
Hearings Committee

MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Hearings Committee held in the Council Chambers, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon, Dunedin, on Friday 27 June 2025, commencing at 9.00 am - Proposed Parking Changes

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Jim O'Malley	
	Cr Cherry Lucas	Cr Mandy Mayhem

IN ATTENDANCE

Scott MacLean (General Manager, Climate and City Growth), Jeanine Benson (Group Manager Transport), Simon Spiers (Team Leader Regulations Management Transport), Abbey Chamberlain (Senior Transport Planner) and Ian Martin (Principal Advisor Road Safety)

Governance Support Officer	Wendy Collard
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1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Moved (Cr Jim O'Malley/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

- a) **Notes** the Elected Members' Interest Register; and
- b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

Motion carried (HEAR/2025/005)

2 SPEAKING SCHEDULE

A report from Civic provided a schedule of submitters who wished to present to the Committee.

The following submitters presented to the Committee:

Megan and Cecilia Mickelsen, Fe29 Gallery

Ms Megan and Ms Cecilia Mickelsen spoke to their submission in opposition of the proposed parking changes for the St Clair Esplanade and Forbury Road, Dunedin. They commented that they had requested a 30 minute park be installed outside their business in Sandringham Street. They also spoke on the support/opposition they had received from their neighbours.

Ms Cecilia Mickelsen commented that people who wanted to park for longer, than the proposed time restrictions, would need to park in the nearby residential areas. She advised that she felt this could have a negative impact on their business and the main issue was that there was inadequate parking. Ms Mickelsen suggested that the underutilised greenspace behind the carpark be converted to parking.

They responded to questions.

Liam O'Neill, Hobby Lords Dunedin

Mr O'Neill spoke to his submission on the proposed bus stop extension at the intersection of Cargill's Corner/King Edward Street, Dunedin. He requested the installation of a loading zone and reiterated the reasons for this.

The Team Leader Regulations Management (Simon Spiers) advised that following the feedback received, staff had included an Authorised Vehicle Only (AVO) park in the proposed parking changes. The location of the AVO would be at the end of the existing bus stop.

Mr O'Neill responded to questions.

Jimi Higgins, Surfing New Zealand

Mr Higgins (South Island Director) spoke to the Surfing New Zealand submission in support of the proposed parking changes for the St Clair Esplanade. He advised that they had concerns about how the proposed change might impact the running of major surf events held at St Clair.

Mr Higgins commented on their safety issues in particular with young surfers and when they ran events.

Mr Higgins responded to questions.

Katherine Greer, The Hydro Esplanade Apartments & Hydro Surf Shop

Ms Greer spoke to her submission in opposition of the proposed parking changes for the St Clair Esplanade. She provided a background to her businesses within the area and commented on her concerns on the time restrictions P240 and P120 24 hours a day and the impact on her guest being able to park overnight.

Ms Greer commented that her concerns was the lack of parking in the area and number of days and nights Freedom Campers were parking. She suggested utilising the greenspace behind the existing carpark and converting the parallel parking to angle parking in some of the neighbouring streets. Ms Greer also commented that while she supported the P5 which was proposed outside her business, she would prefer a longer time restriction such as P15. She would also like a loading zone created on the St Clair Esplanade as currently delivery vehicles were having to double park.

Ms Greer responded to questions.

Daniel Fitzpatrick (via Zoom)

Mr Fitzpatrick spoke to his submission in support of the proposed parking changes for the St Clair Esplanade, Forbury Road and Second Beach Road. He commented on the popularity and importance of this area to both the locals and tourists. Mr Fitzpatrick felt that the proposed parking restrictions would be sufficient for all users such as surfers, beach users and people either dining or shopping at the retail shops and if anyone wanting longer parking there were streets with no time restrictions close by.

Mr Fitzpatrick commented that he felt the proposed changes made it a more equitable area and the right changes at the right time as they represented how the area was used today.

Mr Fitzpatrick responded to questions.

Bruce Bernasconi, Spa Pools Otago

Mr Bernasconi spoke to his submission in opposition of the proposed parking changes for Ravenswood Road, Dunedin. He commented that he felt the main issue was driver behaviour with vehicles speeding; and downhill traffic not giving way to uphill traffic. Mr Bernasconi noted that several of his neighbours were elderly with some having mobility constraints and the installation of yellow lines would mean they would not be able to park close to their properties. The topography of the land also meant that off street parking could not be achieved.

Mr Bernasconi requested that consideration be given to installation of traffic calming measures such as speed bumps.

Mr Bernasconi responded to questions.

The (Principal Advisor Road Safety (Ian Martin) responded to questions on possible traffic calming solutions including signage and speed cushions.

Mark Stevenson

Mr Stevenson spoke to his PowerPoint presentation in opposition of the proposed parking changes for the St Clair Esplanade, Forbury and Second Beach Roads, Dunedin which included the majority of the parking along Forbury Road, St Clair Esplanade and Second Beach Road to be P180 ; designated parking for mobile traders and installing of time restricted parking on Beach Street, St Clair, and motorbike parking.

Mr Stevenson commented that he had concerns regarding mobile traders and the issues relating to them which included customers waiting to be served blocking the footpath.

Mr Stevenson responded to questions.

The Senior Transport Planner (Abbey Chamberlain) responded to questions regarding motorbike and mobile traders parking.

Kim Hayward, Iconic Tours NZ Limited

Mr Hayward spoke to his submission in opposition of the proposed parking changes for Bath Street, Dunedin in particular his concerns on the proposed change of the bus stop on George Street to a variable parking. He provided a background to how his business operated and his clientele.

Mr Hayward responded to questions.

The Team Leader Regulations Management (Simon Speirs) responded to questions on the principle and behaviour of variable parking spaces.

Mary O'Brien, CCS Disability Action

Ms O'Brien spoke to the CCS Disability Action's submission in support of the proposed parking changes for Bath Street; St David Street; and the St Clair Esplanade in particular the additional mobility parking spaces.

Ms O'Brien responded to questions.

Adjournment of meeting

Moved (Cr Jim O'Malley/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

Adjourns the meeting.

.Motion carried (HEAR/2025/006)

The meeting adjourned at 10.48 am and reconvened at 10.55 am.

Rob Ottrey

Mr Ottrey spoke to his submission in support of the proposed parking changes for the St Clair Esplanade and Second Beach Road, Dunedin which included the proposed two variable parking zones for mobile traders. He commented on his concerns that two variable parks might not be sufficient with the number of mobile traders that traded only the St Clair Esplanade.

Mr Ottrey also commented on the congestion at the roundabout at the intersection of Forbury and Victoria Roads which was often caused by drivers stopping in the middle of the road to let passengers out and suggested on ways that additional parking could be created such as the removal of the concrete bollards.

Mr Ottrey responded to questions.

Richard Egan

Mr Egan spoke to his submission in opposition to the proposed parking changes for the St Clair Esplanade and Second Beach Road, Dunedin. He commented that, in his opinion, this area was an important vital community hub, tourist attraction, and a cherished natural space.

Mr Egan also commented that there were wider issues including the greenspace behind the existing carpark which he felt was underutilised. He suggested that there was an opportunity for this to be used as a landscaped carpark or a multi-use area, balancing the need for parking with the preservation of open space.

Mr Egan responded to questions.

3 PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES - JUNE 2025

A report from Transport presented information on proposed changes and corrections to parking restrictions. It noted that the proposed changes were presented in two sections – general minor parking changes which included new parking layout for Bath Street and the introduction of time restricted parking in St Clair on Forbury Road, the Esplanade and Second Beach Road; and corrections to the bylaw database.

The Group Manager Transport (Jeanine Benson); Team Leader Regulation Management Transport (Simon Spiers), Senior Transport Planner (Abbey Chamberlain) and the Principal Advisor Road Safety (Ian Martin) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Following discussions, staff were requested to reconsider the proposed changes on Ravenswood Road with options to include safety measures such as signage and traffic calming.

In regard to the proposed changes for the St Clair Esplanade, Second Beach and Forbury Roads, the Committee noted that staff would be monitoring how the changes were working with a review to be undertaken following the summer season.

Moved (Cr Jim O'Malley/Cr Cherry Lucas):

That the Committee:

- a) **Recommends** option one for proposed changes for Forbury Road, St Clair Esplanade and Second Beach Road, to be added to the restrictions database and URL in advance of Council adoption.
- b) **Recommends** that the existing Authorised Vehicle Only on King Edward Street near Lorne Street be changed to a P5 and a new Authorised Vehicle Only be installed mid-block at the end of the bus stop.
- c) **Recommends** that Ravenswood Road not be included in the proposed parking changes and that staff be requested to reassess Ravenswood Road to include options for safety improvement.
- d) **Recommends** Council approve the proposed changes to parking and traffic restrictions shown in the June 2025 update of the Dunedin City Council's traffic and parking restrictions database found here: [Parking Changes June 2025](#)
- e) **Notes** that all parking restrictions previously approved by the Council remain unchanged

Motion carried (HEAR/2025/007)

The meeting ended at 12.25 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

