

8. RESIDENTS GROUPS BY APPOINTMENT

8.1 Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage (Inc) and Richmond Village businesses

A deputation of Mr Graeme Reddell and Mr Dennis Rich representing the Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage (Inc) and businesses in the Richmond Village area waited upon the Board to express concerns over a non-notified Consent for a development at 331 Stanmore Road, which involved the conversion of the former ANZ Bank building into a Tuskers Bar and restaurant. Redevelopment work appears already to have begun. Businesses in the Richmond Village area believe that this restaurant will serve some 2,000 meals a week and that this business represents a significant increase in motor traffic in the area and in carparking requirements.

In the present plans only 17 carparking spaces are provided for. Other parking will take place outside other shops in the area, including outside other bars and takeaway shops. The concern was expressed that restaurant patrons need parking for a longer period than other retail shop customers.

Concern was expressed by the deputation that there will be a real parking problem as the demand for parking spaces will be great. Access problems to the parking spaces available for this development were also foreseen. To access the parking, vehicles would have to cross properties owned by other parties and the full access arrangements to the approved parking areas have not yet been settled even though the resource consent has been granted.

The deputation also expressed concern over the potential for noise to be reflected off the concrete walls of the adjoining buildings.

The deputation believed that this application should have been notified and that, inevitably, this development will lead to a need to place parking restrictions on Stanmore Road. The concern was that if carparking is not readily available for patrons of businesses in Stanmore Road, these businesses will be adversely affected.

The Board **decided** to ask the Area Engineer to monitor traffic movements in the area and to report back to the Board on this and, further, to report again to the Board on traffic and parking movements in the area three months after the new Tuskers development opens.

8.2 Linwood Neighbourhood Committee

Mrs Carole Greenfield of the Linwood Neighbourhood Committee addressed the Board covering the following areas:

- (a) The Committee strongly supported keeping the cycleway which follows the outfall drain through Linwood open as it believed that this cycleway was very well used.
- (b) The Committee asked if it could be provided with a copy of the Council's Draft Pedestrian Strategy as it believed that there were a lot of frail and elderly people in the Linwood area who find it difficult to cross the very busy roads in the area.
- (c) The Area Parks Officer was thanked for the selection of fruit and nut trees planted at the corner of Stanmore Road and Tuam Street.