

6. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

6.3 Sydenham Methodist (Congregational) Church

Mr Neil Roberts led a deputation of people representing the Sydenham Business and Community Association, the Historic Places Trust, the Art Gallery and the Canterbury Museum.

Mr Roberts informed the Committee of the church's 123-year history and the fact that it was one of the oldest buildings in the city. He stated that its demolition would remove forever a major part of Sydenham's history.

The deputation suggested that the building be used as a Sydenham community museum, as a casket of time to celebrate the history of the Sydenham community.

Mr Roberts stated that the future of new museums is as speciality museums and he suggested the Sydenham community museum could be run by a charitable trust, which those present were prepared to assist in the establishment of.

Consideration of this matter is contained in clause 4.