

4. BRENCHELY AVENUE/COLLEGE AVENUE – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL - UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the feedback received following the distribution of the publicity plan showing the layout proposed for the kerb and channel renewal in Brenchley and College Avenues.

Arising from the distribution of the publicity plan to the local residents in March, twelve responses were received. Two expressed strong support for the proposal, three were uncommitted, six objected to the proposed tree species being Mana Ash, and one objected to the landscaped kerb extension in Brenchley Avenue opposite College Avenue.

There are already some Mana Ash trees planted close to the existing crab apple trees because of a previous decision made to give the Mana Ash replacements time to grow to a significant height before removing the crab apple trees. The alternative tree desired by some residents is the prunus subhirtella 'Autumnalis' which is a small tree, pendulous in habit, but not preferred by the Council as a street tree because it is prone to silver leaf disease, and is difficult to get into a good shape when it needs pruning up to allow people to walk under it.

The main objection to the Mana Ash is the large amount of seeds the species drops, however the tree is very suitable for the wide berms of these two avenues. For these reasons, the City Arboriculturist recommends that the proposed tree species be Mana Ash (*Fraxinus ornus*).

An amount of \$295,000 has been budgeted for the renewal work.

It is proposed that the construction plans for the work now be prepared, as shown on the circulated publicity plan

Recommendation: That the information be received.

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