

3. DEPUTATIONS

(a) PERIPHERAL TERMINAL – GLOUCESTER STREET

Mr Steve Down, Television New Zealand

Mr Down attended on behalf of Television New Zealand, who had studios located in Gloucester Street in the vicinity of any possible peripheral terminal, and expressed his concerns in relation to the following:

- That the timescale involved had not allowed for proper consultation for his organisation to obtain sufficient information on the proposal, and that detailed information had only been received on the preceding Thursday, 6 December.
- The company had recently upgraded their building and provided an interview studio on the second floor, and the use of the area for a bus layover would result in unacceptable levels of noise which would compromise the use of this facility. He commented the cost of moving this would probably be in the order of some \$50,000.
- While this was seen as an interim solution until the Lichfield/Tuam Street swap was implemented, this would be likely to be two to three years away.
- He expressed concern about the general noise and pollution for this locality and the central city area resulting from bus uses and the fact that a large number of buses travelled through the CBD with only a small number of passengers and that the Council should be looking at trying to reduce bus services passing through the CBD. He indicated that possible alternative options would be the Tuam Street car park or the site in the Ferry Road. In summary, he did not think that a sufficient level of consultation had been undertaken with those affected.

Yo Gulliver, The Clinic, 192 Gloucester Street

Ms Gulliver attended and explained that she was the clinic manager and expressed concern on behalf of the practice at the loss of street parking that the provision of a peripheral terminal in Gloucester Street would involve. The clinic operated a pharmacy which generally involved patients utilising short-term parking of five to ten minutes, and the loss of parking in the vicinity would cause additional stress to patients. In addition, she noted that while other car parks provided the first hour free, this was not the case in Manchester Street, and that noise and pollution levels would increase to the detriment of their premises should this area be utilised for a bus layover.

She indicated she felt that, of the four options suggested, Kilmore Street would be a better location, as a large number of businesses in this area possessed their own off-street parking, or an alternative location would be Ferry Road.

In response to a question whether the provision of free parking in the Manchester Street car park would assist clients, she confirmed that this would be correct, but this would still not be quite so convenient.

Mr Sam Beveridge – ‘Dorothy’s’, Latimer Square

Mr Beveridge attended and indicated that he did not consider the process of consultation had been satisfactory, nor that the suggested option of Gloucester Street would be satisfactory as it would lead to increased bus traffic, and that noise from buses already was a problem in his opinion in the area. In relation to the proposed location in Tuam Street, it would also not be satisfactory, as this had a high turnover of vehicles using street parking and the loss of parking involved would not be satisfactory. He indicated he felt that Ferry Road would be the best solution.