

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) **BROOKHAVEN BUS SERVICE, PROPOSED NEW BUS STOP AT 54 TI RAKAU DRIVE**

The following letter has been received from Mr K J Wood, who lives at 54 Ti Rakau Drive.

*“Thank you for your letter of 13 October.*

*I have to say that I am disappointed with the Board. You say that no owner is agreeable to the positioning of a bus stop outside their property. Presumably you have paid heed to their objections. I have also objected, with both medical and practical reasons, but my objection is overruled. That is unfair and inconsistent.*

*I recap on the points of my main objection:*

- *My partner suffers from pure red cell aplasia. She is also pregnant, and because of that cannot take her usual medication, and is surviving on blood transfusions every two weeks.*
- *The nature of her illness, particularly combined with her pregnancy, requires rest in a quiet, stress-free environment.*
- *Our kitchen and living area face the street. People waiting at the bus stop will be able to see into our kitchen and living area.*
- *That will cause stress to my partner. That will aggravate her condition, and may also be harmful to the foetus.*
- *We have a restrictive covenant on our title which prevents our building a high front fence.*
- *We purchased this property because it was in a very quiet street with little traffic, which we saw as essential for my partner’s condition.*

*I supplied a medical certificate with my earlier letter, but I do not know whether that was brought to the attention of the Board. Therefore I forward another copy and ask that, this time the certificate be brought into account (any privacy issues are waived). I also forward an objecting letter from my neighbours, Mr & Mrs Cotty.*

*I cannot see why the proposed stop cannot simply be moved along by just a couple of properties. That would give the same service to passengers, and resolve my concerns.*

*Please regard this letter as an appeal against the earlier decision.”*

(b) **BROOKHAVEN BUS SERVICE, PROPOSED NEW BUS STOP IN TI RAKAU DRIVE**

The following letter has been received from S E & M J Cotty residents of 71 Ti Rakau Drive, who write as follows:

*“As the resident/owners of the property at the above address, my wife and I are writing to you to express our vehement opposition to the proposed bus route through Brookhaven, in particular along Ti Rakau Drive and the placing of the bus stop directly across the road.*

*There are several reasons for our opposition, as stated in our telephone conversation of this afternoon. Firstly, we cannot agree with the reasons for the proposed service in the first place. In our conversations with neighbours in Ti Rakau Drive we understand only three residents support this service. We also understand that the majority of support and pressure for this idea comes from residents of Kotuku Crescent who want this service, “but not down their street”, nor is the service able to be provided there. Their support is difficult to understand, as they have only a short walk through the reserve at the South-west corner, which has recently been extensively upgraded with a paved walkway and lighting, to the major bus route on Ferry Road.*

*We are also unsure if the environmental impact has been thoroughly assessed. The subdivision was designed and has been developed as quiet and clean, which is to be applauded and encouraged, situated as it is between two close major traffic routes. When we built here we did so because of the style and location and were totally unaware of this proposal, if it existed at this time; had we been, we would most surely have reconsidered. If we had wanted to live on a bus route we would have built elsewhere. The proposed figure of service frequency of 30 minutes, I also consider patently ludicrous. The extra noise and pollution from diesel fumes are an unwanted and unnecessary intrusion into this quiet residential suburb.*

*As far as we are aware, we have not had any official notification from the Council or any of its subsidiary components, as to the possibility of this happening. That surely is necessary from an elected body to its ratepayers and electors. It appears that the decision to place the route and bus stops here has been taken arbitrarily and without consultation. This is unacceptable from an elected body and appears to be undemocratic in its process. Residents’ objections and legitimate concerns have been completely overlooked and disregarded in this matter.*

*The other major concern and objection is one of traffic safety. The area set aside for the location of the bus stop is immediately opposite a T. junction, which like all the T-junctions in Brookhaven has been sited and planted to provide an aesthetically pleasing effect on both residents and visitors alike. As such the island makes motorists have to pull straight to the left of this section of Ti Rakau Drive, right where the proposed bus stop will be, causing traffic hazards to the motorist, bus driver and passengers alike. Any cyclists in this area at the time will be in even greater danger than normal as this roadway is too narrow for clear access when normal vehicles are moving along the road, let alone when a huge bus is also in the vicinity. The roadway was quite clearly designed for cars and cycles, not larger vehicles such as buses.*

*The manner in which this matter has been handled from the outset, and the apparent mindset from some of the principals and authorities leaves much to be desired, and we cannot object strongly enough. Our democratic rights appear to have been ignored at best, trampled on at worst, and we wish to register our complaint at this time in this regard.*

*We would welcome an opportunity to discuss this matter further if at all possible.”*

**(c) BROOKHAVEN BUS SERVICE AND LOCATION OF BUS STOP**

The following letter has been received from Janet Powell a resident of Ti Rakau Drive, who writes as follows:

*“Quite apart from the fact that we’ve known nothing of any proposed bus service until only a few weeks ago, the whole idea seems totally ludicrous.*

*Brookhaven is a small subdivision laid out in such a way that the streets are narrow and quiet. I don’t believe that Ti Rakau Drive was ever designed as a main thoroughfare. It is for these reasons that we, and many other residents, chose to build in this area. We took into consideration our three children riding their bikes around the neighbourhood and crossing roads assured that they would be in a safe environment.*

*Now, all of a sudden, we find that this is not the case at all, quite the contrary in fact, particularly as one of the bus stops will be placed on a T intersection, outside our property.*

*The idea that Big Red buses will be travelling down our street every thirty minutes for what I believe to be a handful of people that requested it, is outrageous. The many children in the area who frequently use the streets will be put at huge risk and we will all suffer from the diesel fumes. All for those people who, as far as I am aware, don’t even live on Ti Rakau Drive and who don’t seem to want to use the walkways provided through to Ferry Road.*

*How did this bus service ever begin to justify itself?*

*I believe it to be a total waste of valuable resources such as fuel, a safety hazard to all road users when you take into consideration the size of the buses and the width of the street and an environmental disgrace with unnecessary pollution being caused in a city desperate to reduce an already huge problem.”*

**(d) DEDICATED CYCLE ROUTES**

Steven Muir writes:

*“I was extremely pleased to learn that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board are promoting the concept of dedicated cycle routes which are free from cars both driving and parked at the side of the road. I fully support you in this initiative and hope you can keep lobbying the City Council until they implement this concept, starting with Armagh Street and expanding to other key routes.*

*Last year I was knocked off my bike by a van turning from a park in front of me. This occurred on Armagh Street while cycling in a cycle way, despite my constant vigilance while riding. This highlights to me the need for such dedicated cycle routes.*

*I have a one year old child who I would dearly love to take on the back of my bike on the many trips I do into town but currently cannot do so because of the danger involved. I look forward to the day when we can both cycle safely through Christchurch streets and I can model environmentally friendly transport practices to my children.*

*Keep up the good work and please contact me if there is anything I can do to help. I have written and expressed my views to Garry Moore and Alix Newman.”*

**Chairman’s**

**Recommendation:** That Mr Muir be thanked and kept informed of progress.

(e) **CLEAN UP THE WORLD DAY – LINWOOD CEMETERY**

Jeff Macey, Youth Co-ordinator, Our Youth Our Community Charitable Trust writes with an invitation to Board members to visit and speak to their young people one Friday evening:

*“On behalf of the children and youth of “Our Youth, Our Community” Charitable Trust, we wish to thank the Hagley/Ferryhead Community Board for your lovely letter, and the opportunity to help clean up our community. With our Community Police we also managed to clean up rubbish from the streets on the way back to the church.*

*Many of these young lives were saddened by the vandalism and tagging of the gravestones. We spent some time evaluating the day and talking about why people deface and destroy things, and what we learn and do about it.*

*It was also a wonderful opportunity to explain to these young ones what the Hagley/Ferryhead Community Board is, and what you do in the community.*

*We would like to take the opportunity to invite members of the Board to visit and speak to the children and youth on one of the Friday night programmes between 7 and 9pm.*

*We look forward to hearing from you, we will warmly welcome you.”*

The Area Parks Officer comments:

*“Clean Up the World day was on Saturday 23 September and was supported by the Community Board. The event was advertised by word-of-mouth, the local Community Constables, contacts within residents’ groups and community organisations, the efforts of Linda Rutland and by over 600 fliers distributed to mailboxes in the area.*

*As you are aware, Linwood Cemetery was the focus of our efforts with approximately 30 children and 15 adults taking part in removing graffiti from headstones, placing shingle on selected graves and general rubbish removal.*

*McDonalds and The Warehouse were national sponsors and also assisted locally.*

*There were over 100 events throughout the City. The total cost was \$319.80. The Board set aside \$2,000 for this.”*

**Recommendation:** That the balance remaining of \$1680.20 be set aside and used for future cleanup days at the cemeteries and for similar promotions of World Wetland Day (January 2001) and World Environment Day (June 2001) if appropriate.

**Chairman’s**

**Recommendation:** That the Area Parks Officer’s recommendation be adopted.

(f) **FRIENDS OF EDMONDS FACTORY GARDEN – MUSICAL AFTERNOON AS PART OF HERITAGE WEEK**

Bev Adams, Secretary of The Friends of Edmonds Factory Garden, has written seeking sponsorship of \$250 for a musical afternoon held in the Garden on Sunday 15 October 2000 as a Heritage week activity.

The letter follows:

*“On Sunday 15 October a musical afternoon has been planned within the Gardens as part of Heritage Week. The afternoon will include music by the Linwood High School Music Department and the English Country Dancers.*

*This afternoon is also being supported by the local Girl Guides who will be assisting with Devonshire Teas.*

*It would be very much appreciated if the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board or the Linwood Service Centre could assist with sponsorship of this event in the form of \$250 toward the expenses of providing this local event.*

*Thank you for considering this request.”*

The Friends of Edmonds Factory Garden acknowledge that this event has now taken place. However, they have faced costs including promotional costs, in mounting this event, and would be very grateful for the Board’s support.

**Chairman’s**

**Recommendation:** That the Board support this event by providing a grant of \$250 from the 2000/01 Discretionary Fund.

(g) **HISTORIC AREA STATUS CLASSIFICATION WITH NZ HISTORIC PLACES TRUST FOR ENGLEFIELD AREA**

Irinka Britnell, Secretary of the Englefield Residents’ Association, has written to the Board seeking a letter of support for a proposal of the Association that the Englefield area should be given Historic Area status with the NZ Historic Places Trust.

The Association had originally sought recognition for this area through the City Plan, but there is currently no provision under the City Plan to list historic areas. Council staff and Pam Wilson of the NZ Historic Places Trust have met Mrs Britnell to assist her with this project, and are very supportive of it.

The Board is asked to consider providing a letter of support for the Englefield area to be given Special Historic Area recognition by the NZ Historic Places Trust.

Mrs Britnell’s letter follows:

*“We are writing to you and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to request a letter of support from you for our Historic Quest to become recognised as an Historic Precinct.*

*Our original request for Historic Area Status was put to the City Plan in 1995 after our area was given SAM status along with a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan designed by Bofa Miskell at the Council's request.*

*Over the past 10 year period we have had meetings with the former Mayor, City Manager, City Councillors, Board members and Council officers. We have given presentations, had walkabouts, meetings with community representatives, organised petitions and protests. We have reached far and wide into our community, in search of knowledge, support and recognition for the historic uniqueness of this area. In 1992 we found our Tangata whenua representative in our quest for the knowledge of this area.*

*The public of this area are very aware of our intention for Historic Area Status. They have been notified on numerous occasions through our newsletters and Public Meetings over the course of the last five years. Many requests have gone out for information, participation and feedback.*

*In the course of our submissions to the City Plan, we discovered there was no provision in the City Plan for Historic Area Status. We were advised by Jenny May to seek for special recognition outside of the City Plan. We had meetings with Pam Wilson of the Historic Places Trust and members of the Civic Trust who kindly advised us of what we had to do. Well finally in the year 2000 we have gathered historic documentation and are now in the process of applying to the Historic Places Trust for Special Historic Area Status Recognition for the Englefield area.*

*Our committee have worked hard and long to achieve this. As you know the journey has not been without its problems and complications.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all for continuing to walk with us through the good and difficult periods. There have also been great rewards as you assisted with community initiative projects in particular the William Guise Historic Garden inspired by Frances Ryman and done with partnership in recognition of local Tangata whenua with the planting of a Cabbage tree Fisher Marker in acknowledgement of local ancestors and future generations. We have had neighbourhood picnics in Beverley Park, saved trees and more recently we have had the establishment of the beautiful Historic Rose Garden inspired by Robyn Kiltie. We are very proud and thankful to you for your assistance.*

*Now as we go forward together into the 21st century this Millennium year we hope you will reply to our request in the spirit of the 150 years celebration and be part of assisting our historic area to achieve formal recognition at this historic moment in time.*

*Thank you for listening to our request, we look forward to your reply."*

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.

(h) **DRAFT CANTERBURY HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Environment Canterbury advises that the local authorities in Canterbury have jointly developed a draft Canterbury Hazardous Waste Strategy. A copy of this Strategy is attached. It is forwarded to the Board partly for Board members' information and partly to allow the Board an opportunity to comment upon the draft strategy.

Two documents were attached to the letter:

- a) The draft Strategy and
- b) A questionnaire developed to assist the submission process.

Written submissions close with Environment Canterbury on 10 November 2000.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the Board consider whether it wishes to make comment on the Draft Canterbury Hazardous Waste Management Strategy to Environment Canterbury.

(i) **PHILLIPSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Annual Report of the Phillipstown Community Centre is attached for the information of Board members.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

(j) **RESPONSE TO MATTERS RAISED BY THE BOARD WITH THE HON RUTH DYSON**

Two letters are attached from the Hon. Ruth Dyson MP with responses from other Cabinet Ministers to matters raised at the meeting with Members of Parliament by Board members.

One response, from the Hon. Steve Maharey, Minister of Social Services and Employment provides information on financial support for After School Care and Holiday programmes.

The other, from the Hon. Dr Michael Cullen, Minister of Revenue, responds to the Board's suggestion that there could be a tax incentive to encourage utility companies to put cabling underground.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** Not seen by Chairman.

(k) **SUMNER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – SUMMER WALK OF FAME**

Shirley Fairhall, Chairman of the Sumner Residents' Association has asked that a copy of the letter her Association forwarded to the Sumner Ferrymead Foundation be brought to the attention of the Board.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** Not seen by Chairman.