



**1. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
REPORT OF 17 OCTOBER 2000 MEETING**

The Board was in receipt of the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting of 17 October 2000.

1.1 CAMPERVAN DISPOSAL SITE

The Committee was in receipt of a report which identified the location of a campervan effluent dump site at Templeton and sought the Board's approval for this site.

The suggested site is at the information lay-by on the Main South Road immediately north of the Templeton urban area. This location is convenient for traffic from the south and west of Christchurch. The lay-by will require a minimum of extra hard standing to provide easy and safe access for the largest campervans. Transit NZ staff have indicated verbal approval for the installation on the state highway subject to strict conditions.

The installation would consist of a concrete pad 600mm x 500mm with 150mm raised edges fitted with a hinged lid. The suggested location is on the fenceline near the information kiosk. Arrangements can be made for servicing three times per week by City Care Ltd staff as part of their normal public toilet servicing round.

This proposal has been discussed with the owners of the two houses opposite the lay-by. One has no objections and the other has concerns as to possible smells from spillage but would be satisfied with written confirmation that the site will be serviced as necessary, with a minimum of three times per week.

The Committee were supportive of the site and ask that appropriate landscaping, signage and additional hard standing areas be incorporated in the final design.

The Board **decided** that a campervan effluent dump facility be installed at the Templeton information lay-by.

1.2 TEMPLETON DOMAIN SKATEBOARD PETITION

The 6 September 2000 meeting of the Board received a petition from 47 young persons seeking additional "features" to be added to the existing facility.

The Committee looked at the site during a visit last month. It was agreed that officers would investigate the request.

A report will be available to the November meeting of the Committee.

1.3 DENTON PARK (WESTERN SIDE) TREES AND ENVIRONS

The 6 September 2000 meeting of the Board received a petition from residents in Kathleen Crescent seeking some work on the trees on the park along their western boundary.

The Committee looked at the site during a visit last month and agreed that Council officers consider the petition and report back.

On 9 October 2000 the Area Parks Officer, together with the Arboriculturist, visited the site. It is proposed to initiate a landscape plan which will see the removal of some trees and new plantings, to be placed along the fenceline.

Areas in the park relating to the Water Services Unit operation were also being addressed. The plan will be available to the Committee prior to it going out for public consultation.

1.4 SISKA PLACE STREET TREES

The Committee was in receipt of a report from the Area Parks Officer about the progress to date on the Siska Place street trees concept plan and requesting that the Board make a recommendation to the City Services Committee.

An application was previously made by two residents in Siska Place to have silver birch trees removed from outside their property. The Board recommended that staff consult further with residents about the street trees and also to address the tree planting in the reserve.

A letterbox drop was made in Siska Place and a meeting was held with local residents.

The initial request was to remove three silver birches outside 1 and 3 Siska Place. As staff worked through the design of the concept plan, they discovered a water main which runs along the southern (odd numbered) side of the street. The water main is under the grass berm area. Any trees that have invasive or vigorous root systems could damage the pipe. The silver birches outside 1 and 3 Siska Place have the potential to cause damage to this water main.

To overcome this problem the planting of magnolia wilsonii was recommended. Magnolia wilsonii is a small sized deciduous tree, which grows to 6-8 metres at maturity, bearing white flowers in early spring.

Seven new street trees were proposed along with the removal of the silver birches outside 1 and 3. A few of the residents turned down the option of street trees but on the whole everyone was happy for the silver birches to be removed from outside 1 and 3, and new street trees to be planted.

On the even number side of the street there is no footpath, just grass berms, or planting. The silver birch tree outside 14 needs removal. The top half of the tree is declining. This tree will be removed and replaced with shrub planting.

Outside 8 Siska Place, there are three silver birches planted very close together. The closeness of the planting has begun to affect the form and growth of the trees. It is recommended to remove the centre tree. Number 6 Siska Place has a similar problem, with three trees planted very close together. It is recommended that two trees be removed leaving the centre tree. The centre tree has the best shape. These trees are robinias.

Residents at number 16 asked to have their street tree removed. The tree has been assessed by the Parks Unit Arboriculturist. He believes the tree is in good health and is one of the best trees in the street. It is recommended that this tree remain.

Siska Place Reserve

A plan also went out to invite submissions on the removal of some of the trees in the reserve. When the reserve was originally planted the trees were planted too close together for their mature size. The closeness of the planting has begun to affect the form and growth of the trees to such an extent that now many of the trees are being suppressed and have very poor form. All residents were happy for this work to be carried out.

The Board **decided** to recommend to the City Services Committee:

- (a) The removal of the silver birch trees outside 1 and 3 Siska Place.
- (b) The removal of one silver birch from outside number 8 Siska Place.
- (c) The removal of two trees from outside 6 Siska Place.
- (d) That the existing tree outside No 16 Siska Place be retained.
- (e) That new street trees be planted to replace the trees removed where possible, and new street tree planting be established on the odd number house side of the street.

1.5 DRAFT CANTERBURY HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Regional Hazardous Waste Working Party has sought support from all territorial local authorities for it to seek public submissions on the strategy. All territorial local authorities have had an opportunity during August to comment on the strategy and all have recommended it for the next phase – that of seeking public submissions which is planned to take place during October.

Environment Canterbury staff will co-ordinate the public submissions after which the Regional Hazardous Waste Working Party will consider submissions in November, and recommend a final strategy to all the Canterbury territorial local authorities. It is planned to complete this process by the end of this year.

The strategy has a vision of zero hazardous waste by 2020, with a long-term objective of eliminating the adverse effects of hazardous wastes on the environment.

The strategy will ensure that action on hazardous waste issues in the region are planned and executed in a co-ordinated way to ensure minimum environmental effects with a long term objective of eliminating the adverse effects of hazardous wastes on the environment.

The Board **agreed** that a submission be prepared on the draft strategy by Alison Wilkie and Mike Mora.

1.6 **ONGOING ISSUES FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Stock Truck Effluent discussion.
- Rural Threshold Signs update.
- Reserves Development Plans, various sites.
- Land Use Mitigation Measures relating to flooding issues.
- Private pit operation and monitoring

Other Issues

- Heritage Researcher/Writer.
- Project Allocation Funds.
- Community Gardens.

1.7 **NEXT MEETING**

An inspection of the Summit Road/Gibraltar Farm land acquisition sites has been arranged for Thursday 30 November 2000.

The Board **received** the report.