

15. FERRIER PARK - PINE TREE

RR 10041

The Parks Manager reported in response to a request from a number of residents in Wittys Road for the removal of a large pine tree in Ferrier Park. The Parks Manager recommended that the request be declined on the grounds that there was no safety, amenity or park management reason why the Parks Unit should wish to remove the pine.

The Parks Manager's report was also before the August meeting of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board. The Board decided to recommend to the Committee that the sole pine tree in Ferrier Park be retained.

After fully considering the strong concerns expressed by residents, the staff report and the Board's views, the Committee concluded that given the residents' fears concerning the safety of the tree and the shading and nuisance problems it creates, the residents' request should be supported.

The Committee **resolved** that the pine tree in Ferrier Park be removed and be replaced with suitable plantings, in consultation with the local community.

(Note: Councillors Anderton and Condon requested that their votes against the foregoing resolution be recorded.)