

## 19. MEON STREET ALLEYWAY

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Corporate Plan Output:	

The purpose of this report is to review the effect of installing a light in the alleyway after a request from residents in the Meon Street vicinity.

The installation of the light was strongly opposed by one resident whose property adjoins the alleyway. The Community Board approved the installation and requested an update after six months to determine whether it has been a positive measure.

Contact was made with the occupiers of the four properties which border the alleyway in September 1999. The light had been in place for three months at that time. The original objector was still opposed to the light and one other resident reported that fence palings had been broken which they had replaced. Nothing was heard from the third occupier and the fourth resident verbally expressed his support for the light.

In November 1999, at the Otakaro/Wainoni Residents' Association AGM, a resident expressed appreciation to the Council for the light. The meeting was told that an update was requested by the Community Board at the end of six months and if residents wished to express support they should contact the Shirley Service Centre to have their views noted in this report. There were eight phone calls from residents in support of the light, none were received opposing the installation.

The resident objecting to the light has written two letters in the six months since installation, both expressing great concern about the increase in litter in the alleyway and into his own garden, the graffiti on the alleyway fences, theft of vegetables from his garden and general nuisance caused by children using the alleyway as a playground. He stated the alleyway is in a filthy condition.

An inspection was carried out 17 January 2000 to ascertain whether extra cleaning was required. There was graffiti on the fences and footpath, none of which was obscene or offensive. There was some broken glass along the edge of the path and tall weeds growing along the fenceline. The glass will be cleared up and weeds sprayed. The overall condition of the alleyway is comparable to most others inspected. The removal of graffiti is usually the responsibility of the adjoining property owner in the same manner as any boundary fence. Removal can be arranged but it would be more effective to wait until schools resume.

**Recommendation:** That the light remain in place in accordance with the majority approval of residents.

### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the aforementioned recommendation be adopted.