

## 5. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

### 5.1 INSPECTOR GARY KNOWLES

Inspector Gary Knowles, New Zealand Police, outlined background information relating to the discussion document "Policing Directions in New Zealand for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". This document, having been released for public consultation, will form the basis of a new Police Act. Submissions close on 31 July 2007 with a series of public meetings to be held at locations around New Zealand during June and July 2007.

Inspector Knowles responded to questions from Board members.

The Board thanked Inspector Knowles for the briefing.

### 5.2 MS LINDA RUTLAND AND ALEX DRYSDALE

Ms Rutland and Mr Alex Drysdale attended and spoke to the Board voicing their concern at the construction by Ferrymead Mitre 10 of a bright orange wall overlooking a conservation wetland.

The deputation sought the assistance of the Board in providing screening trees and assistance with urban design controls in the City Plan.

Tony Murray, Area Development Officer (assisted by Kristy Rusher, Acting Environment Inspections and Enforcement Manager) advised that the Council is currently investigating ways to provide better controls over the design and appearance of prominent buildings.

Ms Rutland and Mr Drysdale were thanked for their deputation.

Mr Murray also pointed out that the original consent for the Mitre 10 building contained conditions that required the exterior walls to be finished with muted colours, but this was successfully appealed by the site owner to a Hearings Panel who accepted that there was no legal right to impose colour finishes.

The Board **decided** to ask staff to report, with a degree of urgency, on possible further planting with trees of a suitable height on Council land near the Mitre 10 development at Ferrymead, including information on costs and timelines. The Board Chairperson agreed to attend a meeting, when arranged with the local residents with representatives from Mitre 10.

### 5.3 MR BRUCE BELLIS, ICON

Postponed.

### 5.4 MR GEOFF CAIN, BURSAR CATHEDRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Postponed.

### 5.5 MR THOMAS HICK

Mr Thomas Hick outlined suggestions for improving the design of the proposed Alexandra Street Pocket Park. These included:

- more trees (including a copse)
- no path crossing the site.

Kevin Williams (Project Leader, Capital Programme Team, Greenspace) informed the Board that the site was not suitable for a copse and that the paths were necessary to enhance the relaxed environs of the pocket park.

Mr Hick was thanked for his presentation.

The Board **decided** to consider the deputation from Mr Hick in association with the report on this topic (clause 10).