

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Mr Bob Phillips, Canterbury Regional Council officer, was present to answer questions in response to those raised by the Committee in its submission to the Canterbury Regional Council on that Council's New Pests discussion document.

FOOD STANDS IN THE PUBLIC PLACE – CITY MALL – OXFORD TERRACE

Mr Bevan Stone, Solicitor, together with Messrs Louis Pickley, Ian McKenzie, David Lambie and Paul Sissons, restaurant owners/operators, were present to seek a variation to the definition of "permitted furniture" in the Deed of Licence, to include a hot dog stand.

Mr Stone advised that, as a consequence of the meeting in September last year, hot dog stands had been banned by the Council except in four licensed areas.

It was arguable that bars were already in breach of their licence in that people came to the bars and collected food for eating outside. He questioned whether it was the intention of the Council to prevent bars from selling food.

By preventing the running of hot dog stands, in turn this was stopping bar owners discharging their duties under the Sale of Liquor Act, to sell food to patrons consuming liquor.

He commented that people frequenting the area on Friday and Saturday nights had already eaten a main meal and were only looking for finger-type food. It made sense to allow bar owners to dispense this type of food in controlled outdoor areas.

Collectively, the bar owners were paying in excess of \$90,000 to the City Council for the outdoor areas.

They were looking to the Council to grant them stall licences for the outside areas, or extend the definition of the licence related to outdoor furniture.

Mr Sissons added that, together, the local bar owners had formed a marketing board to see not only that their considerable investment in the area was protected, but also retained as an entertainment area with world-class facilities. There are opportunities to sell other food lines such as crepes suzette, etc.

Sausage sizzles had been operating for the last three years, but had been stopped for three weeks at the Council's request.

The group was seeking changes to the bylaws to provide for the operation of other services.