


1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(b) Residents – Marble Wood Drive



The Chairperson invited Mr Craig Shannahan to address the Board. Mr Shannahan drew the Board's attention to item 26 on the agenda and expressed concern at the proposed removal of trees from Marble Wood Drive. He asked if the Board knew who was responsible for planting the trees in the development. The Chairperson informed Mr Shannahan that the trees had been planted by the developers of the area. Mr Shannahan then asked the Board to convey the residents' concern to the Christchurch City Council over the planting of trees that are not suitable for residential developments.

The Chairperson invited Mr Bruce Robinson to address the Board. Mr Robinson also expressed concern over the removal of the trees from Marble Wood Drive. The aspect provided by the trees was an influencing factor in his purchasing a house in that street. Mr Robinson was assured that the trees would be replaced by trees of a substantial size.

The Chairperson invited Mr Murray Nicholl to address the Board. Mr Nicholl also expressed his concern over the removal of the trees from Marble Wood Drive. He asked if the trees could be saved if the residents watered them.

The Chairperson explained that the trees were too badly damaged and/or decayed to be saved. She assured all those who had spoken on this issue that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board was committed to saving established trees where possible and that their questions would be addressed in more detail during the Board's consideration of item 26 on the agenda. The Chairperson thanked Mr Shannahan, Mr Robinson and Mr Nicholl for taking the time to attend the meeting and for conveying their concerns to the Board.