

8. MAIN ROAD AMENITY PLANTING: MOORHOUSE AVENUE – ST ASAPH STREET

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board that a recommendation is to be made to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee on 13 July 2004 that the Main Road Amenity Planting project be implemented on Ferry Road from Moorhouse Avenue to St Asaph Street.

In February 2004 a report by Lorraine Wilmshurst was presented to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee giving an update on progress and detailing the proposed consultation plans for each section of the Main Road Amenity Planting.

The Chairman's recommendation to that report was that "*the above plan with special reference to the beautification of the causeway be approved subject to the planned consultation process*".

Budget provision is 2003/04 - \$161,504, 2004/05 - \$87,134, 2005/06 through to 2007/08 - \$87,975 each year for more planting of street trees along arterial roads.

The project's aims and objectives as set out in the Terms of Reference document dated 15 August 2003 are "*to increase the level of planting from the City to Summer*".

PROJECT STATUS

This part of the overall scheme comprises two areas of planting:

- landscape planting (south and northeast corner of Ferry Road/Madras Street intersection) comprising groundcover roses.
- eight Quercus Coccinia (Scarlet Oak) interspersed with groundcover roses at the back of the footpath outside the fence fronting the Red Bus Company.

All proposed plantings in this section are located within the Ferry Road street boundaries.

In mid May 2004 the adjoining property owners were contacted for their views on the proposal (see attached plan LP 110201 Sheet 1 of 1) and in each case gave their full support.

CONCLUSIONS

- The proposed plantings are within the projects aims and objectives.
- The adjoining owners are supportive of the proposal.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board support the proposed planting plan and its implementation.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion.