

Kōrero mai | Let's talk

Broadpark Road extending overnight parking restrictions

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Response No:
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Contribution ID: 40543

Q2 Name of organisation/business

Short Text New Zealand Motor Caravan Association

Q4 Full name

Short Text James Imlach

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text

See attachment on next page.

Rice, Amy

From: James Imlach <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, 7 November 2025 1:40 pm
To: Rice, Amy
Cc: Chairperson NZMCA Canterbury
Subject: NZMCA feedback to CCC - Broadpark Road freedom camping restrictions

Kia ora Amy,

<https://letstalk.ccc.govt.nz/broadpark-road>

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the proposal to further restrict freedom camping along Broadpark Road, New Brighton. Although a small number of carparks will remain available for responsible freedom camping, we have some reservations regarding the process and legal basis for the proposal.

The NZMCA represents over 121,000 New Zealanders who enjoy travelling the country at leisure in their certified self-contained motorhomes and caravans. Our members are typically hybrid campers who love staying at commercial campgrounds, private campsites, and freedom camping areas. A 2025 survey of over 1,000 members found that 19% prefer freedom camping over all other forms of camping accommodation, and 52% consider freedom camping as part of their overall journey.

A copy of the NZMCA's general position on freedom camping can be found here - <https://www.nzmca.org.nz/freedom-camping-position-statement>.

Land Transport Act 1998

The Council is using its Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 (T&P Bylaw), made under the Land Transport Act 1998, to address noise-related issues by introducing further restrictions on freedom camping. Could you please clarify:

- Which specific provisions of the T&P Bylaw and the Land Transport Act the Council is relying on that enables it to lawfully restrict freedom camping on this site?
- Why the Council is not amending its Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 (FCA Bylaw) instead, given the nature of the activity being regulated?

Based on the information provided so far, we are concerned that the current approach circumvents the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (FCA). The proposal was not reviewed or approved by the Council's Legal Services Unit, and it does not appear to have properly considered the Council's FCA Bylaw nor the High Court's decision in NZMCA v QLDC (2024), where the Court found that QLDC had considered irrelevant matters and failed to comply with the FCA when introducing restrictions in urban areas.

Stakeholder consultation and evidence

We are surprised that NZMCA was not consulted during the trial period, despite being a regular contributor to previous bylaw proposals and key stakeholder in freedom camping policy. While we do not dispute concerns raised by some residents, it is unclear whether the Council also gathered objective evidence beyond survey responses to verify that the level of noise or amenity impact justifies the proposal. For example:

- Has the Council or Community Board conducted any independent noise assessments or amenity impact studies?
- Why are the T&P Bylaw and Land Transport Act the right mechanisms to address noise-related concerns, which may be more appropriately managed under other frameworks?

Please note, our reservation is not with residents raising issues, but with the Council's process and its apparent tendency to sidestep the requirements of the FCA. We have previously raised concerns about the Council's use of

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temporary restriction provisions in its FCA bylaw to effectively prohibit freedom camping on a long-term basis, without undertaking a formal review or public consultation as required under the FCA. This sort of practice risks undermining the intent of the FCA, which is designed to ensure that any restrictions are proportionate, justified, and subject to transparent public engagement. It also threatens to erode the rights of responsible NZ campers too.

Happy to discuss these matters further. Our interest is ensuring Council decisions respect both community concerns and the rights of responsible NZ families who are ratepayers, taxpayers, and now pay a levy fee to enjoy freedom camping across the country.

Ngā mihi | Kind regards

James Imlach

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Rice, Amy

From: James Imlach <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 8 December 2025 3:46 pm
To: Rice, Amy
Subject: RE: NZMCA feedback to CCC - Broadpark Road freedom camping restrictions

Kia ora Amy,

Sorry for the delay, we have only just (this afternoon) received further guidance.

In short, we have some concerns that using the Land Transport Act 1998 in this way to effectively regulate freedom camping could be deemed unlawful. It also sets a precedent that could undermine the Freedom Camping Act 2011. Parliament's clear expectation is that bylaws made for the purposes of managing freedom camping should be made under the FCA.

We are also surprised that no objective evidence appears to have been gathered to justify a ban that applies to all vehicle types. Data on at least the scale of the issue and the types of vehicles involved would help to ensure any response is proportionate and targeted.

Ngaa mihi,
James

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Q4 Full name

Short Text Ambre Barrère

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice No

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice No

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice No

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text Since the camper produces very little noise, I believe that drivers of cars with modified exhausts, who accelerate loudly in the street, generate far more disturbance than a vehicle that is only parked there overnight.

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text

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Contribution ID: 39984

Q4 Full name

Short Text Ben Liebing

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text Noise at night

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice No

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text This close to residential houses overnight parking should not be allowed. The campers should go to the available campgrounds and support the local economy

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text

Q4 Full name

Short Text Jane Taurima

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text I support extending the overnight parking restrictions. Currently, overnight camping is causing several issues, including increased noise and significant wear and tear on the public toilets and wash basins, which are being used by campers to wash clothing.

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text Restricting overnight parking would also help free up car parks for local residents and visitors who want to enjoy the area. It's extremely frustrating when all available spaces are taken up by camper vans.

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text I support extending the overnight parking restrictions. Currently, overnight camping is causing several issues, including increased noise and significant wear and tear on the public toilets and wash basins, which are being used by campers to wash clothing.

Restricting overnight parking would also help free up car parks for local residents and visitors who want to enjoy the area. It's extremely frustrating when all available spaces are taken up by camper vans.

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text I would also like to understand why the council does not enforce the use of local campgrounds for overnight campers. Directing camper vans to appropriate facilities would generate revenue for the local community and reduce pressure on public infrastructure.

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Q4 Full name

Short Text Ariel Waldron

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice No

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice No

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text There are few freedom camping or camping sites in the area, and this area is out of the way and near bathroom facilities.

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text

Q4 Full name

Short Text Neil Farrall

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text Overnight parking by freedom campers using the street as a camp ground is creating noise at random times all through the night, increased rubbish blowing down the street, reducing access to the beach for ChCh residents due to the reduced number of car parks available, and increased traffic through the street. The current 20 parks with overnight parking restrictions has improved the situation at the south end of the street but has increased the problem at the north end.

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text Noise at any time through the night is the largest problem, campers often arrive and set up camp in the early hours or go to bed late at night slamming doors in the process. Rubbish often blows down the street from the area that still allows overnight camping. We are sick of seeing half naked people getting dressed in the morning, not appearing to care that this is a city street and not caring that there are young children playing in the park.

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text This street is not suitable to be a promoted freedom camping camp site, it is a narrow street close to houses, parking spaces for ChCh residents visiting the beach are in short supply during summer months, and I don't think having a number of "blacked out" vans parked up next to a children's playground is a safe for our children.

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text I would like to see the whole street banned for overnight camping, as stated above the street is not suitable for this activity. Last summer many not legal freedom campers would arrive after the councils enforcement officer had been around, then leave before he came again in the morning, showing that they are happy to break the rules if they can get away with it. So whatever changes the council make will need enforcement to educate campers to go somewhere else.

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Contribution ID: 39583

Q4 Full name

Short Text Gary Pollock

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice

No

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text The ban in the middle of Broadpark Road has been good, but haven't seen any problems arising from having people stay overnight further along. Happy to have it stay with the status quo.

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text

Response No:
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Contribution ID: 39577

Q4 Full name

Short Text Alisha Lockie

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text Freedom camping impacts parking for those wanting to enjoy the cafe, park and beach. Rubbish is an issue and cooking meals etc in neighbouring parks.

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text My nana lives across the rd from the park, during peak times it's frustrating not being able to get a park because people have their table and chairs set up.

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text

Response No:
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Contribution ID: 39576

Q4 Full name

Short Text Jo Emson

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text The behaviour of the people using the vans. Leaving of litter and obstructing access on road and park.

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice No

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text I believe the whole area should be no Campavan parking as it has residential housing very close and also taking up parking for people taking children to the flying fox and park. The sound of van doors opening and closing is super noisy. Also Broad park runs takes place there early during the weekend and the Campavans take up valuable parking spaces.

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text

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Contribution ID: 39571

Q4 Full name

Short Text Jo Zervos

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text I am a member of the Waimairi Surf Club and help volunteer at Parkrun on Saturday mornings, so have had parking impacted often. Events start quite early and often it feels very intrusive and disruptive for both campers and car park users. We need car parking for all recreational activities along our coastal areas. Parkrun consistently attracts over 140 runners every Saturday.

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text I support the extension as I have heard a lot of feedback from other regular car park users and neighbouring property questioning why it was only limited to a certain amount of car parks, they all would like the ban scope extended.

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text

Q4 Full name

Short Text DONNA STEWART

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text IT'S CURRENTLY NOT MONITORED. THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE ONE CAMPER VAN HAS PARKED OVER 3 CARPARKS (HORIZONTALLY), TAKEN UP EXCESSIVE SPACE & IS STILL THERE AT LUNCH TIME (11.30AM)

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice No

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice No

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text AS ABOVE. PEOPLE TAKE TOO MANY LIBERTIES AND I BELIEVE IT WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE BEACH HOUSE CAFE IF PEOPLE CAN'T GET A PARK CLOSE BY & THE FAMILIES ENJOYMENT OF BROADPARK ITSELF - IT HAS BECOME INCREDIBLY POPULAR WHICH IS GREAT FOR THE AREA AS A WHOLE

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text NO

Q4 Full name

Short Text Chris Patalano

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice

No

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text

I think it's great that people come to this area on holiday. I think restricting parking is short sited, we have the facilities there so it should be ok to use them. I find it laughable that someone on the front complained about freedom campers and noise and that the restrictions were put on outside their house. They are 2 different issues, if campers are allowed perhaps there should be signage about noise.

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text

Campers bring money into the area, I'll be interested if the council will patrol the area and enforce green freedom camper standards?

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Q4 Full name

Short Text Annette Clayton

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text Too close to residential homes.

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice No

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text Too close to residential homes and children's playground. Popular recreational area for the local community and wider Christchurch - parking needed for the beach, Pegasus Walkway, playground and cafe. If parking is restricted for half of Broad Park Road, why not for the remainder?

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text

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Contribution ID: 39530

Q4 Full name

Short Text Paul Millican

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice No

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text

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Q4 Full name

Short Text Noel Stewart

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text They are likely to disturb the residential neighbours

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice No

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text The trial appears to have been successful and more of the immediate neighbours deserve consideration.

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text No.

Q4 Full name

Short Text Roger Eade

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text I believe it will increase, crime and the dumping of rubbish.

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice No

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text There are not the facilities in place to do this.

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text The need to take note of the wants of local rate payers, not their political masters.

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Contribution ID: 39521

Q4 Full name

Short Text Bruce Emson

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text overnight parking results in noise, rubbish and hygiene issues the local residents and wider community do not need or want

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text increased litter/rubbish.
Children using the playground being exposed to campers activities including ablutions.
noise affecting the residents

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text see above

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text a complete ban on overnight parking in this street .. its residential for goodness sake

Q4 Full name

Short Text Mairead Neville

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text Rubbish left behind by campers

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text Increased rubbish

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text The behaviour of overnight campers is not respectful to local residents or families using Broadpark playground. I have found rubbish such as dog ppo, old shoes, opened sharp food tins, a sharp knife, empty alcohol cans

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text The proximity of the playground

Q4 Full name

Short Text Ann Farrall

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text We live opposite the already banned car parks. Although we have experienced a decline in campers, we have noticed the number parking now is increasing. The area that is at present marked as no parking there are still the odd one that camps there and with the demand getting ready for this season it will become worse, I am sure.

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text We still have the odd camper parking in the marked car parks. When the demand gets heavier, I am sure that they will slowly encroach on the no parking area.

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice Yes

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text I feel that the whole street be banned. So, any extra parking spots being added to the list already added to it would be good.
This would mean there would be no camping on the street. If it was made a no camping area completely there would be no confusion. It would also mean if the cafe wanted to have a late-night events the customers can park on the street with no issues or concerns about being fined.

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text With the summer coming towards us it would be nice to see the park being back to be a family area again. Life at the beach is starting to be a joy again. As news gets out that the campers are having to park in different area's we have noticed that the life of the park is returning to what it used to be. Families are returning to the park and beach.

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Q4 Full name

Short Text Peta Oloughlin

Q8 Do you have any concerns about overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q9 Tell us more about your concerns

Long Text Definitely does not need to be extended, if anything stop all overnight parking.

Q10 Are you experiencing any impacts from overnight parking on Broadpark Road?

Multi Choice Yes

Q11 Tell us more about the impacts you are experiencing

Long Text Noise, rubbish left all around the park area

Q12 Do you support extending the overnight parking restrictions for angle carparks all the way to Larnach Street?

Multi Choice No

Q13 Tell us more about why you do or don't support an extension

Long Text Definitely not

Q14 Is there anything else the Community Board needs to consider?

Long Text