

12. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) **Mr Roger Smith, Shell Auto Gas (LPG)**

Mr Smith attended and provided a PowerPoint presentation briefing the Committee on the use of automotive LPG in motor vehicles and its current benefits in comparison to other fuels such as diesel, gasoline, methanol, ethanol and CNG. Information on the respective emissions from the above fuels and the benefits of LPG in terms of engine life and reduced emissions were shown to the Committee together with details of the current world wide use of LPG and examples of LPG fuelled vehicle availability and conversion costs.

Members thanked Mr Smith for an informative presentation and the Committee decided to seek information from:

- (i) The Council's Energy Manager on the advantages or otherwise of the full or partial conversion of the Council's fleet to LPG.
- (ii) Red Bus Ltd regarding the conversion of the buses to LPG.

(b) **Ms Colleen Scott - Springfield Road**

Ms Scott attended and spoke to the Committee about her concerns at the possible installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Edgware Road and Springfield Road. She queried the need for a crossing at this location and the extent to which it would be used and expressed concern at the detrimental effect this would have on residents and property values in the location. She also suggested that the funding allocated for this would be better directed towards other projects such as signalling the intersection near Mairehau High School.

(c) **Ms Gloria Weeks - Association of Blind Citizens**

Ms Weeks addressed the Committee in support of the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Springfield Road and Edgware Road. She advised that this would prove to be extremely valuable for visually impaired people who attended the Foundation for the Blind premises in Bristol Street and/or lived in the area and it would allow a safe alternative access route both to and from this facility. She also mentioned the large number of retired and senior citizens in the area and the benefits of a signalised pedestrian crossing in providing safe access to bus stops and to Abberley Park both for them, for children and other residents. She advised that she felt the safety benefits from the proposal should be given a high priority.

(d) **Ms Yvonne Palmer, Chairperson, Shirley/Papanui Community Board**

Ms Palmer spoke to the report on the agenda and indicated she felt it did not correctly present the previous history of the project nor the Board's view. She restated the Board's preference for a mid block signalised pedestrian crossing in Springfield Road between Edgware Road and Ranfurly Street.

The opportunity was taken to allow members to ask questions of the presenters and the deputations above were considered in association with clause 10 of the report relating to the Springfield Road proposed signalised pedestrian facility.