

5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

5.1 PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND - NEW BRIGHTON ROAD

Lianne Dalziel and Mrs Johnson were in attendance to request Board approval for the installation of a pedestrian refuge island in New Brighton Road close to its intersection with Barkers Road. Ms Dalziel outlined that Mrs Johnson, a resident of the Kate Sheppard Retirement Village, had undertaken considerable effort in organising a petition to the Board and that the request would make life easier for the residents of the Village. The elderly persons in the Kate Sheppard Retirement Village were heavily reliant on the bus services, however had problems negotiating New Brighton Road. Ms Dalziel asked that the Board give the petition and the request favourable consideration.

5.2 NEW CUL-DE-SAC ROAD NAMES OFF BROOKER AVENUE

Mr David Fox, Fox and Associates Ltd, was in attendance to request Board consideration for either of two names submitted for a new cul-de-sac off Brooker Avenue. Mr Fox was speaking in relation to a decision from the 3 May 1999 Board meeting, which asked the developers to consider more appropriate names for the cul-de-sac. Mr Fox explained that he was a surveyor who had dealt with subdivisions and road names over a number of years. He outlined the extensive process that had to be undertaken whenever a road was named in a subdivision and noted that it was difficult to come up with names that fitted the criteria of various bodies, such as the Council, emergency services, the postal service and map designers. Mr Fox believed that the two names submitted, being De Blar Way and Azure Place, did have significance to the area. De Blar Way had historical significance to the Blair family who were the developers of the subdivision. Mr Fox finally explained that the Blair family would consider Maori names in future subdivisions, however due to time constraints requested that the Board accept one of the names submitted in this instance. The Board decided to consider Mr Fox's request under Correspondence (item 21) in this report.

5.3 PROPOSED ROAD THROUGH NEW BRIGHTON MALL

Brian Hill, representing the New Brighton Residents' Association, was in attendance to express concerns of the Association over the proposed road through New Brighton Mall. Mr Hill felt that it was unfortunate that consideration of the road through New Brighton Mall had got as far as it had without professional research. He believed that the attachments to the report in the agenda on New Brighton Mall were Mainstreet propaganda, and that they did not give any concrete evidence of roads through Malls being of great benefit. Mr Hill also expressed the concerns over the newly reformed New Brighton Steering Committee and the coercion of retailers into supporting the road through the Mall.

Mr Hill stressed that it would be important for the Board to monitor the tactics being used to gain support for the road. Finally, Mr Hill requested that the Board commission a plan to give a balanced view of the Mall, which would include a proposal with a road and one without, to allow people to make an informed and balanced decision about what is needed in New Brighton Mall.