12. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

CHRISTCHURCH PET FOODS LTD

Mr Jeffrey Clark, Solicitor, addressed the Committee on behalf of Christchurch Pet Foods Ltd, and expressed his concern about the decision to deal with this item in "open" meeting. Mr Clark acknowledged that a dispute existed between the Council and his client company and suggested that discussions be held to resolve the issue.

The Chairman, in response, advised that the Council preferred to resolve disputes without recourse to the Courts and advised that discussions would be welcomed with the company's legal advisers to resolve the issue.