

3. DEPUTATIONS

3.2 STOPBANK WORK ALONG AVON RIVER IN DALLINGTON

Mr Caldwell and Kevin Arnott were in attendance concerning the stopbank work along the Avon River adjacent to Dallington Terrace.

Mr Caldwell and Mr Arnott raised the concerns of the residents in the Dallington Terrace area with the stopbank. It is considered to be excessive in height and unnecessary. In their view, any flooding is caused by water backing up the drains rather than coming over the riverbanks. In the two worst flood events in 1946 and 1992 only one house had been affected. They suggested that residents had not objected to the work when consulted because the height of the stopbank had not been accurately portrayed.

A safety concern with the stopbank is that a person in difficulty in the river, especially a young child, would not be visible from the Dallington Terrace side. The weeds on the stopbank exacerbate this problem. Grassing over the stopbank could take some time. Action is required to clear the weeds as a short-term step to address the safety concerns.

The Board **decided** to request a report from the Parks and Waterways Unit on the stopbank and options for addressing the residents' concerns.