



3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

PUBLIC SPEAKING IN THE CITY MALL

Mr Ted Parrysmith advised the Committee that he was seeking permission to preach in the City Mall every Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 12noon and 2pm. He considered this to be a solution to the situation that had arisen rather than a request.

His appearance before the Committee was to talk about the bylaws and in response to a question as to why he wished to preach in the City Mall he stated that he went where the Holy Spirit led him.

Mr Ian Buchanan, owner of the Fruit Basket in the City Mall, expressed concern at the impact Mr Parrysmith was having on retailers and on the area known as the amphitheatre.

Retailers were opposed to allowing Mr Parrysmith to preach at any time in the mall.

In support he tabled:

- Two photographs of the amphitheatre area
- A list of those retailers present at the Committee meeting.

Mr Julian Glass from Easts Bookshop endorsed Mr Buchanan's remarks and commented on the regular complaints that had been made to him by customers about Mr Parrysmith's activities. He tabled 175 individual petitions, objecting to Mr Parrysmith using the area as a speaking platform.