


10. GUILDFORD STREET TREES



The Parks and Waterways Area Advocate reported on the concerns received from local residents and of the steps that could be taken to overcome a number of the problems identified. The residents' representative, Mrs Jennifer Griffiths also addressed the Board.

The trees were healthy and added character to the street therefore there was a reluctance from staff to recommend their removal.

Discussion occurred on the Council's current maintenance programme for street trees and it was felt that shortening the six year cycle time may help remove some of the problems identified by the Guildford Street residents.

On the basis of the information presented, members were generally in favour of the trees being retained, but that more be done to keep the trees pruned more often and for immediate steps to be taken to repair the damaged footpaths.

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

1. That the trees be retained in Guildford Street.
2. That judicious pruning and footpath repairs as outlined in the report, be undertaken as soon as possible.

The Board further **decided** that the matter of seeking an enhancement of the maintenance programme relating to street trees be addressed by the Finance and Planning Committee in its preparation of the Board's "Key Issues" statement.