

5. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 27 OCTOBER 1999 MEETING**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Wednesday 27 October 1999.

The meeting was attended by Alison Wilkie (Chairperson), Mary Corbett, Neville Bennett, David Buist and Mike Mora.

In attendance were Anne Cosson (Area Parks Officer), Craig Taylor (Arboriculturist) and Roger Cave (Community Secretary).

1. **ARCHDALL PLACE – STREET TREES**

A request has been received for the removal/replacement of the silver birch trees in Archdall Place.

At its meeting in late 1997, the City Services Committee had considered a similar request. The reasons sought then for the removal of the trees included

- the large size of the trees
- the damage to services and footpaths
- the problem of (tree) litter and shading

The trees are considered to be healthy and in a sound condition; they have been well pruned and make an attractive contribution to the landscape of the street and the amenity values of the neighbourhood.

The City Services Committee has decided that the trees should stay. The Parks Unit suggests that “not much would have changed in the intervening two years”.

Council policy is that healthy trees should not be removed, nor is it policy to reduce the height of trees.

Whilst members were conscious, and generally supportive, of the Council policy, they noted that this was the “*latest*” in a succession of tree requests (Siska Place, Ferrier Park being two very recent sites).

Members questioned the suitability of some species being used as street trees, silver birch in particular; also, clarification should be sought on aspects of the current policy.

It was **agreed** to pursue this through the City Services Committee.

2. **STREETSCAPE SITES**

Over recent meetings the Committee has been discussing various streets which could be suitable for street enhancement, ie the planting of (appropriate species) trees onto the carriageway.

The Board has set aside \$10,000 project funds (1999/00) for “street enhancements”.

It was **agreed** that plans and costings be done for

- Peverel Street (Wainui to Euston)
- Springs Road (Gibson to Halswell Junction)

Some enhancement work in the vicinity of the Wycola shops had been identified; some street treatment work has been programmed in the forward capital works programme. The Board could seek to advance this by way of substitution.

At the request of the Committee, Craig Taylor will investigate the recent Grove Road tree planting to see if it could be duplicated into one or two identified streets in Hornby.

The information sought would be considered at the next Committee meeting.

3. NOTIFIED RESOURCE CONSENTS

Members were advised that the Service Centre would now have ready access to consent applications received by the Canterbury Regional Council for Riccarton and Wigram ward.

4. CAMPERVAN EFFLUENT DUMP POINTS

The Waste Manager had confirmed that two previously-identified sites, at Sabys Road and Foremans Road, were not now being investigated as possible dump points.

A site in an industrial zone off the Main South Road is being investigated by City Streets Unit.

5. WHITE-TAILED SPIDERS AND DARWIN ANTS

Due to an apparent increase in the existence of these two species, information would be sought from the appropriate authority(s).

6. NEXT MEETING

Monday 22 November, 4.00pm
Tour, Monday 6 December, 3.30pm

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the report be received.