

## 1. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

### REZONING OF PART OF ST ALBANS FROM L2 TO L3

Representatives of the St Albans Residents' Association were present to speak in support of their petition, the prayer of which read:

- *I support the retention of the L2 zoning as mapped out in the Proposed City Plan.*
- *I was unaware that I had to take action to retain the status quo, ie the L2 zoning.*
- *I object to the fact that I was not effectively notified of the proposed rezoning to L3.*

Letters of support and a statement concerning the rezoning had been pre-circulated. For such an important issue, the Association considered that one notice in the newspaper was not sufficient and, if possible, renotification of the zoning was sought.

The Shirley/Papanui Community Board, at its meeting the previous day, had resolved to support the petitioners' rezoning proposal. Douceline Wardle, Community Co-ordinator, spoke of residents not being against inner-city housing development as such, but rather development which was insensitive to the existing community. A series of photographs was displayed, showing housing developments of dimensions seen as not appropriate to the community.

Council staff were currently working with the community on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan, to focus and co-ordinate ideas and proposals to establish what was possible to achieve. Given that there are approximately 4,000 households involved in the total area, public consultation will be a major undertaking, and suggestions for effective means of involving the community were requested.

A subcommittee of the Council was looking at means of controlling the adverse effects of buildings under construction, which could help to allay some fears relating to increased development activity.

It was suggested that the following course of action be taken:

1. The notification process would be reviewed to see what improvements could be made next time, given that residents felt aggrieved.
2. Having established the boundary of the area under consideration, the relevant information on it would be brought together and a plan preparation process established for consideration, firstly by the Community Board.
3. In consultation with residents of the area, the various development implementation and control mechanisms would be worked through to develop an overall community vision.