

## **5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT**

### **5.1 SURPLUS ROADING LAND AT BALLANCE STREET**

**Luisa Shannahan**, was in attendance to outline her concerns over the processes undertaken by the Board at its last meeting to request Council approval for the retention of surplus roading land at 4 Ballance Street. Ms Shannahan believed that Gail Sheriff had acted improperly as she had a conflict of interest over the issue. Ms Shannahan believed that the situation was quite simple in that the Christchurch City Council had wanted to sell a piece of land outside her house and she had decided to buy it and develop it. Ms Shannahan noted that the four neighbours closest to her, and most affected by any development of the land, had given their permission for the sale to take place. Ms Shannahan also advised that the piece of land to be disposed of had been contoured to the shape of the road to enhance the aesthetics of the area, and that any designs and plantings would be carried out by a landscape architect. In addition, Ms Shannahan noted that the trees and shrubs, which were currently planted in front of the surplus roading land, would hide a fence from view when looking into Ballance Street from Aston Drive.

**Carole Evans**, was in attendance representing Gail Sheriff, and noted that it was important to remember that Gail Sheriff was a resident of Ballance Street and had a democratic right to object to the proposed disposal of land. Mrs Evans noted that Gail Sheriff belonged to the Garden City Trust and had a consistent view on the importance of streetscape in small streets. Mrs Evans added that the land that had already been disposed of across the street looked unattractive and this accentuated the need to keep the street open. Mrs Evans believed that the issue came down to the “Garden City” image and that the fencing of this piece of land would not enhance the streetscape of Ballance Street. Mrs Evans concluded by stating that Gail Sheriff did not vote at the 1 February 1999 Board meeting on this matter and that she did not have a pecuniary interest so could speak to the item.