

5. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF 22 SEPTEMBER 1999 MEETING

The Board received a report on the Committee meeting held on 22 September 1999.

5.1 Honorary Park Wardens

A local warden addressed the Committee on the role and responsibilities of this position.

5.2 Siska Place Silver Birch Trees

Three residents of Siska Place were in attendance in support of a request to remove some silver birch trees from outside numbers 1 and 3 Siska Place.

The Parks Unit considered that the trees in question were in good health, and their retention was sought, in accordance with Council policy.

Following discussion the members were supportive of the request by the residents, who had suggested that more suitable trees be planted in the berm.

The Board **agreed** that selective pruning and tree replacements should be undertaken; also that the Parks Unit prepare a new plan for trees in consultation with residents.

A request to the City Services Committee for the removal of the trees will be made following the residents' acceptance of the new plan.

5.3 Clean Up the World Challenge

The Committee was in receipt of a report from the Council's Environmental Promotion Officer on this proposal.

Members were very supportive of the scheme and further consideration will be given to year 2000 community projects at a subsequent meeting.

5.4 Picton Avenue Reserve – Concept Plan

Following the recent Council acquisition of three adjoining residential properties in Picton Avenue, Riccarton, a concept plan was received by the Committee.

5.5 Ravensdown Fertiliser Works

In view of an upsurge in on-site production, the Committee asked for confirmation that the company was operating within its approved resource consent conditions.

5.6 Notified Resource Consent – McVicar Timber Group Limited

The attention of members had been drawn to an application received by the Canterbury Regional Council:

“to discharge water and contaminants to land and surface water in circumstances which may result from those contaminants entering water from a former treatment facility”.

The subject site is at the corner of Halswell Junction Road and Springs Road.

Due to the closing date of submissions, the Committee Chairperson and Board Chairperson had made a submission on behalf of the Community Board.

The Board **decided** to endorse the submission. (Bob Shearing recorded his vote against this decision.)

The Board also **decided** to seek copies of all resource consent applications received by the Canterbury Regional Council affecting the Riccarton and Wigram wards.