

Waipapa
Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Thursday 11 April 2024
Time: 4 pm
Venue: Board Room, Papanui Service Centre,
Corner Langdons Road and Restell Street, Papanui

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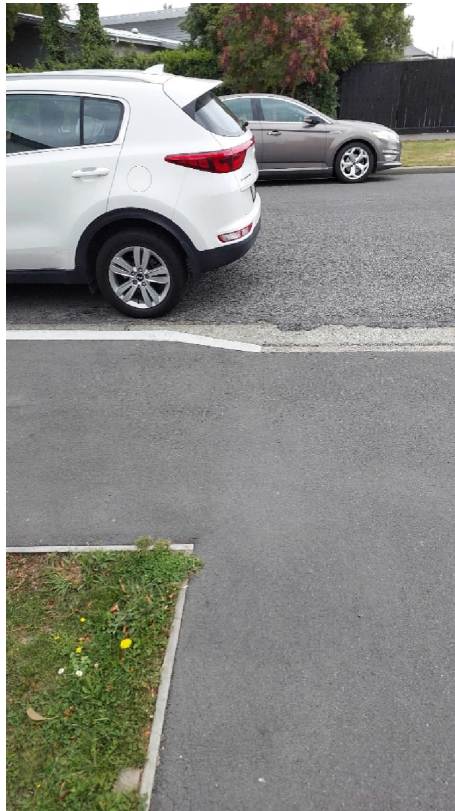
The Intersection of Gambia St, Grants Rd and Rayburn Ave

1. I am Jan Galloway, address: [REDACTED] and I think it was me who brought this intersection to the attention of the Christchurch City Council; I support the proposed plan for this intersection, especially the no parking yellow lines outside number 4 Gambia St and on the street opposite number 4.
2. I have lived at [REDACTED] since 2000.
3. I have no issue with the increased housing density in the street as it is allowed by law. However, I do have an issue with the effect this increase in density has had on the above intersection because of the increase in on-street parking.



4. The photograph above was taken from 6 Gambia St; the two SUVs are parked outside number 4 Gambia St. This is the view of the intersection I often get i.e when exiting 6 Gambia St in my car, I cannot see the intersection until I have cleared the white SUV and by that time, I am in the middle of the road. I would add also that the car on the other side of the road is parked there. There would be about 6 metres between the side of the white SUV and the parked car on the other side of the road. The width of an SUV (and probably other vehicles) is about 1.5 metres. My observation, and I've made many, is that two vehicles going in opposite directions cannot safely pass in these circumstances, one has to give way. Of course this is not unusual on many streets but the safety concern here is the proximity of this situation to the intersection itself; I can assure you that many vehicles do not travel at 30Kmh^{-1} along Gambia St. There has already been an accident where a car coming off Grants Rd hit one of the cars parked outside number 4.
From the upstairs window, I have observed this intersection at busy times and it can be quite chaotic.
In summary here, there are at least two issues here:
 - a) The general safety of this intersection for the public.
 - b) The safety for those of us trying to exit the driveway at number 6 and of course, this could also have consequences for the public.

5. I realise that feedback to the council on this issue was polarised. That comes as no surprise.
6. I would point out that the three flats at number 4 all have garages.
7. People parking outside number 4 (not just the tenants) have a very good view of the intersection while obstructing the view of those trying to exit number 6.
8. The landlord of number 4, with whom I have a good relationship, feels he must protect his tenants. However, I would point out that he does not live with the consequences of his tenants (and others), at times, illegal parking and also the problems his tenants parking has on the safety of the intersection.
9. I have tried Snap Send and Solve in an attempt to bring these matters to the attention of the City Council but was unhappy with the responses I received. I think I was told in one response that I could go and talk to the tenants of number 4 when they parked illegally. That ignores the fact that it is not just the tenants that park illegally and I am not going to go next door every time someone parks illegally! Also I think one response indicated that cars on Gambia St only go at 30 Kmh⁻¹. If that was true, which it's not, how does that make an accident acceptable?



10. This photograph illustrates how close to the 6 Gambia driveway cars sometimes park.
11. This intersection is not likely to get any safer given that there are more apartments being built in the area, including Gambia St, which will lead to more traffic and more on-street parking.

