

8. STREET TREE REPLACEMENT – PROCTOR, GAMBIA AND LOFTUS STREETS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the removal and replacement planting of multiple trees in Proctor Street, Gambia Street and Loftus Street in conjunction with the Papanui Cluster Street Refurbishment Capital Project 2006 (kerb and channel replacement).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. On 6 September 2006 Council Arborist, Graham Clark, briefed the Shirley/Papanui Community Board members of the Council's intention to replace all of the street trees in Proctor Street and to replace several other street trees located in Gambia and Loftus streets which in the Council's opinion need replacement.
3. Council will undertake the following works:
 - Removal of all senescent trees.
 - Removal of all trees of poor form, vigour and vitality.
 - Removal of nuisance trees as perceived by residents and agreed by Council.
 - Removal & replacement of three private trees if owners consent is gained. Council to cover all costs if consent is given.
 - Removal of all trees which Council deem to be inappropriate through proximity to electrical services and / or are damaging other infrastructure within the street.
 - Implement a replacement planting regime in 2007 which compliments the newly designed landscape plans for Proctor, Gambia and Loftus Streets.
 - Replacement planting species to be white ash, *Fraxinus americana* and South Island Kowhai, *Sophora microphylla* in Proctor Street.
 - Replacement planting species to be Manna ash, *Fraxinus ornus* in Gambia Street.
 - Replacement planting species to be Evergreen magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora* and South Island Kowhai, *Sophora microphylla* in Loftus Street.
4. The Council does not intend to immediately replace the loss of amenity that would result from the removal of the tree's but will place the streets on the replacement tree planting programme for implementation in the 2007 planting season. This will ensure that the character and identity of the street is enhanced through a publicly consulted process in accordance with the LTCCP.
5. All stakeholders as nominated at the Shirley/Papanui Seminar Meeting on 6 September 2006 who are directly affected by the proposed operations have been consulted over the removal and replacement planting proposal and details of their submissions are attached in the consultation report prepared by the Consultation Leader, City Environment.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. Any healthy street tree can only be removed with approval from the appropriate Community Board and any protected street tree can only be removed by a successful application under the Resource Management Act. These trees are not listed as protected under the provisions of the Christchurch City Plan.
7. Funding is allocated in the Transport and Greenspace Unit, Capital Works Budget for the removal and replacement of these trees and is consistent with the LTCCP.
8. All tree work will be tendered out to Council approved Arboricultural and Horticultural Contractor's as appropriate.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board adopts Option (A) and approves:

- (a) Removal of all trees as recommended in the attached removal plans for Proctor, Gambia and Loftus Streets.
- (b) Implementation of the planting regimes identified in the attached concept landscape plans for Proctor, Gambia and Loftus Streets in 2007 planting season.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATIONS

That the staff recommendations be adopted.

OPTIONS

Option (A)

- 9. Removal of all trees as identified on the removal plans and replacement planting in accordance with the concept landscape plans for Proctor, Gambia and Loftus Streets.

Option (B)

- 10. Status quo. Do not remove any trees. Trees are to be maintained to accepted international arboricultural standards.