

3. JAMELL PLACE SILVER BIRCH TREES

The Area Parks Officer presented a report concerning the retention/reduction/removal of the silver birch trees in Jamell Place, Avonhead.

A request was made last year concerning the removal of the silver birch trees in Jamell Place. At the end of the consultation process the Community Board and the City Services Committee resolved to retain the silver birch trees in Jamell Place.

The Riccarton/Wigram Community Board was approached in April this year by some residents of Jamell Place. The residents asked the Board to consider removing some of the silver birches and replacing them. The Board requested that Council staff go back to residents in the street and ask them to consider the proposal to remove some silver birch trees. The outcome of the resident feedback was a fairly even split between retention of the silver birch trees with the addition of some manor oak species versus the removal of the silver birch trees and a replanting programme.

Following full discussion the Board **decided** to appoint a facilitator to attempt to mediate a solution with the residents as soon as practicable.