

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

### SPEEDING TRAFFIC - FARNBOROUGH STREET

The Community Advocate has received the following letter from Sergeant R Hutton, New Brighton Police, regarding speeding traffic in Farnborough Street:

*"I acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding the problems faced by residents of Farnborough Street. I have received previous complaints in relation to this matter and have enacted what we call "Directed Patrol Reports". Basically, these reports are forwarded to patrol group staff to advise that there is a specific problem in any given place and for them to pay particular attention to that trouble spot.*

*I know that the Police harp on about lack of staff and that we have difficulty attending many jobs. This is fact. In relation to the situation we are discussing, the Directed Patrol Reports were issued and the problem was to be looked at when it could be achieved. This is the same with all Directed Patrol Reports.*

*Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the meeting on 28 June 2004 as I have a previous engagement, however please pass on to residents that we will do all that we can to assist them within our resources. To that end I will enact a further Directed Patrol Report for our patrols.*

*If any of the residents see specific acts of speed or dangerous driving, it would be advisable to obtain registration numbers and if possible a description of the driver, the time, date and place of the incident and report these acts to the Police for later follow up. Hopefully we can make some of the drivers accountable for their actions. I appreciate that this is easier said than done, but it is another option.*

*As you probably appreciate, the Police are a prosecution agency only. If the problems are going to occur long-term, an approach could be made to the City Council to commit resources to the street to lessen the likelihood of speed and dangerous driving, ie speed humps, reconfiguration etc. However, having said all that, the Police will continue to assist where we can.*

*If you have any further inquiries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me."*

#### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the Bexley Residents' Association be advised of the response from the Police.