

## 1. PETITIONS

### 1.1 TRAFFIC SAFETY AT T INTERSECTION OF PALMERS AND NEW BRIGHTON ROADS

A petition was received from the Palmers Road Neighbourhood Watch Support Group, the prayer of which read as follows:

*“I am writing on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch Group of 173-192 Palmers Road, North Beach, Christchurch due to our concerns about the above mentioned T intersection.*

*There are some issues about this intersection that our neighbourhood support group are concerned about. We would like to submit these concerns to you for consideration.*

*Firstly, we would like to point out that the speed of the traffic heading along New Brighton Road and Palmers Road usually exceeds the legal limit, this seems to be encouraged, especially on Palmers Road as it is so straight and wide. Motorists travelling down New Brighton Road turning left into Palmers Road often cut the corner and drive onto the footpath. The footpath is quite narrow and leaves no room for vehicle traffic as well as foot traffic. Motorists tend to use Palmers Road as a short cut to and from the city hence higher traffic density. One of our longest residents has seen five accidents at the corner. Also, there is a blind spot on the corner when the sun is setting which creates a visual block for drivers heading towards Shirley.*

*We have concern at this because there are elderly people (group of flats at corner) and children living in this area. Grandchildren also visit during the holidays. Many of us are afraid that a tragedy will occur if something is not done to address these issues. We are mainly concerned by of the speed of the traffic and the amount of traffic travelling down New Brighton Road/Palmers Road and this may lead to a fatal accident if this problem is also not addressed.*

*Our group have come up with some possible solutions for discussion, they are listed as follows:*

- a median strip at the T intersection*
- hedge trimming on the west corner (where the traffic flows onto the footpath)*
- patrols to deter speeding traffic*
- a “Give Way” sign would cease confusion (about the give way rule) and clear turning traffic off New Brighton Road*

*Our neighbourhood watch group are happy to meet and discuss the above issues with the Council at a time convenient to those concerned.*

*All correspondence in relation to this matter may be sent to Mr Geoff Cox at 182 Palmers Road, North Beach, Christchurch. We look forward to your response.”*

There were 15 signatures to this petition. The Board **decided** that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Cox, and that the petition be forwarded to the Area Engineer for a report.

## 1.2 ROAD EDGING BEACH ROAD

A petition was received from residents in the vicinity of Beach Road, the prayer of which read as follows:

*“We, the residents of Beach Road, urgently request the City Council to address the maintenance and road edging along the boundary of the Waimairi Beach Golf Course at Beach Road. This is a well used bus route and the road edge is always needing repairs. It is time for the Council to address this matter.”*

There were 117 signatures to this petition. The Board **decided** to consider the petition under clause 4 of this report “Beach Road: Waimairi Beach Golf Course”.

## 1.3 NARROWING OF DALLINGTON TERRACE

A petition was received from Mr G T Caldwell, the prayer of which read as follows:

*“At the meeting of St Pauls School on 19 May 1998 re improvements to Dallington Terrace, it was stated that there were plans to narrow the end of Dallington Terrace at the approach to the bridge. The writer of this letter is of the opinion that this will make the present difficulties of this intersection worse. At present turning out of the terrace onto the bridge is difficult first because of the hill, second because the bridge rail obstructs one’s view. Any further obstructions would make conditions worse. Also, when coming the other way after crossing the bridge and turning left into Dallington Terrace obstructions by narrowing would make the turn very slow. Under normal circumstances this would not be too bad but because of the traffic lights most of the time you are followed closely by cars going straight ahead up Gayhurst Road, a lot of these are going at speed as they are trying to beat the lights before they change. It should be noted that the left turning indicator cannot be used until you are nearly onto the bridge nor can you keep to a left lane as in most other streets.*

*For the above reasons I wish to raise my objections to the narrowing of Dallington Terrace at this point and rather than take up a normal petition I include a list of the opinions of **all** the residents in the section of Dallington Terrace where I live.*

*As can be seen from the attached papers **all** 19 residents from 26-51 Dallington Terrace were approached with this letter and apart from Mrs Doyle who has gone off in a tangent with her comment, all other comments show that they all disapprove of the planned narrowing of Dallington Terrace at the bridge.”*

There were 24 signatures to this petition. The Board **decided** that the petition be considered under clause 5 of this report “Dallington Terrace”.