

3. LITTLE HAGLEY PARK – AVON RIVER LANDSCAPING

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In October 2003, members of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board undertook a number of site visits to local waterways to gain a better understanding of the Council's waterways enhancement programme in the general north-west area of the city.

One such site visited was the Avon River bounded by the Millbrook Reserve, Carlton Mill Road and Little Hagley Park.

A number of issues were highlighted from that visit which prompted the Fendalton/Waimairi members to seek a meeting with their Hagley/Ferrymead counterparts as plantings in question are located in the Hagley Ward. This meeting was held on 4 December 2004.

The following matters were covered in the discussions:

1. The extent of plantings undertaken along the banks of the Avon River, especially in Little Hagley Park, opposite the Millbrook Reserve.
2. The impact that this planting is having in obscuring path/seat users views of the river.
3. The longer term consequences for the existing mature exotic plantings in and around the immediate vicinity.
4. A noticeable departure from the dominant 'English' planted character in this area.
5. A desire to understand the ongoing maintenance/pruning arrangements for the plantings.
6. The receipt of adverse feedback from the community regarding the presence of the plantings.
7. The 'stranger danger' aspect due to the (now) dense nature of the plantings.
8. To obtain an understanding of the Council's policies and practices regarding such planting programmes, including consultation arrangements.
9. A request for all Boards to have early input into the development of the Council's planting strategy currently under consideration.
10. To request that a safety audit be carried out of the existing plantings and any remedial action to be taken as required.

The meeting **agreed** on the following actions:

- (a) That the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Fendalton/Waimairi and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Boards meet with the Parks and Waterways Manager to reiterate points 1 – 10 above.
- (b) That both Boards seek to jointly appear before the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee in February 2004 to raise the various issues of concern elaborated on above.

Staff

Recommendation: That the report be received and the agreed actions in a) and b) above be confirmed.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.