

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The Rev David Pickering addressed the Board in relation to pedestrian safety at the intersections of Matsons Avenue/Harewood Road and St James Avenue/Harewood Road. He explained that many elderly residents in the area who used walking frames and wheelchairs were faced with crossing these intersections on their way to the shops or St James Park. Both avenues are as wide as Harewood Road and turning traffic further impedes the progress and safety of those crossing. He requested that the Board support the installation of pedestrian islands at these intersections so that crossing could be made easier and safer for pedestrians.

He also addressed the Board regarding motorist, pedestrian and cyclist safety at the intersection of Restell Street and Harewood Road. He stated that he frequently observed potentially disastrous incidents at this corner and requested that the Board seek the urgent completion of planned safety improvement work at this intersection.

The Chairperson thanked the Rev Pickering for taking the time to address the Board on these road safety issues and assured him that the safety work at the corner of Restell Street and Harewood Road had been supported by the Board and was progressing as quickly as possible. The Board **requested** that staff prepare a report on pedestrian safety at the intersections of Matsons Avenue/Harewood Road and St James Avenue/Harewood Road.