, cut back some roadside trees for the 170 metre length south of Seaview Road, and to investigate the feasibility of a new pedestrian path at the Seaview Road / Beach Valley Road intersection attached at page A5.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

14. Council's Transport Strategy provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for safe City travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally-responsible and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.
15. No Stopping At All Times parking restrictions can be applied to ensure efficient, safe movement on all roads by keeping traffic lanes and unobstructed access to properties.

CONSULTATION

16. Consultation with internal staff, external agencies and Maori, was not required for this report.

RESOURCES

17. Funding of \$50,000 has been provided in the Annual Plan 2009/2010 for minor improvement works and the proposed pedestrian improvement measures can be implemented under this budget.

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

18. There are no implementation issues arising from this report.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL TRANSITION ISSUES

19. The decision making proposed in this report is not constrained by section 31 of the Local Government (Tamaki Makaurau Reorganisation) Act 2009, as it does not directly or because of its consequences: significantly prejudice the reorganisation, significantly constrain the powers or capacity of the Auckland Council or any subsidiary of the Auckland Council following the reorganisation, or have a significant negative impact on the assets or liabilities that are transferred to the Auckland Council as a result of the reorganisation.

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13 PROPOSED LOCAL AREA PLANS - UPDATES

The Strategic Advisor: Sustainable Management will give a 10 minute update on the Henderson Valley/Opanuku Local Area Plan Community Meeting.



14 NOTICES OF MOTION

