

31. CROFTON ROAD - SILVER BIRCH TREES

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The purpose of this report is to advise on the recommendation of the Subcommittee appointed at the June meeting of the City Services Committee to consider the request from residents in Crofton Road that the existing silver birch trees be removed and replaced with smaller growing species.

At its meeting on 6 June 2000 the Committee considered a report from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board on this matter.

A survey of residents by the Parks Unit had elicited some 75 responses of which 47 had favoured removal, 27 retention and 1 no preference. Reasons originally given by the residents in seeking their removal had related to:

- The height of the trees
- Allergy problems
- Large quantities of seed being dropped from the trees
- Blockage of drains and guttering

The Parks Unit had not supported removal of the trees as they were in a sound and healthy condition and caused no problems to kerbs or pavements.

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board recommended that the residents' request to replace the trees be declined and that the existing trees be retained with the exception of three silver birch trees and one eucalyptus, which should be removed in the near future.

A meeting of the subcommittee, consisting of Councillors O'Rourke, Evans and Wright and the Chairman of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board, met on site on Thursday 29 June to view the trees and agreed with the Board's recommendation.

Recommendation: That the existing trees in Crofton Road be retained with the exception of three silver birch trees and one eucalyptus which should be removed in the near future.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.