

4.2 NO RIGHT TURN FROM CHURCHILL AVENUE INTO HUNTINGDALE ROAD, CHADSTONE (HA:ROADS12)

Responsible Director: Ossie Martinz

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the restriction of right turns out of Churchill Avenue into Huntingdale Road, Chadstone from 7.30am-9.00am, Monday to Friday.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement to restrict the right turn from Churchill Avenue into Huntingdale Road, Chadstone during the 7.30am-9.00am morning peak period, Monday to Friday.

BACKGROUND

Churchill Avenue is a local road and connects from Highfield Road to Huntingdale Road. It is effectively acting as a collector road and carries traffic from around the area, including Adrian Street, Highfield Road, Kalymna Grove, Hatherley Road, Helen Road and Chestnut Place that wish to leave the area via Huntingdale Road. The street has unrestricted parking on the southern side and a *No Stopping* restriction on the northern side from 3 Churchill Avenue to Huntingdale Road.

Vehicles enter Churchill Avenue from either Highfield Road at the western end or from Huntingdale Road at the eastern end. At the eastern end, during the morning peak periods, the street can experience a backlog of traffic trying to turn left from Churchill Avenue onto Huntingdale Road caused by some vehicles trying to turn right across traffic into Huntingdale Road. Turning right at the intersection is difficult at times due to the constant traffic flow along Huntingdale Road.

Council's Transport Engineers observed the traffic movements in the AM peak and found the majority of traffic (around 50-60 vehicles/hour) exits Churchill Avenue by turning left into Huntingdale Road; however, a small number of right-turning vehicles (around 10-15 vehicles/hour) holds up this traffic flow causing delays and queuing.

There are also safety concerns from the long traffic queues and associated delays as drivers are sometimes taking risks turning at the intersection.

DISCUSSION

To improve traffic flow during the morning peak period the proposal is to prohibit vehicles from Churchill Avenue turning right onto Huntingdale Road by installing a **"No Right Turn, 7.30-9am, Mon-Fri"** sign in Churchill Avenue at Huntingdale Road intersection.

The proposal, as shown in **Attachment A** prohibits vehicles making a right turn out of Churchill Avenue onto Huntingdale Road between 7.30am-9am from Monday to Friday only but does not prohibit vehicles entering Churchill Avenue from Huntingdale Road.

Motorists from the area will still be able to turn right into Huntingdale Road from Hillcrest Avenue, which is parallel to Churchill Avenue, approximately 100m to the south, and in the shadow of the pedestrian signals, and this is a safer option. Hillcrest Avenue has a better view of oncoming traffic and a safer opportunity to make the turns, particularly when the pedestrian-operated signal crossing is activated, meaning that the proposed right turn ban should not prohibit motorists from the area wanting to travel south along Huntingdale Road. It is seen as a means of encouraging the right-turn vehicles to Hillcrest Avenue and left-turn vehicles to Churchill Avenue.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Significant unit developments in the area has increased the number of vehicles that utilise Churchill Avenue to enter Huntingdale Road and separating the right-turn vehicles from the left-turn vehicles in peak periods is beneficial for the flow of the traffic along both Churchill Avenue and Hillcrest Avenue. It is also a step toward improving the safety for road users.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no significant human rights considerations except that the proposal will assist the residents of the area by reducing delays when they leave in the morning peak.

CONSULTATION

A notice of a proposal to ban the right turn out of Churchill Avenue onto Huntingdale Road in the morning peak was circulated to the area that is affected by the proposed change as shown in ***Attachment A***.

The notice provided an opportunity for residents to advise Council of their thoughts on the proposal before any further progress was taken. Three residents from Hillcrest Avenue raised minor concerns on anticipated increase in the traffic queue on Hillcrest Avenue at Huntingdale Road intersection due to the proposal.

CONCLUSION

The no right turn from 7.30am to 9.00am during morning peak period, Monday to Friday from Churchill Avenue into Huntingdale Road will improve safety and operational efficiency.

ATTACHMENT A

NO RIGHT TURN OUT PROPOSAL

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3 April 2018

HA: ROADS12

CHURCHILL AVENUE AT HUNTINGDALE ROAD, CHADSTONE

Dear Resident

I am writing to inform you of a proposal to change traffic movement in your area.

We have become aware of a backlog of traffic trying to exit left from Churchill Avenue onto Huntingdale Road caused by some vehicles trying to turn right across traffic into Huntingdale Road.

This issue is particularly prevalent during the morning peak when many vehicles are trying to access the road. Executing a right turn out at the intersection is also difficult due to a constant traffic flow along Huntingdale Road.

We have had our traffic engineers on-site to observe the traffic movement and found the majority of traffic (around 50 – 60 vehicles/hour) exits Churchill Avenue by turning left into Huntingdale Road. However, a small number of right turning vehicles (around 10 – 15 vehicles/hour) holds up this traffic flow causing delays and queuing. A long traffic queue and delays may create a situation where drivers are more likely to take risks to turn at the intersection.

What we are proposing

To improve traffic flow during the morning peak period, Council proposes to ban right turn movements at Churchill Avenue by installing a **"No Right Turn, 7.30 – 9am, Mon – Fri"** sign as shown on the plan overleaf.

Council will monitor the impact of this change and make further adjustments if necessary.

Motorists can still turn right onto Huntingdale Road from Hillcrest Avenue which is a safer option as there is a better view of oncoming traffic and a safer opportunity to make the turns, particularly when the pedestrian operated signal crossing is activated.

Council would like to proceed with this proposal as soon as possible. If you have any concerns about this proposal, please contact Han Aung on 9518 3002 by **Monday 16 April 2018**.

Yours sincerely

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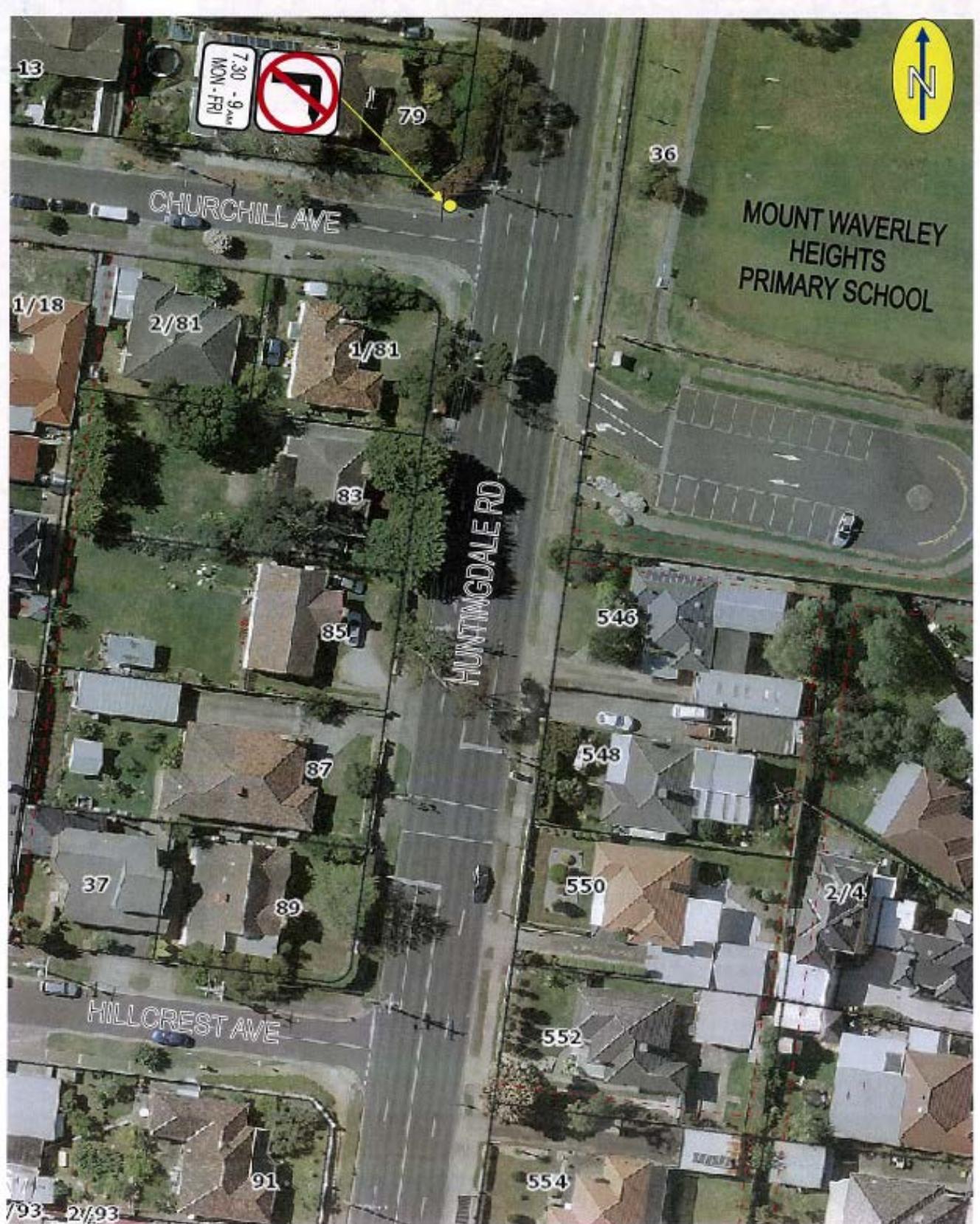
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