

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) Nut/Fruit Trees on Christchurch Parks

Councillor Barbara Stewart attended to explain the proposal from the Council's 'Creativity Team' to plant edible fruit and nut trees on some of the city's parks, to enable local residents to pick and use the produce. (Refer clause 6 of this report.)

(b) Zoning Change in St Albans Area

Douceline Wardle and Andy Lechte, representing the St Albans Rezoning Action Group, spoke to the Board about the change of zoning from L2 to L3 of the area of St Albans bounded by Bealey Avenue, Springfield Road, Geraldine Street and Edgeware Road. The residents asked the Board to support their request for a variation to the City Plan to return the zoning to L2 until such time as consultation had taken place; that the St Albans Neighbourhood Improvement Plan be reactivated; and that Board members attend a combined meeting of residents, SARA and the Canterbury Property Investors' Association to discuss developments in the area.

Residents were concerned about the lack of notification and the lack of consultation before the zoning change was approved. Residents were keen to retain the character of the area and were not happy with the 'blanket' zoning for high density housing. They also had concerns about the 'sausage' shape of existing developments; suggesting that larger sections with allowance for communal spaces, enhancement of the St Albans stream and development of walkways would make for a greatly improved living environment.

The Chairperson thanked Douceline and Andy for their presentation.

The Board **decided:**

1. That a report on ways to progress the St Albans Neighbourhood Improvement Plan be sought for the August meeting.
2. That a date be set to meet with the residents and developers.

(c) Clearbrook Street

On behalf of the Shirley Residents Association, Ralph Ross and Ross Ferguson spoke about their application to the Environment Court in relation to the decision to zone the land in the vicinity of Clearbrook Street for residential development. Their concerns related to potential flooding that would affect surrounding residential streets.

The Board **decided** that the Shirley Board members meet with the Shirley Residents Association and relevant staff to look at the residents' concerns and a report be made back to a future meeting of the Board.