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I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Tuesday 7 June and Friday 10 June 2005.

(1) Ever since the City Council has taken over Cranford Street from Transit N.Z. the intervals between the grass mowing and tidying of verges has gone from every two and a half weeks to four or five weeks. this is not a good look for our city only two and a half miles from the Square and a main thoroughfare from the Main North Road.

(2) As I have brought up in the past at Draft plan hearings, there is no footpath for pedestrians down Cranford Street. Both Carol Anderton and Ron Wright said they would look into it, but said that Transit N.Z. controlled the road so Council reneged on its obligations. Now that Council controls Cranford Street there should be no arguments and the Council must provide a footpath as it is their duty "to provide sealed footpath networks and pedestrian areas that are safe, comfortable, convenient, and clean".

(3) The Council's gross waste of money over the years, with narrowing down entrance ways to streets and causing bottlenecks when traffic is increasing greatly all the time, surely traffic should flow! McFaddens Road is a case in point, people park their boats, cars, trailers by these islands thus leaving no room for trucks and trailers. This should be looked at!

(4) Another traffic problem in our area is the drive out from Placemakers onto Cranford Street, 500 plus cars on any one day, our access road to our property is right next door and great difficulty in gaining access a lot of the time.

(5) We, in Cranford Street, are not allowed to cut up our property into 10 acre blocks as it is a "limited access road". Yet down Marshlands Road they can cut into 2 acre blocks - is it allowed that rural land be used as car yards, scaffolding yards, and theme parks? because that is what these blocks are being used for in Marshlands Road.

(6) The Council has re-zoned land for housing well out of the city making a big impact on traffic with those people travelling in to town each day, surely housing closer to the city would make more sense!

(7) Native bushes growing in drains should be cut down to let water flow. The

Council intends to rely more on open waterways including ponding areas for managing stormwater in the future. Does the Council intend to buy the land? because the rationale for providing these services is waterways and land drainage to protect people and property from flooding. You can not think that on one hand it is Council obligation to protect property from flooding and then flood over property owners for the benefit of the council. let me remind you most of this city was a swamp, and it has been filled and drained as the development of our city has grown.

- (8) Vodafone cellphone Towers: Is the Council sure when allowing these cellphone towers to be built on roadsides that it does not cause health problems for the city's residents? There are people, some councillors, who have died believing that there is a strong possibility that the radio waves transmitted from towers like this one and also radio transmission towers were to blame. It has been backed up by people overseas. Don't take Vodafone's word that they are safe as we do not know! Does this leave the council in a liable position if health problems do occur? Surely under the R.M.A the property owners should have been notified not just been told they met all the conditions.
- (9) As I have stated in the past the council have some big ticket items to address - mainly the sewer, pipeline outlet, and roading infrastructure of our city. You do your budgets, costings and then expect the job to be the same price in 5 yrs time. If the job is to be done do it at the time of costings. otherwise it just spirals out of control and get to be put off, there are many examples of this around our city.
- (10) The new Air Plan, A big concern for growers on the Urban Boundary. These are the main points I would like to discuss with you in more depth. when I come into speak to you at the submissions of the 13/05/05 2006 Annual Draft Plan.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Regards

Michael Case.