

15. POPLAR TREE(S) – FERRIER PARK

On behalf of the Greenspace Manager, Tony Armstrong sought the Board's consideration for the removal of a tree on the Council reserve which is close to No 31 Balrudry Street. The resident considered that the tree could be a health and safety risk to his family and asked that the tree be removed. Whilst the tree was healthy and a good specimen, it was acknowledged that the need to isolate, minimise or remove health and safety hazards were of prime concern to the Council.

Mr Armstrong noted that a full survey and assessment will be undertaken in the late spring/early summer of all the trees on Ferrier Park and this would be reported back to the Board following local community consultation. He noted however that regarding this tree (being a black poplar) and its proximity to the property boundary and with limited maintenance options available, it was most likely that he would be recommending its removal as part of the full survey.

The Board noted that the tree in question would be removed under the wider survey.

Neville Bennett gave his opinion that this issue had not followed a good process and that it appeared that a decision was being made too hastily.

The Board **resolved**:

1. That the poplar tree in Ferrier Park, adjacent to Mr Inkster's property at 31 Balrudry Street be removed.
2. That the tree outside 31 Balrudry Street be removed as soon as possible.
3. That a wider programme of work determined by an independent survey and assessment take place following consultation with the local community.

(Note: Neville Bennett abstained from voting on these resolutions.)