

Statement of Proposal

Roading Bylaw 2020

Introduction

The Central Otago District Council (Council) is seeking feedback on proposed changes to its Rooding Bylaw and wants to hear your views. Having a safe, efficient and fully accessible transportation network is important to road users and supports the economic well-being of communities. The Council administers both a Rooding Policy and a Rooding Bylaw to achieve this aim and respond to any issues which may arise.

Reason for proposal

Council's current Rooding Bylaw was adopted in 2015 and is now due for review as per section 158 of the Local Government Act 2002. The proposal provides the community with an opportunity to provide informed feedback on the draft Rooding Bylaw 2020. The bylaw aims to allow activities to take place while addressing public safety concerns and the relevant legal requirements. As it is often difficult to find a good balance we want to check and see if we've got it right.

Proposal

Council is proposing to largely continue the provisions of the current bylaw subject to several small amendments which respond to community requests and implement current best practice. Having a bylaw in place allows the Council to respond to issues as they arise and provides for aspects of the Rooding Policy to be actively enforced.

The proposed changes are detailed in the table below.

Proposal	Reasons for proposal
<p>To extend parking restrictions in Alexandra, Clyde and Cromwell.</p>	<p>Schedule 1 of the Rooding Bylaw outlines the locations of parking restrictions in the district. The review of the Rooding Bylaw considered whether the current restrictions were effective and how they might be refined. Part of this involved consideration of a series of requests from local businesses and discussions with community boards on how parking restrictions might be improved.</p> <p>Community boards were largely happy with how the existing restrictions were working and recommended the following additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Alexandra</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dunorling Street: P120 – two parks beside Feron Motor Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues have arisen with vehicles parking here all day reducing the availability of customer parking. ○ Tarbert Street: Accessibility park - beside Tarbert Street Dental Surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This area currently has P120 restrictions in place however parks are often full. This can create difficulty when locating a park for visitors to the dental surgery who have accessibility requirements. • <u>Clyde</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lodge Lane: P120 for full length of the road

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holloway Street: P120 from Naylor Street to the Eade Gallery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a high demand for short term parking in the historic precinct. Extending parking restrictions onto Lodge Lane and a section of Holloway Street would encourage workers to park further away and improve customer accessibility to the businesses in the precinct. • <u>Cromwell</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Murray Terrace: P120 – two parks beside Edinburgh Realty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues have arisen with vehicles parking here all day reducing the availability of customer parking. <p>The anticipated benefits of these changes include improving parking availability near businesses for visitors and customers, addressing long-term parking issues that have been raised by the community and improving accessibility. The changes also recognise the growth in Central Otago over the past 5 years, both in terms of population and visitor numbers.</p>
<p>To remove provisions relating to alfresco dining, mobile activities and advertising from the Roding Bylaw.</p>	<p>Part 2 of the current bylaw contains provisions which deal with trading activities around roads. As a part of the Council’s trading in public places review, which is currently underway, it is proposed that these provisions be combined with the relevant provisions in the General Bylaw 2008 to form a consolidated trading in public places bylaw. This will allow the rules around public trading to be considered as a whole and would form a single trading in public places bylaw.</p> <p>The proposed Roding Bylaw 2020 leaves Part 2 of the Roding Bylaw 2015 in force. This is in order to allow time for the trading in public places review to occur, at which time, the Trading in Public Places Bylaw would repeal Part 2 of the 2015 Bylaw.</p>
<p>To continue all other provisions of the Roding Bylaw 2015.</p>	<p>A review of the other parts of the Roding Bylaw 2015 found that they continue to be fit for purpose and require no substantive change. Only minor wording and formatting changes have been made these parts of the bylaw in order to make the document more user friendly and comply with modern legislative drafting conventions.</p> <p>The review considered whether a more restrictive or permissive bylaw could be needed as opposed to the proposed Roding Bylaw 2020. However, the experience of the past five years under the current bylaw revealed that the current rules work well the majority of the time in achieving the goals of the Roding Policy and providing a safe and accessible roading network. The Council considers that only the minor changes described above are necessary to improve administration of the roading network and continue to support the aims of the Roding Policy and the needs of residents and visitors to the district.</p>

Have your say

Submissions on the proposed Roding Bylaw 2020 are welcome from any person or organisation who wishes to give feedback. Submissions close at 5pm on 30 September.

How to make a submission

Any person or organisation has a right to be heard in regard to this proposal and the Council encourages everyone with an interest to do so.

Interested parties wishing to submit on the proposed policy can do so following the link at www.codc.govt.nz

Following the closing of submissions, the Council will then convene a hearing (as necessary), which it intends to hold on 18 November 2020. Please indicate in your submission whether you wish to speak at the hearing.

The Council will permit parties to make oral submissions (without prior written material) or to make a late submission, only where it considers that special circumstances apply.

Every submission made to the Council will be acknowledged in accordance with the Local Government Act and be made publicly available.

Inspection of documents and obtaining copies

Copies of this Statement of Proposal and the Roding Bylaw 2020 may be inspected, and a copy obtained, at no cost, from:

- Any of the Central Otago District Council offices and service centres; or
- Any Central Otago District Council library; or
- The Central Otago District Council website – www.codc.govt.nz

Consultation timetable

The following dates represent the key times in the consultation programme:

- 26 August – The Council resolves to undertake public consultation regarding the Proposal
- 30 September - Submissions close
- 18 November - Submissions considered by the Council. The Council may choose to adopt the bylaw if submissions can be dealt with on the day; or
- 9 December – The Council considers amendments made following submissions being heard and decides whether to adopt the proposed bylaw.
- 11 December - Public notice of final decision

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Proposed Roding Bylaw 2020

Appendix 2 - Summary Statement of Proposal