


12. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT



Mr Peter Glasson (representing the Taylors) addressed the Committee in relation to clause 2.

Mr Glasson had previously discussed with Council staff an application to develop an eight storey residential development in a site fronting Marine Parade and Oram Avenue in New Brighton. Mr Glasson's clients wished to pursue a private variation that allowed high density rezoning of this area. Council staff advised that this application to initiate a private variation had initially been declined as it did not comply with the Council's private variations policy as the developer did not have control of all of the affected land. Shortly after this, the Council had resolved to accept no further requests for private variations.

Mr Glasson indicated that his clients were keen to proceed with a private plan change that could be lodged soon after the Plan being made operative. Following the City Plan being made operative, the Council does not have to accept private Plan Changes for the following two years. Mr Glasson sought an assurance that the Council would be willing to accept his client's private Plan Change for notification following the adoption of the City Plan. Staff indicated that they could not give this assurance, as a future Council could not be bound by a decision taken now.

It was noted during discussions at the Committee meeting that the Council and Mr Glasson's clients shared similar objectives in that they wished to promote the revitalisation of New Brighton and that development at New Brighton should be planned for in a comprehensive manner, rather than through a series of site specific private plan changes or resource consent applications. The Committee also discussed the issue of the development of New Brighton as a priority.