Statement of Bruce David Jamieson

Quite frequently I drive down Riccarton Road and continued to do so after the

September earthquake. Quite often the traffic backs up to the roundabout between

Riccarton Road and Hagley Park.

I've known the building at 7 Riccarton Road basically most my life, certainly since it

was Dalley's Grain & Produce Store (from the late 1940's onwards)

Following the Boxing Day earthquakes and certainly before February 22, it appeared

to me that the cracks in the façade had worsened. They were very easily visible from

the north side of Riccarton Road. I was sufficiently concerned that in late January

and early February this year (but I cannot remember the exact date) I rang the

Council to suggest that a cordon be placed in front of the building. I cannot

remember the date nor who I spoke to, but no cordon was put in place, nor do I know

if the Council followed up on this telephone call. Had the cordon been in place, it

would have been impossible to park a car at the front of the premises and the fatality

would not have occurred.

From memory, the cracks appeared to follow brick lines but because of flaking paint I

could not be sure that was the case. At the very least, there should be a designated

phone number people could raise concerns through – 911 doesn't seen appropriate.

For example, there are concrete block and brick fences in St Albans through to llam

which have been propped up since September 2010 along pathways, where

sometimes small children are walking to and from school. This should not be allowed

to continue.

Signed: (Handwritten statement signed)

B D Robinson

Date: 14.12.11



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From: Daines, Nadine [mailto:Nadine.Daines@ccc.govt.nz]

Sent: Friday, 16 December 2011 1:06 p.m.

To: Mark Zarifeh
Cc: Duncan Laing

Subject: 7 Riccarton Road - Statement from Bruce Jamieson

Hello Mark

You have asked for the Council's comments on the statement provided by Bruce Jamieson on 14 December 2011 in relation to the building at 7 Riccarton Road. Mr Jamieson states that in late January or early February 2011 he rang the Council to suggest that a cordon be placed in front of 7 Riccarton Road. Mr Jamieson cannot remember the specific date of the call or who he spoke to.

A member of the Council's Secretarial Services Team has searched the Council's WorkSmart database for any record of a telephone call from Mr Jamieson in relation to 7 Riccarton Road. A search was conducted both by property address and by customer name. No record has been found of any telephone call from Mr Jamieson concerning 7 Riccarton Road.

The Council does have a record of one telephone call and an email which have been received from Mr Jamieson post 4 September 2010, as attached. However, neither of these records relate to the property at 7 Riccarton Road and the telephone call and email were both received after 22 February 2011.

Regards Nadine

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