

3. PETITIONS

A petition signed by 668 residents and business people requesting increased policing of Colombo Street was referred to the Committee from the July meeting of the Council. The prayer of the petition reads:

“We the undersigned residents and business people petition the Hagley/Ferrymead and Spreydon/Heathcote Community Boards to support our appeal for substantially increased policing of Colombo Street.

We have for some years experienced anti-social behaviour by young motorists and pedestrians in and about Colombo Street. The anti-social behaviour includes drag racing, excessive speed, littering and urinating in shop doorways and on footpaths. The police are aware of these problems, but seem unable or unwilling to deal with them adequately.

This behaviour has now become intolerable and we ask that Community Board members and Councillors acknowledge its detrimental effect on our community’s sense of safety, the viability of our businesses and our quality of life, and take prompt action in implementing the Council’s Strategic Objective of supporting crime reduction and public safety initiatives.”

Action on increased policing in Colombo Street has already been taken and it is understood that a further briefing on this will be provided by the Police.