

6. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) FUTURE USE OF LAND OCCUPIED BY FORMER WORKS DEPOT

Ms Kate Kearns of the Spreydon Ratepayers' and Residents' Association and Mr Barry Corbett addressed the Committee in support of the petition presented to the June meeting of the Council requesting the Council to develop the remainder of the former Lyttelton Street works depot as part of Centennial Park.

Mr Corbett sought the retention of the area for passive recreation activities, a children's play area and barbecue/picnic facilities.

Ms Kearns expressed her concern that all relevant information was not before the Council when the decision to sell the land was made, particularly the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's views on this issue and its recommendation that the former works depot be retained for recreation purposes. Concern was also expressed regarding the lack of consultation with the local community regarding the proposal to sell the land especially in light of earlier requests from the residents' association for the land to be retained as public open space.

(b) HELICOPTER OPERATION

Mr Robin McCarthy of Aviation Activities Ltd addressed the Committee in support of his application to operate a helicopter from the Christchurch Pier. Mr McCarthy gave an assurance that the activity would not create a noise problem and suggested that concerns raised by the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board regarding the operation encroaching on other activities on the pier could be overcome by reducing the operating times. It was requested that a trial period be granted to test the suitability of this activity.