

#### 4. POYNDR AVENUE – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL AND STREET TREES - UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board of the feed back received from the distribution of the tree survey and publicity plan showing the proposed layout for Poynder Avenue.

#### BACKGROUND

The Board's Works and Traffic Safety Committee approved a publicity plan for distribution on 8 May 1999. Following the publicity plan's distribution with a questionnaire on possible tree replacements the following comments have been received (some have been summarised) by the Area Engineer and Area Parks Officer.

#### CITY STREETS UNIT PUBLICITY PLAN RESPONSES

Those received by the Area Engineer on the publicity plan were: -

- When is Wroxton Terrace to be revamped?
- Quite unnecessary.
- In the future I may widen my entrance, therefore can the area between the vehicle entrances to No.s 25 and 27 be sealed.
- Straighten out the kerbing on the north side of Poynder Avenue at the Garden Road intersection.
- Ensure seal levels on the new footpaths are not above residents' driveways to prevent ponding.
- Proposals are ok – plane tree on corner at No.18 is useful as it slows the traffic.
- Happy with your ideas – would have preferred a roundabout at the Garden Road intersection.
- Can the road be cambered round the corner with a centre line to keep motorists to the left?
- Why do you build roads and then fill them with road humps?
- Delighted with the plan but is a hump needed at a Give Way sign?
- Please complete the proposals as soon as possible – don't care for road humps.
- Please reconsider putting all services underground – the Poynder/Garden intersection needs realigning and the ivy replaced with a more suitable planting.
- Concerned about street parking and lawn mowing being neglected otherwise pleased.
- Like the new plan but are concerned about parking and lawn mowing.
- A complete waste of money, it should be spent on footpaths in the area.
- Is it necessary to have humps in Garden Road? I feel the city is becoming a city of humps.
- I agree with the plans.
- No objection provided that traffic along Wairarapa Terrace does not increase.
- Speed humps are a fantastic idea, however they need to be big – suggest speed humps at corner of Garden Road and Wroxton Terrace as well (Underlining as done by the resident).

The feed back regarding footpath seal levels, landscaping, and a painted centre line will be incorporated as amendments to the work. As there is no theme or common issue coming from the objections the rest of the work could go ahead as planned.

#### **PARKS UNIT SURVEY RESPONSES**

There was an excellent response to the Parks Unit survey regarding the Plane trees from Poynder Ave residents. Only four properties failed to return the questionnaire indicating their preferred option. Additional efforts to contact those particular owners have also been unsuccessful. However the returns have shown a very clear preference and the result would be unchanged even if all 4 preferred the least favoured of both options.

#### **RESULTS**

##### **Replacement Timeframe**

Remove and replace trees in one operation	31
Remove and replace trees over a 3-5 year period	2

##### **Replacement Species**

Magnolia kobus	27
Platinus orientalis (Plane tree)	6

#### **RESIDENTS FEEDBACK**

Several residents commented on the proposal and expressed the view that the proposed work would make a significant improvement to the appearance of the street as well as providing practical benefits in relation to shading and leaf fall from the planes. General comments and feedback indicates that the residents are very happy with the proposal.

#### **PROPOSALS**

1. To implement the work as shown on the plan while incorporating the residents wishes in regard to keeping footpath seal levels below the residents driveway levels, not using ivy in the landscaping, and painting a white centreline around the right angled bend in the carriageway. Work will not be started until next year to avoid a large time gap between construction and planting stages.
2. Given the above results the Parks Unit proposes to remove all the existing Plane trees in Poynder Ave prior to commencing construction of the new kerb and channel. The Magnolias will be installed when the road works have been completed to ensure the trees are not damaged by trucks or machinery carrying out the road works.

Although six people would have preferred Plane trees over Magnolias, the Parks Unit proposes to only replant with the Magnolias to ensure the overall appearance and continuity of the street is maintained. Residents who specifically asked for Plane trees can have the option of not having a tree outside their property if they do not want a Magnolia.

The Parks Unit will be writing to all those residents who responded in the near future, advising them of the outcome including details of the programme for the road construction and tree planting.

**Recommendation:** That the proposed works and amendments be approved for tendering and construction.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the foregoing recommendation be adopted.