

## 23. STREET TREES IN SHANNON, TAHI AND CASTILE PLACE, BELFAST

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Corporate Plan Output: Street Landscapes	

The purpose of this report is to obtain the Boards approval for tree replacement planting in Shannon Tahi and Castile Place.

### BACKGROUND

Following a request from Mrs Dianne Day of 4 Shannon Place in April 2001, four street trees in the berm in front of her property were inspected. The trees were causing a litter problem and damage to the footpath.

Since the request also involved the removal of trees in rather good condition, a site meeting was arranged on 29 May 2001 with Gary Harrow (PAWAA Fendalton) and the author of this report.

A letter was send to Mrs Day on 1 June 2001 after the above site meeting, explaining that the whole street tree planting of Shannon, Tahi, and Castile Place should be reviewed, and a new street tree planting plan prepared for the area.

The design brief for the above streets was arranged with City Solutions in October 2001.

A complete assessment of all street trees was undertaken on 25 February 2002.

### Reasons necessitating the replacement of trees at the above address

A number of trees are in decline for various reasons, like climatic and biological influences, vandalism, impact of 'In fill Housing' and the associated problems of root disturbance during the installation of new driveways.

The trees in question were classed into 5 different categories from (Very Poor) to (Very Good).

The following abbreviation has been used on the attached street map to highlight the condition of individual specimen in their location:

Very Poor	v.p
Poor	p
Fair	f
Good	g
Very Good	v.g
Missing	m

### Condition of trees in Shannon Place

Out of 23 trees inspected, eight were classed as Very Poor to Poor and should be replaced.

Ten trees are in Fair condition, but do require some maintenance.

Five trees are in Good condition, in need of some corrective pruning as well.

Please note that there are approximately 21 vacant tree positions in Shannon Place, where trees have either not been planted yet, or simply not been replaced after they were removed.

There is a total of 29 trees that could be planted in Shannon Place.

### Condition of trees in Tahi Place

Out of 20 trees inspected in Tahi Place, five were classed as Very Poor to Poor and should be replaced.

Six trees were classed as in Fair condition, in need of some corrective pruning

Nine trees were classed as in Good to Very Good condition, in need of minor attention.

Six planting positions appear vacant. A total of 11 trees could be replaced, to further improve the landscape in Tahi Place.

**Condition of trees in Castile Place**

Out of 21 trees inspected three are in Very Poor to Poor condition and should be replaced.

12 trees are in fair condition, in need of some corrective pruning.

Six trees are in Good condition, but also in need of some corrective pruning.

17 planting position appear vacant. A total of 20 new trees could be planted.

**Estimated Cost For Proposed Work**

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Cost for planting 60 missing trees including 16 replacement plantings.	4,800.00
Cost for the removal of 16 poor specimen.	1,440.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$6,240.00</u></b>

Provided for in the City Streets landscapes budget

**Recommendation:** That the Board approves the proposed tree removal and replacement plan.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted.