

## 7. REPORT ON THE REMOVAL OF A TREE LOCATED IN REDWOOD PARK

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The purpose of this report is to respond to a request by a resident, reference 90234274, to gain approval for the removal of a park tree. The tree is not a protected tree and it is not a health and safety issue, hence approval is sought from the Community Board.

The tree, a semi mature Populus spp (Poplar), is situated adjacent to 1 Woodfield Lane and outside the Kindergarten in the park. It is approximately 12m in height with a girth (at 1.4m) of 1.4m. It has a canopy spread of approximately 10m.

It appears to be sound in both roots and trunk with a healthy canopy; however, the structure in the main branching appears suspect. The tree has been pruned to lift the canopy but the formation of the two main leaders seems inherently weak and likely to lead to a major failure of branching in the upper canopy. A climbing inspection was carried out to assess the problem and it was determined that there were limited remedial pruning options without compromising the form and development of the tree.

Therefore in consideration of the potential growth and size of this species with its proximity to a public footpath, private property and the Kindergarten, the removal of the tree seems to be the prudent option.

In conclusion and on balance, the removal of this tree is likely to have a beneficial effect on the immediate environment. The park in this vicinity seems to be sufficiently populated with other trees and so replacement planting is not imperative as a mitigation measure.

### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Poplar tree be removed and not replaced

### **Chairperson's**

- Recommendation:**
1. That this report lie on the table until the Board has an onsite visit with Greenspace staff to determine whether to substitute or remove the tree. The onsite visit to take place at 3.15 pm on 4 August 2004.
  2. That the Greenspace Unit Staff carry out consultation with the Redwood Play centre, neighbouring residents and other park users before the 4 August meeting.