

28. BOARD SITE INSPECTIONS OF MARBLEWOOD RESERVE AND ST JAMES PARK

The Board received and considered the report on recommendations made by Board members at site inspections of Marblewood Reserve and St James Park on 3 February 2003.

MARBLEWOOD RESERVE AND MARBLE WOOD DRIVE

The Board discussed the recommendations made by Board members at site inspections of Marblewood Reserve and St James Park on 3 February 2003. The Parks and Waterways Officer (Kirsty Patten) advised the Board that the trees being removed from Marble Wood Drive were a health and safety issue as they had been badly damaged by road construction work and were no longer stable. She assured the Board that they would be replaced by trees of substantial size. Consultation with residents on this issue had been delayed because of funding issues but would take place and would include consultation on the replacement tree species and size. As the present trees grew to 60 feet there were also shading issues to consider. Consultation would involve a letter drop containing information on the removal of the trees and inviting residents to a public meeting.

The Board **resolved**:

1. That the following tree removal and replanting proposals outlined by Tim Rillstone, Arborist, and Kirsty Patten, Parks Area Advocate, Parks & Waterways Unit be approved:
 - (a) The immediate removal of two trees at the entrance to Marble Wood Drive for health and safety reasons.
 - (b) The removal and replacement of poor tree specimens in Marblewood Reserve.
 - (c) The replacement of the street trees with a more suitable species. Some of the removed trees may be replanted in the reserve area.
2. That staff consult with residents of the 'Marblewood' development through a 'one-on-one' approach.
3. That a Code of Practice relating to planting at intersections (as per Fendalton/Waimairi) be considered.

ST JAMES PARK

The Board **resolved** that:

1. Staff be requested to provide a replacement plan/survey of replanting St James Park in keeping with the history and present environs of the park for consideration within the next few months.
2. Staff be requested to arrange a meeting with residents in the vicinity of St James Park to consider their 'adoption' of St James Park.
3. Staff hold discussions with the Croquet Club in relation to future watering and maintenance of the park.