

10. ST ALBANS STREET–PLANTING PROPOSAL

RR 8194

Consideration was given to a report and accompanying planting proposal for enhancing St Albans Street. As this was a boundary road with the Shirley ward the proposal was also to be considered by the Shirley/Papanui Community Board.

During the 1997/98 financial period the Board had allocated \$3,000 for tree planting in St Albans Street and this had been completed on the southern side of the street between Papanui Road and Bristol Street.

In terms of the Board's area, the proposal involved the planting of flowering and low growing shrubs in the berms on the northern side of the street from Papanui Road to Browns Road.

The submitted report noted that with the planting types proposed, on-going maintenance costs would be incurred. Two options were available to address this aspect; one being to encourage local residents to maintain the shrubs immediately adjoining their properties and the other option was for the Council to take responsibility for the maintenance.

Members were very supportive of the proposal and asked that maintenance aspects be mentioned in the pamphlet to residents. In the meantime, funding support of \$4,000 for the supply, preparation and planting and an additional amount of \$1,000 for maintenance was favoured.

Subject to favourable feedback being received from the residents, it was planned to undertake the work before the Spring.

The Board **decided** as follows:

1. That the Board approve in principle the planting plan for the northern side of St Albans Street for circulation for public comment.
2. That funding of \$5,000 from the Board's 1998/99 discretionary funds be allocated to complete that section of the planting project in the Board's area.