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Temporary Business Accommodation Takes Shape in Rangiora

The Waimakariri District Council says there is continuing progress with the construction of temporary business accommodation in Rangiora. The accommodation is for local business displaced by building closures.

The construction of the shops, which will take approximately eight weeks to complete, has resulted in a number of roading and parking changes implemented to accommodate the work.

High Street, east of Durham Street, is currently one way due to construction on Rangiora Council's front lawn. Parking outside the Take Note Rangiora Post Office has been re-angled to suit the flow of the traffic on High Street travelling east of Durham Street.

Foundations are currently being laid for the temporary shops and it is likely it will be approximately four weeks from now before business owners can take possession. Services will then need to be connected and fit-outs undertaken before the shops can open.

Waimakariri District Mayor David Ayers says the aim of the Council is to ensure foot traffic is maintained to businesses in High Street. "It is important for Rangiora and also Kaiapoi that their business hearts remain as strong as they can be."

"We know that further building assessments could mean there is more need for temporary business accommodation in the two towns and we are keeping a close eye on these developments. The main motivation of all parties is the safety of the public and staff. I am

confident that once we have got through all of this, we will have better town centres."

On Monday 23 April 2012, work will begin to develop an additional temporary shop on Durham Street. During construction, Durham Street, from the pedestrian narrowing point, will be one way only heading south and there will be no left turn onto Durham from High Street.

Traffic travelling south on Durham will be able to use the parking on the west side of Durham Street. This parking is usually for traffic travelling north on Durham Street, but the one way street rule will override this.

Council's Roading Manager Ken Stevenson says the one way street rule may be lifted post construction. "We hope to reopen the street to two way traffic once the temporary business accommodation is completed, although this is dependent on the specific location of the temporary shop on the east side of Durham Street. In turn, the shop's exact location is dependent on the accessibility of services in this area."

Attachments:

*Photo - Temporary business accommodation progress
Temporary accommodation site map*

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