

Parking Changes, Selwyn Avenue, Akaroa: submission from Akaroa School and Community Library Management Team

The Management Team for the Akaroa School and Community Library wish to make the following comments on the proposed parking changes in Selwyn Avenue, Akaroa.

1. We agree with the installation parking restrictions on the north side of Selwyn Avenue, but would support a P120 instead of the proposed P60 .
 - a. Restrictions on the time that people may park there will hopefully discourage campers from setting up in those spaces for hours at a time or overnight.
 - b. Parking spaces intended for the use of Library and cinema customers will be available to them, and for long enough for people to see a movie.
 - c. Library customers will be able to access parking for the time they need to complete their Library visit
2. We have no issues with the provision of a motorcycle parking space in the planned location.
3. We support the formalising of the existing mobility parking space.

We do not support the proposed location of the bicycle stand for the following reasons:

1. We believe there is a health and safety risk to older or less mobile Library customers accessing the Library, if the bicycles are not placed correctly in the stand, or there are too many bicycles to be accommodated there and end up piled over the footpath.
2. Library staff have on-going concerns about the use of this patch of land which is frequented in summer by summer visitors and wifi users, many of whom smoke despite a number of non-smoking signs, and deposit their cigarette butts on the gravel. Making this space a bicycle stand and retaining the gravel means this problem would be likely to continue. We would support landscaping of this area.

We support the concept of placing a new bicycle stand in proximity to the Library but would prefer it to be positioned by the side of the Library building on Rue Jolie, adjacent to the pathway there, and well away from the main Library access.

Thank you

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On behalf of the Akaroa School and Community Library Management Team