

## CORRESPONDENCE

### 1. BUS STOP - 405-407 GREERS ROAD

The Mayor has received the following letter from Mrs Chrys Johnson, 405 Greers Road:

*“Thank you for your letter of 12 November inst. and I quite agree that the Orbiter bus service is a wonderful innovation for the Christchurch public.*

*While we appreciate the consideration that the Community Board and City Services Committee have given to our complaint re the bus stop at 405-407 Greers Road, we still feel a grave disquiet on several counts:*

- The residents in the Bygrave Place area were accommodated favourably in their refusal to have a bus stop in their area. Our problems have been maximised by the granting of their request and also by the favourable treatment of the Condell Avenue-Kilburn Street residents’ request for a bus stop nearer to them. The traffic problems in Eastling Street-Ardmore Place area are just as serious but despite a petition from these 60 residents their concerns have been largely ignored. We have had a bus stop thrust upon us. We ask why was this area not given a similar consideration.*
- Depending on their destinations, Orbiter passengers from Eastling Street will be gravely disadvantaged by having to cross at the Eastling Street-Greers Road intersection. This is extremely hazardous and at times almost impossible. We really fear for the elderly especially from Bishopdale Courts (as envisaged in the rationale). It is only 200 yards distance and 3-4 minutes walking time to the Harewood Road bus stop from the Eastling Street-Greers Road corner. Here, all could cross safely at the controlled lights. Surely this distance and time is infinitesimal in the interest of public safety which should be paramount.*
- While theoretically it may be legal to cover two adjoining driveways with a bus stop it shows an incredible lack of concern for residents’ convenience.*
- On a personal level we not only lose our street parking, but now after thirty years of residence are faced with a bus parking across our driveway seven days a week until late at night.*

*We are both in our mid-seventies and feel that we cope well with the increasing traffic hazards when we leave our property, but this bus stop is the final straw. It really is a “Deprivation of life’s pleasures”.*

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*The distress that the placement of the bus stops in this area has engendered is reflected in the "House for Sale" signs.*

*I write not only on our behalf, but also for Elizabeth Heiskel at 403 and the Fisher family at 407 Greers Road, in the hope that the Christchurch City Council after discussion might reconsider their decision of the placement of a bus stop at 405-407 Greers Road.*

*I would ask that this letter please be tabled at the relevant Council meeting on Thursday 16 December 1999."*