

3. PETITIONS

3.1 PANNELL AVENUE UNDERGROUNDING

A petition was received from Kevin Taylor and Nessie Bellam, the prayer of which read as follows:

“You may have seen that the Council is planning to kerb and channel the street shortly. We have been in touch with the Council to ask if they are to underground the power lines at the same time, but they are not going to as they say the money is not available.

This does not make sense to us, as the road is to be reconstructed, and the present trees ripped out and replaced. Surely the best time to underground power lines is when such major work is undertaken.

We ask that you fill in and return the portion at the bottom of this letter to us at 33 Pannell Avenue, and we will pass the forms to the Council, along with a covering letter which will point out:

- *That the opportune time to underground power lines is when the road is being reconstructed.*
- *That the new trees going in it makes sense to get rid of the present power poles.*
- *And questioning the Council’s policy in regard to undergrounding (they actually control it, not the network company Orion), including how they select what streets get undergrounding work, and why Pannell Avenue was not considered.*

According to the Council, it reconstructs about 10-12 km of road per year. Undergrounding costs about \$400,000 per kilometre. In a recent reply to a letter to the editor in The Press the Council said that as part of its 1999 Annual Plan consultation process it wanted comments from residents on the preferred level of funding for undergrounding. Lets give them our comments.”

There were 31 signatures to this petition. The Board **decided** that the petition be considered in conjunction with item 12 of this report.

3.2 TOMRICH STREET - SPEED RESTRAINTS

A petition was received from residents in the vicinity of Tomrich Street, the prayer of which read as follows:

“Request: We are asking the Council to classify this stretch of street to have judder bars installed to slow down the traffic that readily speeds in this location endangering lives.”

There were 64 signatures to this petition. The Board decided to request the Area Engineer to report to it on the viability of speed restraints in Tomrich Street.

3.3 PEDESTRIAN MALL IN NEW BRIGHTON

A petition was received from Monica Johnston supporting the continued prohibition of vehicles in the New Brighton Mall.

The Board **received** the petition.