

3. RIVERSIDE PLANTING

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BACKGROUND

At the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee meeting on 11 February 2004, deputations were heard on the subject of riparian planting along the banks of the Avon River, in the vicinity of Little Hagley Park and Millbrook Reserve. The Committee heard the concerns and views of the Merivale Precinct Society Inc, The Urban Landscapes Group, Ms Glenda Fox, together with representatives from the Hagley/Ferrymead and Fendalton/Waimairi Community Boards. Written submissions were also acknowledged.

The Committee decided that the following process be followed to review riverside planting in the light of the matters raised:

- Each Community Board be requested to select two key areas in their community for a review of riverside planting.
- The areas selected be assessed by Jenny Moore, independent landscape consultant.
- The criteria for assessment acknowledge the issues raised by the submitters.
- Community Boards be given an opportunity to comment on the respective assessments prior to consideration by the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee.
- Appropriate guidelines be prepared for future plantings.

It was also decided that staff develop a long term plan for riverside planting and that Community Boards be involved with the identification of areas within their communities, to be included in the long term plan.

PROPOSAL

With the assistance of the Greenspace Area Advocate, the Board is asked to identify up to two stretches of riparian planting to be assessed against the following criteria:

Access to the water's edge

Safety for pedestrians using the area

Preservation of attractive views

Appropriate siting of seats

Appropriate maintenance practices

Density, shading or intrusion upon other significant vegetation

It is not the intention of this review to look at ecological values, but to follow up on the issues raised at the Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee.

The Community Advocate comments: *Riparian planting was discussed at the Board seminar on 17 March (refer to clause 9.5). At that meeting the following areas were identified for assessment:*

- *Avon River - south side from Helmores Lane Bridge to Carlton Mill Bridge (supporting the concerns of the Fendalton/Waimari Community Board)*
- *Avon River - Avonside Drive, from Fitzgerald Avenue to the junction with Linwood Avenue (plantings have potential to affect views and the existing willows)*
- *Heathcote River - section in Clarendon Terrace opposite numbers 107 to 139*
- *Heathcote River - section in Richardson Terrace from number 80 to Wildberry Street*
- *Heathcote River - Ferry Road section from Tunnel roundabout to number 950 Ferry Road.*

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board, in consultation with the Greenspace Area Advocate, choose two sites of riparian planting in their area, for review.
 2. That the Board endorse the criteria for reviewing the sites.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.