

18. LAGAN STREET – STREET TREES

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Corporate Plan Output: Street trees	

The purpose of this report is to provide information for the Board concerning progress with consideration for removal of some of the street trees and re-establishment of trees along the length of this street.

Residents of the street have approached the Board and requested the removal of those street trees that are planted too close to the property boundaries. A few of the trees are within a metre of the front fences. Because of their location these 15 – 20 year old trees are causing problems with shading, leaf fall and damage due to root intrusion within the adjoining properties. The petitioners have requested that native trees be planted along the street.

This matter has been referred to the Parks and Waterways Unit. They have undertaken to investigate previous decisions made with respect to the trees in this street. The City Arborist will prepare a report for the Shirley / Papanui Community Board on the value and condition of the existing trees, the problems experienced and assess possible replacements if appropriate. The Board can then make a recommendation to the City Services Committee, which is delegated to make decisions for the Council in these matters.

They will canvas all of the residents in the street as well as the petitioners to seek their views and preferred choices. Replacement planting would not take place until suitable specimens can be obtained and prepared for the next planting season.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson’s Recommendation: That the officer’s recommendation be adopted and that Papanui members do an on-site visit with the Parks and Waterways Advocate and be part of the consultation process.