

NRA Focus Group meeting on Wednesday 3 October 2012 at 7.30am at The Ballroom, Riddiford St.

Present: Kate Zwartz, Paul Eagle, Cheryl Robilliard, Steve Dunn, Gail Reeves, David Wilcock Carol Comber. Apologies: Kathy Smith, Laura Newcombe Lindsay Davis [CCDHB], (Stuart Bullen is no longer in NZ)

Traffic resolutions:

Constable Street – extended bus stop and car parking changes is retrospective because there was an accident at the corner when a car overtook a bus that wasn't fully in the bus stop. Changes were requested by the police.

Newtown Central Parking Proposal

- Gail reported that the proposal of having P30(east side) and P60(west side) on Riddiford St in the shopping precinct is generally accepted except that on Riddiford St (opp Normanby) there will be P30 parks as requested by the video store instead of P60.
- The changes will be regularly monitored over the next year.
- David passed on a request for service vehicle loading zone near the Constable Street intersection because trucks are riding onto the footpath to park. Gail said the options are a 'goods services only' (exclusive) or 'P5 Loading Zone' (anyone) and to consider Newtown Ave instead of Constable or Riddiford St location. David to take these alternative back to the retailers.

Colombo Street Residents' parking – Paul asked if residents' parking could be applied to the upper section of Colombo Street, similar to the lower section. Gail said that she understands there can only be 50% of the street allocated to Residents' only.

Riddiford St Cycle lane – Kate is seeking a trial for a cycle lane located on the outer edge of each vehicle lane and beside the central refuge line. This would mean cyclists are away from parked cars. She will talk to Paul Barker now that Stuart is in England. Gail has a definite view but open to discussion.

Note from last meeting: Community Plan Gail Reeves is working on a comprehensive review of people movement and traffic in Newtown.

Minutes: Steve Dunn

Post meeting: It was extremely disappointing to hear from Kathy Smith – 'Steve, I have surcomed to the ever persistant road works and have closed The Ballroom Cafe for good. Kathy Smith'

I certainly feel saddened by this and hope that the café might reopen again soon.