

## 7. BUS SHELTER AT 402 FERRY ROAD

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The purpose of this report is to provide background to the erection of a replacement bus shelter in front of Flat 1, 402 Ferry Road, and to achieve a resolution as to the style of shelter at this bus stop.

### BACKGROUND

Mr Brian Fairbrass, owner of Flat 2, 402 Ferry Road believes he has been adversely affected by the Council's decision to replace the Christchurch City Council bus shelter outside Flat 1, 402 Ferry Road with an Adshel bus shelter in September 2000.

Given the age and level of service provided of the Council bus shelter, and the high usage of this bus stop, it was decided to upgrade the facilities for passengers with the installation of an Adshel bus shelter. This is a process which is ongoing throughout the city.

Mr Fairbrass attended the 13 March 2001 meeting of the Bus Stops and Shelters Subcommittee to express his concerns regarding the replacement bus shelter. The Subcommittee resolved to request Adshel New Zealand Ltd, the owners of the bus shelter, to replace clear glass panels with tinted glass to reduce glare from the lit advertising panel. This was installed during the first week of April 2001.

After the Subcommittee resolution and subsequent action, Mr Fairbrass contacted the Office of the Ombudsmen to further his concerns. A legal opinion has been provided by David Rolls, Solicitor, Christchurch City Council and deals with the issues of consultation and the possibility of Mr Fairbrass being adversely affected unreasonably by the replacement bus shelter. This has been provided to the Office of the Ombudsmen.

The investigation of the Office of the Ombudsmen has been discontinued on the basis that there is an opportunity for Mr Fairbrass to appear again before a Council committee to permit him to explain his concerns about the new bus shelter. The Hagley / Ferrymead Community Board is the appropriate committee to deal with this matter.

In order to provide background information, the Rolls Legal opinion, Office of the Ombudsmen letter of February 2002, and a photo of the previous bus shelter has been circulated separately to Board members.

### OPTIONS

Not providing a bus shelter at this location is not considered an option due to the high usage of the bus stop and the importance of providing quality infrastructure for bus passengers. Therefore it is believed that the options available are as follows:

- 1) Remove the Adshel bus shelter and replace with a Council bus shelter. This would involve the removal and relocation to another site of the Adshel bus shelter, and the installation of a Council shelter. This shelter would not be lit and have no advertising panels.
- 2) The Council request Adshel to continue to investigate options regarding the stronger tinting of the back glass panels to reduce glare from the lit advertising panels.
- 3) That the Adshel bus shelter remains.

**Recommendation:**

1. That the Community Board hear the concerns of Mr Fairbrass.
2. That options 2 and 3 be adopted.

The Works and Traffic Committee met on Tuesday 30 April to discuss this issue. The Chairman of the Committee will provide a report to the Board.

### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** For discussion.