6. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) PARKHAM RESERVE - EUCALYPTUS TREES

Mr Kevin Jack, 22 Parkham Crescent, addressed the Committee in support of his request for the removal of four eucalyptus trees from the above reserve. Mr Jack outlined the problems he and his family experienced during the mid-summer months when debris from the trees falls on to his property, collecting in acute roof angles and guttering causing water blockages. Mr Jack advised that the debris inhibits his family's enjoyment of the property, making it unpleasant to be out-of-doors during this period.

(b) SHOWGATE RESERVE - TREES

Ms Sue Rickerby and Mr Lindsay Earl of Showgate Avenue addressed the Committee in support of a proposal to remove five Chinese poplars from Showgate Reserve. Removal of the trees in question was being sought because they produce a yellow, sticky gum which is blown onto neighbouring properties, causing severe staining. The gum is very difficult to remove once it has dried.

The deputation confirmed that removal of the trees concerned would provide significant relief to the affected residents.

Mr Albert Cooper and Ivan Bartram of Showgate Reserve sought the retention of the trees on the grounds that their removal would result in the loss of a major visual amenity for the neighbourhood. The deputation also pointed out that trees were in a sound and stable condition and did not represent a damage to persons or property. As well, the problem occurred for only a short period of the year.

(c) YACHT CLUB RESERVE EROSION

Representatives of the Christchurch Yacht Club addressed the Committee and outlined their concerns regarding the serious erosion of the foreshore adjacent to the yacht club building at Moncks Bay.

The deputation requested that urgent remedial work be undertaken to combat the effects of the erosion on the land on which the club is located. The deputation pointed out that such work would not only protect Council land and the club's facilities but could also ultimately protect the adjoining Council road.