

3. DEPUTATIONS

3.1 CLOSURE OF EUREKA AND/OR CARISBROOKE STREETS

Wayne James was in attendance to present a petition from residents opposed to the closure.

Although the petition referred to the closure of both streets, Mr James is predominantly concerned about the closure of Carisbrooke Street to through traffic onto the expressway. The closure means many residents in the area will have to take a longer route and there will be greater usage of other roads, some of which are narrow. He suggested that the closure may cause difficulties for emergency services. As a compromise, he suggested that the left in/out option be considered.

Mr James expressed concern about a lack of communication to the residents on the plans to close the above street. In addition to the petition, Mr James submitted a list of residents' signatures indicating whether any information concerning the closure of Eureka and Carisbrooke Streets had been seen in the Christchurch Star or through the post in the last six months. This list contains 55 signatures in total, 54 indicating no information had been seen. Mr James had not been visited by any officers door knocking and the posters on lampposts had been too small. He suggested that the public notices in the papers are not widely read.

Mr James is also concerned at the possibility that the residents of Farnborough Street may petition the Council to close this street to through traffic from Carisbrooke Street to Pages Road. This would mean that the other residents in this area will have even further to travel to get to New Brighton and onto the expressway.

Lois Wilce and Wendy Simpson were in attendance to support the legal closure of Carisbrooke Street and to oppose the proposed car parking in the cul-de-sac. A petition from residents supporting the closure was presented.

In supporting the closure of the street, they noted that the stopping process had been concluded and the street legally closed. There had been an opportunity to attend a meeting on the proposed closure during the process and to make an objection.

They support the closure for safety reasons. Motorists speeding through Carisbrooke Street pose a risk to residents, particularly for young children at the playground. The volume and noise of traffic if the street remained open also concerns them. They do not see the closure affecting access for emergency services.

The Board's decision is recorded under Part B, clause 8 of this report.