



3. PETITIONS

CLOSURE OF SANDOWN CRESCENT ALLEYWAY

Two petitions were received from residents in the Sandown Crescent and Carisbrooke Street area. The prayer of one petition reads as follows:

“We the undersigned ask the Christchurch City Council to close the alleyway that runs between 50 and 52 Sandown Crescent on the following grounds:

- *The graffiti is totally unacceptable.*
- *The noise from people running up and down the alleyway at all hours of the day and night.*
- *Glass being broken, stones and other things being thrown around.”*

There were 19 signatures to this petition.

The prayer of the other petition reads as follows:

“We the undersigned wish to have the alleyway closed for several reasons all listed below.”

The reasons given were:

- Totally unacceptable graffiti on the alleyway fences.
- The cost to residents in neighbouring properties for repairing and repainting the fences.
- Lack of maintenance of the alleyway by the Council.
- Lack of privacy for neighbouring residents.
- Closing the alleyway would enhance Sandown Crescent.
- The neighbouring residents would prefer to buy the land to end the problems from the alleyway.
- The alleyway is facilitating criminal activity in the area, such as burglaries and car thefts.

There were five signatures to this petition.

The Board’s decision is recorded under Part B, clause 5 of this report.