

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

SALTAIRE STREET LIVING STREET PROPOSAL

John Brownie led a deputation to oppose the design for the Saltaire Street/Marriott Street intersection in the Saltaire Street Living Street proposal. Mr Brownie presented a petition containing 453 signatures at the Board meeting on 16 February 2004 requesting that Saltaire Street remain accessible for two-way traffic. **Marie Austin** from the North New Brighton Residents' Association was also in attendance to oppose the intersection design.

Mr Brownie noted that a total of 623 signatures had now been collected on the petition. In his view, this demonstrated that local residents, including some in Saltaire Street, were strongly against the proposed restricted access into Saltaire Street from Marriotts Road. The reasons given by the deputation for opposing the proposal included: Saltaire Street is wider than Marriotts Road and therefore provides a safer route, as well as a more convenient one; the intersections for the alternative routes from Marriotts Road to Bower Avenue or Rookwood Avenue provide more difficult access; increased traffic volumes on Marriotts Road would pose a safety risk, particularly to those accessing the churches, a crèche and the nearby primary school; and access to two properties on Marriotts Road would be impeded by a proposed traffic island.

The Board's decision in relation to the deputation and the petition is recorded under Part B, clause 4 of this report.

Margaret Templeton was in attendance to support the Saltaire Street Living Street proposal. Mrs Templeton stated that she spoke on behalf of the majority of Saltaire Street residents and some other local residents. She noted that the majority of residents in the street are senior citizens. Those residents in favour of the proposal are concerned about the safety of the intersections at each end of the street, and the increasing traffic volume and speed endangering pedestrians and property. Mrs Templeton noted that the proposal resulted from many years of work by residents to address these concerns, in conjunction with the Ascot/Freeville Residents' Group and the Council, and from the very narrow rejection of an earlier road closure petition.

The Board's decision is recorded under Part B, clause 4 of this report.