

12. SHELDON PARK – UPDATE ON BELFAST RUGBY CLUB’S CHANGING ROOM DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO THE REQUIREMENT TO REMOVE TWO TREES AND CHANGE DRIVEWAY ALIGNMENT

The Board’s approval was sought to the removal of two Silver Birch trees in Sheldon Park to enable the Belfast Rugby Club (the applicant) to build extensions to its present changing room facility at Sheldon Park (the lease extension for which was approved by the Board at it’s meeting held on the 7 July 2004) and a change to the driveway alignment south of the proposed extended changing room facility.

The Board **resolved** to approve the removal of the two Silver Birch trees immediately east of the Belfast Rugby Club’s present changing rooms at Sheldon Park, and the moving of the existing driveway south further into the park, to enable the present changing rooms to be extended, subject to the following conditions.

- (i) That a landscape plan of the area east of the building be submitted by the applicant to the Greenspace Manager for his designate’s (the Greenspace Policy & Leasing Administrator’s) approval prior to work on the extensions commencing upon the site. This plan is to show the path along the east side of the building required to service the changing rooms on this side of the building, and one tree to replace one of those lost because of the proposed development. The preparation and completion of the work required to implement the plan is to be undertaken by the applicant at its expense.
- (ii) The applicant is to be responsible for paying for the replacement of the other tree that is to be lost because of the development, this tree to be planted in a suitable position on the park as defined by the Greenspace Manager or his designate.
- (iii) The removal of the present trees is to be undertaken by a Council approved arboricultural contractor that has at least \$1,000,000 public liability insurance.
- (iv) The shifting of the driveway fencing, preparation and sealing of the carriageway widening, and installation of the bollards outside the southern entrance to the extended changing rooms is to be undertaken by a properly certified contractor, that holds at least \$1,000,000 public liability insurance policy. The work is to be undertaken at the applicant’s expense. No work is to be undertaken within the present drip-line of the Redwood tree.
- (v) All trees remaining within the construction site (building and driveway) are to be fenced off before on-site work commences, to ensure that these trees are not damaged during the construction phase of the development.
- (vi) The applicant is to pay a \$2,000 bond to the Council via the (Greenspace Contract Manager, Fendalton Service Centre) before any construction work commences on the site. The bond less any expenses incurred by the Council will be refunded to the payee upon completion of the development to a standard acceptable to the Greenspace Manager or his designate.