



3. DEPUTATION BY APPOINTMENT

FERRYMEAD SURPLUS LAND

The Committee received a deputation from Mr Allen Sheppard, member of the Heathcote Community Association, who was accompanied by Mr Jack Travis in support.

Mr Sheppard requested that the Council stop negotiating a lease with Mr Geoff Saunders, to accommodate his proposal for a golf driving range and course on the land north-west of Ferrymead Historic Park, until further consultation has taken place. Mr Sheppard advised that the Association sought the formulation of a strategic plan for the whole of the Heathcote Valley floor which could deal with drainage, access, land use issues and conservation, subject to further consultation with individuals and groups within the community.

The Council had adopted Mr Saunders' proposal in June 2000, after calling for proposals for the use of the land.

A meeting with the Heathcote Valley residents is to be arranged in conjunction with the Community Board to discuss this issue.

A report was requested on the consultation process which has taken place to date and the likely effects of the proposal on the environment, particularly the estuary and Heathcote Valley floor wetlands.