

14. 12. 2000

**REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION**

**1. SISKA PLACE STREET TREES**

As reported separately in the agenda, the City Services Committee at its meeting on 28 November 2000 considered a report in respect to a request by residents in Siska Place for the removal of some street trees. The Committee **resolved**:

*“That a subcommittee consisting of the Chairman and Councillors Evans and Wright and a representative of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board consider the matter and report direct to the December Council meeting.”*

Members of the Subcommittee visited the site on Wednesday 6 December 2000, together with Mr Mike Mora, Chairman of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board, and appropriate staff.

**Subcommittee**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the silver birch trees outside 1 and 3 Siska Place be removed and replaced with shallow rooting 4 metre high trees.
  2. That one silver birch tree (dying) be removed from outside 8 Siska Place and replaced as above.
  3. That the two trees outside 6 Siska Place be retained.
  4. That the existing tree outside 16 Siska Place be retained.

**2. STREET TREES - 250A AVONSIDE DRIVE**

It was resolved at the 31 October 2000 meeting of the Committee the Street Trees Subcommittee also visited the above property.

The visit resulted from a request by the resident at this address for the removal of two silver birch trees from outside his property on the basis that they provided undue shading. The recommendation of Parks Unit staff was that removal was not justified.

In view of the fact that the trees involved are healthy, mature specimens and that no shading of the property involved was visible during the Subcommittee's visit the Subcommittee recommended as follows.

**Subcommittee**

- Recommendation:** That the existing trees outside 250A Avonside Drive be retained.

**3. REPORT OF THE NEW BRIGHTON MALL ROAD SUBCOMMITTEE  
PROPOSED SURVEY - NEW BRIGHTON MALL REDEVELOPMENT**

The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the recommendation of the New Brighton Mall Road Subcommittee meeting held on Wednesday 6 December 2000.

**BACKGROUND**

The Council at its meeting on 23 November 2000 resolved, inter alia:

*“That the Council approve the decision to undertake a survey, subject to a suitable quotation being obtained for the work and approval by the New Brighton Mall Road Subcommittee.”*

The purpose of the meeting was to consider a proposal from Opinions Market Research Ltd to undertake a survey of residents on the proposed concept plan for redevelopment of the New Brighton Mall including provision of a slow road.

Ms Karen Selway, director, Opinions Market Research Ltd, attended and possible methodologies for undertaking this survey together with costs were tabled for the information of members.

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Members took the opportunity to confirm the objectives of the survey as being:

- To confirm there was sufficient confidence to proceed with the concept plan based on public response and that the balance between motor vehicles and pedestrians was appropriate.
- To ascertain what would attract the people to this area and obtain comments on the design and its components and whether anything should be added or deleted from the concept plan.
- To take the opportunity to explain why parking in the slow road was limited to nine car parks and to ascertain the perceived ease of access to car parking.
- To explore reactions to the proposed design including perceptions of safety and amenity.
- To measure the extent to which the proposed slow road is perceived to be safe for pedestrians road users and also provides amenity.
- To explore in detail reactions to the proposed design option and to identify areas for improvement.
- To explore the shopping mix required to create a convenient shopping environment to meet the needs of customers and potential customers.
- To establish what convenience parking is to customers and potential customers.
- To identify the trading hours required including the days of the week.
- To determine the facilities required for example toilets, children's facilities and seating etc.

After discussion the Subcommittee considered that it would be appropriate to hold a total of five focus groups of approximately 8 respondents in each group. In addition public opinion will be sought via the City Scene in February 2001 to allow for more widespread public comment.

#### **COSTS**

The cost for undertaking five focus groups including preparation and analysis will be \$14,000 and can be accommodated within existing budgets.

#### **Subcommittee**

- Recommendation:**
1. That a public survey, by way of five focus groups of a cross section of residents selected from the eastern suburbs be conducted during January 2001.
  2. That the concept plan be referred to the New Brighton District Business Association to ascertain by 5 February 2001:
    - (a) Their commitment to the upgrade of Hawke Street car park including landscaping.
    - (b) The provision of a link between the new road and Hawke Street car park by way of private development.
    - (c) Any other comments they may have.
  3. That an article be placed in the February 2001 issue of City Scene incorporating the concept development plan as amended following the above processes.

**CONSIDERED THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2000**

**MAYOR**