

Hearings Committee
Proposed Parking Changes
MINUTES

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Hearings Committee held in the Council Chambers, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, The Octagon, Dunedin, on Friday 20 March 2026, commencing at 9.30 am

PRESENT

Chairperson

Cr Cherry Lucas

Cr Mandy Mayhem

Cr Lee Vandervis

IN ATTENDANCE

Scott MacLean (General Manager City Services), Jeanine Benson (Group Manager Transport), Simon Spiers (Team Leader Regulation Management – Transport), Abbey Chamberlain (Senior Transport Planner – Transport), Ian Martin (Principal Advisor Road Safety – Transport), Rose Wunrow (Policy Analyst – Transport Regulation), Sacha Hatton (Transport Regulation Coordinator) and Jack Cowie (Otago Regional Council Senior Network Planner – Transport)

Governance Support Officer

Rebecca Murray

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 Cherry Lucas/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Committee:

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

Motion carried (HEAR/2026/001)

2 SPEAKING SCHEDULE

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

The following submitters presented to the Committee:

Matthew Lane, Night 'n Day Foodstores Limited

Matthew Lane raised concerns about a lack of short-term parking in the North Road and Eglinton Road areas and the impact this had on local businesses that rely on quick customer turnover. They supported increasing the availability of short-stay (P5) parking, noting that the current layout contributed to congestion and was difficult to enforce. Mr Lane considered the proposed changes would better support local users and businesses and responded to questions.

Lucy Gray

Lucy Gray raised significant safety concerns related to illegal parking on the roadway, footpaths, and across driveways, which restricted visibility, pedestrian safety, property access, and could impede emergency vehicles in Fern Road. She supported yellow lines, signage, and stronger enforcement, noting ongoing issues associated with school-related parking and expressing willingness to participate in a community-led response involving the school and responded to questions.

Bronwyn Macgregor and Ben Wolken

Bronwyn Macgregor and Ben Wolken raised concerns about the location of a new bus stop outside their property on North Road, advising it had created safety, visibility, noise, and privacy issues when exiting their garage due to buses, a cycle lane, and traffic movements. They noted ongoing bus idling despite assurances, early morning and late-night noise impacts, and loss of amenity, and questioned future compliance and consultation. Concerns were also raised about cyclist speeds, lack of warning signage, and the potential for a bus shelter to further obstruct sightlines. Ms Macgregor and Mr Wolken indicated they would be more comfortable if operational issues, particularly idling, were addressed in coordination with ORC, and supported exploring enforcement, signage, and community-based solutions and responded to questions.

3 PROPOSED PARKING CHANGES - MARCH 2026

A report from Transport presented information on the proposed changes and corrections to parking restrictions regulated by the Dunedin City Council.

The Group Manager Transport (Jeanine Benson), Team Leader Regulation Management – Transport (Simon Spiers) and Policy Analyst Transport Regulations (Rose Wunrow) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Discussion was held on the proposed parking changes, noting:

1 Fern Road:

The Committee discussed traffic and parking issues in the Fern Road in relation to school activity. Members noted the need for staff to engage with the school to investigate the effectiveness of the current parking bay and the surrounding area. The possible introduction of a P5 drop-off area was discussed as a way to assist with school drop-off. Members also discussed directing school staff parking to Isabel Street and raised questions regarding a caravan potentially associated with the school, including whether it could be located on the school site.

164 Rattray Street:

The Committee discussed concerns about vehicle access arrangements at 164 Rattray Street. Members sought clarification on the process used to determine the appropriate number of entrances to a car park and expressed concern about the retrospective approval of such matters. It was suggested that this issue may be more appropriately considered through a DCC or Parking Hearings Committee process.

Macandrew Road near Port Otago:

The Committee discussed the proposal relating to Macandrew Road near Port Otago and agreed that further consultation was required before a decision could be made. Members indicated that the matter should return to the Committee following additional engagement.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Committee:

Adjourns the meeting for 10 minutes.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 11.39am and reconvened at 11.46am.

Discussion continued, noting:

164 Rattray Street:

Members discussed concerns that the current situation appeared to be retrospective in nature. It was noted that, prior to the Committee forming a view, it would be helpful to receive the engineer's report, particularly from a safety perspective. The Committee discussed requesting that an engineer undertake a further assessment of the site. Members noted that, subject to the outcome of that assessment, the removal of the yellow lines could be considered if a car park could be accommodated safely; if not, the existing restrictions would remain.

138 Princes Street:

Members discussed the possibility of trialling a bus stop layout in the area currently used for motorcycle parking and general parking spaces rather than removing the built out section. Questions were raised about how this could be implemented in practice and what impacts it may have on existing users.

Adjournment:

The Committee agreed that further information was required to inform its decision and adjourned the hearing, with the intention of reconvening within two weeks to allow staff time to carry out the necessary research and assessments.

Moved (Cr Cherry Lucas/Cr Mandy Mayhem):

That the Committee:

Adjourns the meeting.

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned on Friday, 20 March 2026 at 12.11pm and reconvened on Tuesday, 14 April 2026 at 9am.

DCC Transport and ORC Transport staff were present and responded to questions to assist the Committee's consideration.

Members discussed relevant provisions of the 2GP, including clause 6.6.3.2, and raised concerns about aspects of implementation, process awareness, and impacts on access and parking. Possible amendments through the 2GP to improve driveway access were also discussed.

Information was provided by ORC Transport staff regarding bus operations on Princes Street, including service frequency, peak-hour volumes, scheduling constraints, and the importance of the stop for passenger access to the Octagon. Discussion also included bus queuing, and observed congestion, as well as the limited ability to address these issues through timetable changes alone.

Potential options were discussed, including adjustments to the bus stop layout, retaining or modifying the existing build-out, relocation impacts, trialling alternative arrangements, and associated implications for safety, accessibility, funding, consultation requirements, and amenity. Staff outlined constraints, costs, and operational considerations.

Moved (Cr Mandy Mayhem/Cr Cherry Lucas):
That the Committee:

- a) **Recommends** Council approve the proposed changes to parking and traffic restrictions shown in the March 2026 update of the Dunedin City Council's traffic and parking restrictions database found here: [March 2026 Proposed Parking Changes](#), which includes the proposed parking changes that have been updated by officers after consultation for 335A Kaikorai Valley Road, 194B Main South Road, and 233 Stuart Street, with the following amendments:

1 Fern Road

- Work with the school to investigate traffic and parking arrangements in Fern Road, including the existing parking bay, and to liaise with Parking Enforcement as required.
- Consider the installation of a P5 drop-off zone to assist with school drop-off activity.
- Request that school staff parking be directed to Isabel Street where practicable.
- Request that the caravan if associated with the school be parked within the school grounds.

164 Rattray Street

- Temporary approval of the removal of the car park space located between the car park entrance and exit, pending a proposed amendment to the 2GP, Rule 6.6.3.2, relating to the required lengths of clear view spaces, as requested by the Committee.

Macandrew Road near Port Otago

- That further consultation be undertaken and that the matter be reconsidered as part of a future parking changes hearing process.
- b) **Notes** that all parking restrictions previously approved by the Council remain unchanged.

Motion carried (HEAR/2026/002) with Cr Vandervis recording his vote against the 138 Princes Street change.

The meeting concluded at 9.56am.

CHAIRPERSON