5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 BUS SERVICE TO WAITIKIRI DRIVE AND ALPINE VIEW

The following letter was received from Matthew Noon, Environment Canterbury regarding the provision of a bus service to the Alpine View rest home and Waitikiri Drive area in Burwood:

"As discussed in the meeting with Cr Carole Evans and Wayne Holton-Jeffreys on Monday 2 July, the provision of a bus service to the Alpine View rest home and Waitikiri Drive area is currently untenable.

To divert existing services into this area at present would impose time delays on current passengers and have significant impacts on route legibility and consistency.

We are following the Tumara Park subdivision closely and when this area is suitably developed will review the servicing of this area.

We would however, ask that as the plans for Tumara Park are finalised the Community Board seeks the provision and installation of any necessary public transport infrastructure that may be required in this area."

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.

5.2 CARTER GROUP HERITAGE WEEK 2001

The following letter was received from Paul Collins, Marketus Limited seeking expressions of interest for the Carter Group Heritage Week 2001 programme:

"We seek expressions of interest from organisations wishing to participate by developing events for the official programme of Carter Group Heritage Week 2001. (Please see the enclosed event proposal form). The deadline for reply and inclusion in the programme will be Wednesday 15 August 2001.

Carter Group Heritage Week, which runs from 12 to 19 October 2001, comprises a full week of activities and events that focus on Christchurch's heritage buildings. Core funding comes from the Christchurch City Council, with additional sponsorship from the Community Trust and Carter Group as the naming rights sponsor. It is intended to increase awareness of the broad sweep of historical development of the City, as well as individual heritage buildings, art works and sites.

2001 is the 150th year of organised European settlement and as a number of organisations will be celebrating their sesquicentenary it is envisaged that many activities will be based around this. Thus the week will once again include a wide variety of activities that encompass the diversity of heritage interests in our society. With this in mind the theme for Carter Group Heritage Week 2001 will be "Our Treasures - O Matou Taonga".

The generic promotion and marketing of Heritage Week is undertaken by the appointed event coordinators. This year, as in 1998 to 2000, the week is being coordinated by Marketus Limited. The contact people are Paul Collins and Robert Collins and their details are listed below. Please contact them if you require further information concerning any possible event proposal from you or your organisation. We suggest that if you are planning to organise open days, you support the event with a special display or demonstration. We look forward to receiving your event proposal form."

Chairperson's Recommendation: For discussion.

5.3 BOTTLE LAKE FOREST

The following letter was received from Robin Rowse regarding his concerns for the spring fed pond area, and the amount of clear felling being carried out in Bottle Lake Forest:

"Please find enclosed, copy of a letter I have sent to Anne Greenup, Parks Manager Christchurch City Council.

As you will see from the letter I am concerned for the spring fed pond area as described.

I am also concerned as to the amount of clear felling being carried out by the Selwyn Plantation Board.

As I understand there should always be a buffer zone of trees left after felling in any area so as to keep the appearance of the Forest.

At the present time the Alps are in clear view from Landfill Avenue, as is the Landfill site from many areas of the Forest.

It appears to me from discussions I have had with members of the Parks Unit that they have no control over any operations carried out by the Selwyn Plantation Board.

The way that some of the logging is carried out is questionable.

I believe there are other areas in the forest of Historic as well as Ecological value that require investigating urgently before more clear felling is undertaken.

Would you please use your influence as a City Councillor to see that we do not lose a unique area, as small as it is and that it can be preserved for future generations."

Chairperson's Recommendation: For discussion.