

3. DEPUTATIONS

3.2 ODIE PLACE ALLEYWAY

Raymond Bearman and Vanessa McGeoch were in attendance to present a petition from residents proposing the closure of the alleyway.

Mr Bearman and Ms McGeoch have lived next to the alleyway for 14 years and four years respectively. People congregating in the alleyway are seen as a source of frequent burglaries, graffiti on the fences and vandalism in the area. There is an empty block of Council land for sale at the back of the alleyway, which has been vacant for many years. While the block has not been maintained, Mr Bearman observed that it did allow clear visibility from Odie Place through to Pages Road. He expressed concern that if houses are built on the land, the alleyway could become more secluded and potentially dangerous.

Mr Bearman questioned the need for the alleyway as it appears to have outlived its original purpose. There are no longer nearby shops in Pages Road to access and a bus service would still be easily accessible if the alleyway was closed.

The Board **decided:**

1. That a report be requested from the City Streets Unit on the Odie Place alleyway, including information on intended usage of the adjoining vacant land, for the Board's meeting on 2 April 2001.
2. That removal of graffiti in the alleyway be given a high priority in the intervening period.