

### 13. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

#### (b) NEW BRIGHTON MALL REVITALISATION

Mr Mark Munro and Mr Roger Hunt from the New Brighton Business Association attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the Business Association to express their concern at the proposed timetable for redevelopment of the mall which envisaged completion of the slow road by July 2002.

The speakers indicated their view that this timetable would have serious adverse effects on the commercial sustainability of the area and sought a revised timescale to allow for completion of the road by July 2001. They expressed concern that the survey proposed by the Subcommittee would delay planning for the proposed revitalisation.

Mr Hunt indicated that retailers did, however, have some hope for the future and felt that there was now public acceptance of the road and that there was general agreement on the conditions proposed in relation to a special rate and development of the Hawke Street car park but that they wished for the Council to act quickly on the matter.

Mr Knox Dowson then spoke and indicated that his company had operated a shoe store in the New Brighton area for 48 years and he expressed his views regarding the necessity for adequate parking in the slow road to add value to the buildings focusing that way.

The opportunity was then taken to allow members to ask questions and Mr Munro indicated the need for certainty regarding the access points to the Hawke Street car park to be obtained before redevelopment occurred.

The representations from the New Brighton Business Association and Mr Dowson were considered in association with clauses 7 and 26 of the agenda.