

6. SANDOWN CRESCENT/CARISBROOKE STREET PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAY

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The purpose of this report is to respond to a resident's request to the Board's Chairperson for the closure of a pedestrian accessway in Sandown Crescent, Aranui.

BACKGROUND

Mr Mike Heslin of 50 Sandown Crescent has requested that the pedestrian accessway adjacent to this property be closed. Mr Heslin has expressed concern for the use of this accessway by people as an escape route after burglaries in the area, problems with children, graffiti and the height level of the path which means that adjacent fences have to be very high to stop people looking into their property.

City Streets Unit does not support the closure of this accessway as it provides a public facility as part of the 'Living space' theme of this area. The accessway provides a short cut facility for pedestrians and cyclists between two schools, a recreation playground and residential properties in the area. To gauge the use of this facility a pedestrian count was carried out on Thursday 14 September 2000, between the hours of 8.00 am to 4.00 pm. The survey recorded 52 adults and children travelling in both directions.

The Aranui/Wainoni Community Constable has no reason to support the closure of the accessway, as it does not create any specific problems.

CONCLUSION

The pedestrian accessway provides a useful link for residents and should remain open.

An inspection of the legal title for this pedestrian accessway indicates that this land was acquired for State housing purposes on 27 February 1961 and the State still holds the title. It is therefore appropriate that this matter be referred to Housing New Zealand Ltd for their attention.

The graffiti currently in the accessway has been referred to the Graffiti Hotline for action.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board supports the retention of the pedestrian accessway between Sandown Crescent and Carisbrooke Street.
 2. That the request from Mr Heslin be referred to Housing New Zealand Ltd.
 3. That Mr Heslin be informed of the Board's decision.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the abovementioned recommendations be approved.
 2. That the Board ask Housing New Zealand Ltd, if it chooses to retain the pedestrian accessway, to discuss ways of mitigating the effects of the accessway on adjacent property owners with Mr Heslin.