2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) Mrs Ellis and Miss Bonnington, Hills Road residents

Mrs Ellis and Miss Bonnington spoke to the Board regarding their concern for pedestrians crossing Hills Road at the Hills Road section adjacent to Edward Avenue. They stated that traffic was becoming heavier along Hills Road, especially from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm, that children had great difficulty crossing the road after school and mothers with prams and young children also had to wait a long time to cross the road during the day.

They requested that a pedestrian island be installed adjacent to Edward Avenue or Warden Street.

Board members requested that staff investigate the installation of a pedestrian island and report back to the Board.

(b) Marcella Herrera, Project Officer, Children and Youth Advocacy

Marcella Herrera presented a video on the survey of Youth and Urban Leisure. The survey was directed at 10-18 year olds, and included questions on transport, favourite hang-outs and activities, and improvements to the central city. A report on the results of the survey will be available in May, and will include breakdowns of age, ethnicity and gender.

Board members requested that the report on Youth Safety be circulated to Board members.

(c) Dennis Hills, Waimakariri/Eyre/Cust Liaison Committee

Dennis Hills presented a report on the work undertaken by Environment Canterbury in relation to stopbanks on the Waimakariri River, including the building of primary and secondary stopbanks, removal of shingle from the river and planting along the stopbanks.

(d) Lyn Campbell and Yvonne Palmer, Safer Christchurch

Yvonne Palmer and Lyn Campbell advised the Board on the current status of Safer Christchurch. A recent review of Safer Christchurch has confirmed that this will no longer be Government funded and led and that the Council needs to become the lead organisation. The Crime Prevention Unit will still provide funding for projects that fit the criteria. To this end, Boards will need to lobby the Council to include projects that have previously been funded by Boards.

Lyn Campbell outlined the new structure of Safer Christchurch, which will include a steering group comprising representatives of other agencies.