

**11. PROPOSED REMOVAL OF TREES AT NORTH BURWOOD PARK TO ACCOMMODATE A COMBINED SPORTS CLUBS' PAVILION EXTENSION**

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The purpose of this report is to enable the Board to consider a request from the East Christchurch Shirley Cricket Club and Shirley Rugby Club to remove more trees than was originally detailed in the report that the Board considered and approved in November 2002, to enable the extension of the existing pavilion to take place.

A copy of the original report and drawings have been circulated separately to Board members.

**BACKGROUND**

A memorandum with amended drawing was received on 17 March 2004 from the Combined Sports' Clubs. The contents of the memorandum are set out in full below:

*"I have attached a plan showing the existing building outline and the proposed outline with the position of the trees. Please note that as part of the building consent we have to provide a concrete apron at least one metre width around the entire building. This will affect six of the trees, leaving the eastern and western Poplar trees untouched.*

*"I have not taken into consideration the spread of the foliage, which will inevitably touch or overhang the building, this will create maintenance problems as we mentioned at the site meeting."*

The amended drawing is attached.

**DISCUSSION**

I have discussed the Clubs' concerns with the Greenspace Unit's City Arborist. The combined clubs initially sought the removal of only three trees. The City Arborist has indicated he would not oppose the removal of the additional trees and their replacement to enable the proposal to proceed, subject to the removal of the existing trees and their replacement being undertaken at the combined clubs' expense.

The combined clubs' original intentions are detailed in the original drawings attached to the previous report, as is the Natural+ People+ Economic Assessment.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board approve the Combined Sports Clubs' request to remove up to eight trees, at their expense, to enable the pavilion extension at North Burwood Park to proceed, subject to the previous conditions of the Council.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** For discussion.