

## 5. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF 27 OCTOBER 1999 MEETING**

The Board received a report on the Committee meeting held on 27 October 1999.

### 5.1 **Archdall Place – Street Trees**

A request has been received for the removal/replacement of the silver birch trees in Archdall Place.

At its meeting in late 1997, the City Services Committee had considered a similar request. The reasons sought then for the removal of the trees included:

- the large size of the trees
- the damage to services and footpaths
- the problem of (tree) litter and shading

The trees are considered to be healthy and in a sound condition; they have been well pruned and make an attractive contribution to the landscape of the street and the amenity values of the neighbourhood.

The City Services Committee has decided that the trees should stay. The Parks Unit suggests that not much would have changed in the intervening two years.

Council policy is that healthy trees should not be removed, nor is it policy to reduce the height of trees.

Whilst members were conscious, and generally supportive, of the Council policy, they noted that this was the latest in a succession of tree requests, Siska Place and Ferrier Park being two very recent requests.

Members questioned the suitability of some species being used as street trees, silver birch in particular; also, clarification should be sought on aspects of the current policy.

It was **agreed** to pursue this through the City Services Committee.

### 5.2 **Streetscape Sites**

Over recent meetings the Committee has been discussing various streets which could be suitable for street enhancement, ie the planting of appropriate species of trees in the carriageway.

The Board has set aside \$10,000 project funds in 1999/2000 for street enhancements.

It was **agreed** that plans and costings be done for:

- Peverel Street (Wainui to Euston)
- Springs Road (Gibson to Halswell Junction)

Some enhancement work in the vicinity of the Wycola shops had been identified; some street treatment work has been programmed in the forward capital works programme. The Board could seek to advance this by way of substitution.

At the request of the Committee, Craig Taylor will investigate the recent Grove Road tree planting to see if it could be duplicated in one or two identified streets in Hornby.

The information sought would be considered at the next Committee meeting.

### **5.3 Notified Resource Consents**

Members were advised that the Service Centre would now have ready access to consent applications received by the Canterbury Regional Council for the Riccarton and Wigram wards.

### **5.4 Campervan Effluent Dump Points**

The Waste Manager had confirmed that two previously identified sites, at Sabys Road and Foremans Road, were not now being investigated as possible dump points.

### **5.5 White-Tailed Spiders and Darwin Ants**

Due to an apparent increase in the existence of these two species, information was sought by the Committee on the health risks (if any) that could arise.

The Board **received** the information.