

2. PETITIONS

2.1 CASTLETOWN PLACE ALLEYWAY

A petition was received from residents of Castletown Place, the prayer of which read as follows:

“We would like to bring to your attention our increasing frustration with the repeated acts of vandalism and general nuisance being caused to Castletown Place by the alleyway between Palmers Road and Castletown Place.

We have had thefts from clotheslines, cars broken into, bottles broken, graffiti spray painted on fences, mail tampered with, letterboxes destroyed, fruit stolen from fruit trees, flowers and shrubs ripped out or destroyed, and all kinds of rubbish including used condoms left littering the street.

Labour weekend was the last straw with nearly every house having eggs thrown at them. Dozens of egg cartons and shells littered the street and two older women living on their own were terrified at the sounds of eggs being thrown at their houses. The weekend before it was water bombs.

Most of this happens at night and especially on weekend nights. We believe it is people using this alleyway to get home from bars and pubs in the area. It is also caused by school children using Castletown Street as their route home.

The alleyway itself is disgusting in spite of council cleaning. It is used as a dog’s toilet and is covered in graffiti. We would like to see it closed off as we feel it is not necessary, as Palmers Road provides a safer access to Bower Avenue.

We thank you for your time in considering our proposal and we know you will agree that closing off this alleyway is the best solution to the problem.”

There were 15 signatures to this petition. The Board **decided** to consider the petition under clause 5 of this report “Castletown Place Alleyway”.

2.2 SALTAIRE STREET

A petition was received from Graham Annison, the prayer of which read as follows:

“We the undersigned being residents of Saltaire Street, North New Brighton, request the Christchurch City Council to consider road closure of Saltaire Street at the Marriotts Road end.

We wish Saltaire Street to be closed and formed as a cul-de-sac with a pedestrian cycleway access into Marriotts Road for the following reasons:

1. *That Saltaire Street is continually being used as a shortcut from Bower Avenue to Marriotts Road and Marriotts Road to Bower Avenue.*
2. *That the intersection at Marriotts Road is dangerous to pedestrians and motorists because it is bad alignment with Tedder Avenue.*
3. *The speed of traffic using the road as a shortcut is excessive.”*

There were 16 signatures to this petition. The Board **decided** to consider the petition under clause 6 of this report “Saltaire Street”.