

27. REPORT OF THE STREET TREES SUBCOMMITTEE - TRUMAN ROAD AND GUILDFORD STREET

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the recommendations of the Street Trees Subcommittee in respect to the above.

INTRODUCTION

At its meeting on 9 August 2001 the City Services Committee considered two reports relating to a street tree in Truman Road and the trees in Guildford Street both within the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board area. The Committee resolved that both matters be referred to the Street Trees Subcommittee consisting of the Chairman of the City Services Committee, Councillors Evans and Wright together with the Chairperson of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for an on-site inspection and further report to the September meeting of the City Services Committee.

ON-SITE INSPECTION

A meeting of the Subcommittee was held on Tuesday 14 August 2001 at 12 noon attended by Councillors Denis O'Rourke, Ron Wright and Barbara Stewart (Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board) and relevant staff. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Carole Evans and Keith Nuttall, Chairman of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board.

The opportunity was taken by the Subcommittee to visit both sites and speak to one of the adjacent property owners in Truman Road and the local neighbourhood watch co-ordinator in the case of Guildford Street. Following the on-site meeting the Subcommittee adjourned to the Fendalton Service Centre for further deliberation.

Members noted in the case of Truman Road that the tree involved obstructed access to two properties and had previously caused damage to sewer pipes. The Subcommittee considered the recommendations of the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board that the relocation of the existing driveways at 51 and 53 Truman Road be investigated at cost to the Council, as an alternative to removal of the tree and also that the trees in Guildford Street be retained.

Having regard to the above the Subcommittee resolved as follows, noting that the removal of the tree at Truman Road should not be seen as setting a precedent for any other similar situations in that road.

Subcommittee

- Recommendation:**
1. That the trees in Guildford Street be retained and pruning be undertaken but the ash tree on the corner of Wayside Avenue be removed.
 2. That the tree at 51/53 Truman Road be removed and that two replacement trees be provided in close proximity.
 3. That the issue of a falling hanging branch and flooding sumps in Truman Road be referred to the Parks and City Streets Units and that the City Streets Unit check the sumps in the street which do not seem to be operating efficiently.
 4. That later in 2001 the City Services Committee undertake a tour of city streets to view examples where street trees have worked well and where they have not worked.
 5. That a report be prepared for the Committee on the formulation of a strategy for the replacement of street trees as they come to the end of their lifespan and the implications of this in terms of obtaining suitably sized replacement stock, preparation of a programme and timing of replacement planting.

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- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.