

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) Sign on Main North Road

Janelle Newman, aged 8, who had written to the Children's Advocate suggesting that a 'Keep Christchurch Beautiful' sign be located on the empty lot on the corner of Main North Road/Queen Elizabeth II Drive, attended to speak to this suggestion. Members commended her on her initiative and agreed to supply information regarding proposed beautification plantings to be carried out on the approaches to the city from the Waimakariri River.

The Board **decided** that a report be prepared for the September meeting with an outline of the issues involved in erecting a sign on the suggested site and that if the land was not Council owned, then another site be suggested.

(b) Car Parking – Veitches Road

Mr Frank Sisson addressed the Board, and requested off-road parking adjacent to 1 Veitches Road, as the changes carried out to the intersection in 1994/95 which were designed to slow traffic turning into the road, had prevented cars parking on the roadside outside seven properties. There is also a bus stop in the vicinity. He suggested that a T-intersection would be an improvement on the current treatment.

The Board **decided** that a traffic report be prepared for the September meeting to include all feasible options for the intersection.

(c) 'Think Fencing' Project

Peggy Kelly and Kerry Everingham addressed the Board on the subject of the impact of fencing in urban areas. The topic had been the subject of a seminar in April 1997 by the National Council of Women and Keep Christchurch Beautiful, and covered topics from security of property to aesthetics ('soulscapes').

A brochure asking people to think about the function of their fences was being produced. This would be a very visual production and would offer options in style and design, streetscape, living fences and rules and conditions. Information would be distributed via nurseries, Service Centres, residents' groups etc.

(d) Planting along Fencelines

Peggy Kelly and Daphne Banks spoke about planting along the bland fence lines of Transit New Zealand properties in Berwick Street from the roundabout at Forfar Street to the Mersey Street intersection. The group believed that the Christchurch City Council and Transit New Zealand should be working together to enhance the environment in this area.

A millennium project was envisaged where groups could work on a plan, either to alter fences to make them more interesting or landscape around them. An occasional seat could be provided and litter bins, with a low chain or fence to prevent children running onto the road. On the north side of the road a completely different group of plants could be provided.

The suggestion by the residents' association that some commemoration to the work of Muriel Soanes could be built into the project was generally approved and it was agreed that this would give the project a focus. Muriel had worked tirelessly in the area for years to prevent the development of the motorway.

The Board **decided** that an urgent meeting be held with Board members, staff and representatives of Transit New Zealand to ascertain the proposed plans for the land, previously held for motorway purposes.