

2. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF 15 JUNE 1999 MEETING

The Board **received** the report of an Environmental Committee meeting held on 15 June 1999.

1. PRIVATE OPEN PITS CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE

For some time now members have been concerned with a perceived lack of control on consent compliance at various private open pit sites in the Wigram ward.

On behalf of the Canterbury Regional Council, Mr James Tricker (Canterbury Regional Council monitoring officer) was in attendance.

A wide ranging discussion on this issue ensued; matters discussed included “past” practices, site management, consent conditions and compliance, enforcement, and other management practices.

There was concern expressed in relation to the lack of compliance at some privately owned pits and members felt that more vigilance was required by the controlling authority in respect of resource management issues and conditions of approval.

Members were appreciative of the attendance, and frank discussion, of Mr Tricker.

The Board **decided** to recommend to the Canterbury Regional Council via the joint Christchurch City Council/Canterbury Regional Council Standing Committee that the Canterbury Regional Council:

1. Close all privately owned pits that are currently operating in the Riccarton/Wigram area without resource consent.
2. Be requested to provide progress reports on the resource consent compliance at the Owaka Road pit.
3. Be requested to provide a report on the known private pit operating in Pound Road in relation to a recent fire and the probability of potential air pollution and groundwater contamination on-site.

2. STREETSCAPE SITES

The Board had project funds (1999/00) to enable “trees on streets” to be undertaken on those streets which were devoid of any “streetscape”.

Mr Craig Taylor, the Parks Unit Project Co-ordinator (Arboriculture) was in attendance.

Whilst the Parks Unit undertook about 25 streetscape works each year there was a growing community demand for new plantings/replacements.

The Board, through this Committee, had identified at least a dozen streets for possible investigation.

Craig discussed the public consultation process, and the costs involved in streetscaping; he undertook to take two of our suggested streets and provide a plan and costings.

3. FUTURE MEETINGS BUSINESS

- Ferrier Park pine tree
- Wetlands and Waterways asset management
- Wastewater Consent Discharges
- Entry and Welcome Signs, site visit
- Port Hills Land Acquisition and Halswell Quarry Site Visit