

Waitematā Local Board Feedback on the Grafton Parking Changes Proposal

The city fringe streets are often overcrowded with commuters parking all day, which then impacts on residents and visitors of the area. This problem is further compounded in Grafton due to the number of older heritage houses that do not have off-street parking.

Grafton hosts New Zealand's largest public hospital and clinical research facility, the University of Auckland Grafton Campus and borders one of the largest parks in the city, the Auckland Domain. The Auckland Domain holds several important civic facilities and is used for numerous sporting and cultural events throughout the year with a significant increase in use over the last ten years with key pressure points being major events and vehicle use. These components bring significant pressure on parking in the area.

The Waitemata Local Board supports:

- more effective parking management to provide residents with access to parking in Grafton and to prioritise short term visitor parking to support local businesses and encourage shoppers. The board also seeks effective parking management, which supports people's enjoyment of public spaces in the area such as the Auckland Domain
- replacing the existing restrictions with the exception of bus stops, loading zones, mobility and car sharing parking, 'no stopping at all times' restrictions and the clearway on Grafton Road with a residential parking zone
- constructing a pricing model for paid parking, which encourages turnover on the streets to achieve better availability and comparable to commuter alternatives
- 8am to 6pm, 5 days a week parking restriction and seeks Auckland Transport to monitor on a regular basis ongoing usage with a view to the earliest implementation of such extension if and when evidence demonstrates the need
- expanding the zone to include all the Grafton area as defined by the Grafton Residents Association including:
 - Beckham Place, for carparks and residences
 - Grafton Road (including slip road) for carparks and residences
 - Park Road for carparks and residences
 - Arotau Place
 - Park Ave

and seeks Auckland Transport to advise the Board on the implications of including the following streets in the zone as identified by individual submissions:

- Boyle Cres
- Outwaite Park
- Carlton Gore Road
- Arawa Street
- Side streets off Khyber Pass road
- Auckland Transport to review the boundary zone to consider future developments in surrounding streets such as Boston Road to avoid the problem being shifted out
- a review being undertaken by Auckland Transport to report on the effectiveness of the scheme 6 months following the introduction and to include an assessment for the need of loading zones

throughout the area, assess whether the target availability has been achieved and adjust prices accordingly

- effective enforcement being put in place to monitor the use of permit only parking
- residents only parking on Seafeld View Road in recognition of its status as a residential 1 historic zoned street which has very few parks available. Its acknowledged that the impact on residents of having 2-3 cars parked all day will have a significant impact for residents.
- Retaining the existing car-share space in Park Avenue
- improving the consistency of parking signage across Grafton