

## 16. RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

### 16.1 SOUTHSHORE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

**Michael Trousselot and Tricia Urch** from the Southshore Ratepayers' Association were in attendance to present the Association's views on the proposed policy additions and changes for the Christchurch Beaches and Coastal Parks Management Plan.

They outlined the history of surveys of residents since 1993 concerning the management of the beachfront sand dune reserve area at Southshore and the possible extension of the Southern Pegasus Bay Track to Tern Street. While these surveys indicate a trend towards acceptance of the track, the Ratepayers' Association does not accept the results of the recent Council survey showing 55 percent of Southshore respondents supporting the track extension. The Association's feeling is that the majority of residents are opposed but may have lost resistance because of over-consultation.

The Association is opposed to the track extension. In its view, the beach and foreshore walk is more attractive at Southshore and the track would not add to the ecological value of the area. The Association is concerned about privacy issues for residents and the potential for increased crime from improved access to properties from the sand dunes.

The Association supports other initiatives in the areas of erosion and sand management, wildlife and fire risk management.

The Board's decision is recorded under Part B, clause 12 of this report.

### 16.2 GOLF LINKS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**Tony Mander**, Chairperson of the Golf Links Residents' Association, was in attendance to comment on Council consultation processes and the 'Living Streets' initiative.

Mr Mander expressed concern at the nature of consultation carried out by Council officers. He considers that the Board should develop its own policies on how consultation processes should be carried out. Four outcomes of a consultation policy were suggested: all parties to the consultation are well informed about the issue; parties are aware of their respective responsibilities; clear mechanisms of consultation are defined and are known by all involved; and all decisions be based on agreed and publicly stated objective criteria developed from the consultation process. Mr Mander sees "propose - consult - plan - consult - implement" as an effective model of consultation.

The Residents' Association also questions whether the 'Living Streets' initiative is sustainable in its present form given the cost of construction. In the Association's view, there are equity issues involved as the residents of a 'Living Street' benefit from works paid for by all ratepayers. Mr Mander requested that the equity aspects be considered and criteria be developed for applying the concept in sustainable and equitable ways.