

3. LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS/COMMUNITY GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS

In accordance with Board Objective 1(b), time is allocated for community and residents' groups, etc, to communicate with the Board on local matters.

Mr Peter Tuffley, of the Beckenham Neighbourhood Association acknowledged with appreciation the positive working relationship with the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board.

He referred to current and ongoing local issues including unsafe driving activity through the neighbourhood, a noticeable increase in litter around the Heathcote River, pedestrian safety concerns at the Colombo/Tennyson Streets intersection, the state of trees along the Heathcote River and community uncertainties about the status of the Council's Mid Heathcote River Vision project. Mention was also made of the Association's unease at the current review of the Council's Residents' Groups Policy and of some lingering negative perspectives regarding the Council's recently concluded LTCCP process.

Members responded to the points made. The Chairperson thanked Mr Tuffley for his forthright views, and on behalf of the Board noted with appreciation the Association's constructive approach to its work.