

7. **WORKS, TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
- REPORT OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Committee's 12 September meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee
held on Thursday 12 September 2002 at 8.00 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: Mark Kunnen (Chairman), Sally Buck, Val Carter, Cheryl Colley, George Hampton, Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku and Mike Wall.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence was received and accepted from Barbara Stewart for lateness from Mike Wall, and from Sally Buck for early departure.

2. REQUESTS TO REMOVE TREES

At its meeting in July, the Committee considered several requests for the removal of trees in Stretton Reserve, Burnside Park and Lavandula Crescent. The interim view at that time was that the various trees not be removed but that the applicants be invited to make further representation to the Committee before a final position was determined for recommending to the Board.

In responding to that invitation, further submissions seeking the removal of the trees were presented to the Committee by Oriel Sarè of 12 Stretton Street, Mervyn Hoare of 33 Roydvale Avenue and from Lorna Thomson of 8a Guinness Crescent.

Having received and considered the further submissions, the Committee decided to revise its earlier stance in favour of the following positions.

2.1 Stretton Reserve

That the Chinese Necklace Poplar be removed and that local residents in the immediate vicinity be informed of this intention.

(Note: Pat Harrow and Mark Kunnen asked that their votes be recorded against this outcome.)

2.2 Lavandula Crescent

That the two eucalyptus trees only be removed and that local residents in the immediate vicinity be informed of this intention along with the likely health and safety consequences of needing to also remove one of the evergreen trees.

2.3 Burnside Park

That a report be obtained from an external Arborist on firstly, the condition of oak tree number 3, and secondly an assessment of the amenity and health and safety aspects of oak trees 1, 4 and 6.

Updated reports on the above matters will be presented to the Committee in October.

3. MEDBURY TERRACE – LANDSCAPE PLAN

The Committee **received** information on the contents of the intended landscape plan for the south end of Medbury Terrace at its intersection with Kotare Street.

4. BISHOPDALE MALL - TREES

Information was **received** advising of the recent removal of a number of mainly Willows and Silver Birch trees on private land between the Bishopdale Mall and Bishopdale Park.

5. 40KM/H SCHOOL ZONE

Brian Neill of the City Streets Unit elaborated on the circulated information regarding the establishment of 40km/h school zones and answered questions from Members.

Paul Carpinter from the Westburn School's Board of Trustees was in attendance and he spoke of the school's wish to work with the Council to resolve a number of ongoing safety issues associated with the school's main entrance on Waimairi Road.

From the information presented it was clear that vehicle speeds were not a major issue and as such the school zone technique did not rate as a high priority for this location.

Mention was made of the school's past efforts to find solutions to the problems and of the willingness to continue to work alongside the Board to achieve some overall improvement.

The Committee reiterated a desire to continue to work on Ring Road related issues.

Recommendation: That the Board continue to work with the Westburn School to address traffic management/safety issues on the Waimairi Road section of the Ring Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.10 am.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.