13. RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT OF 10 SEPTEMBER 2002

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The purpose of this report is to advise the outcomes of the Environmental Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2002.

The meeting was attended by Neville Bennett, Paddy Austin, Ken Cummings, and Mike Mora. Ishwar Ganda and Bob Shearing \were also present.

An apology was received from Lesley Keast.

1. SITE INSPECTIONS

Members travelled to various sites: Picton Avenue Reserve, Upper Riccarton Domain, Racecourse Road, Scott Park.

An inspection of Halswell Domain will be arranged at a future date.

2. SCOTT PARK TREE REMOVAL

A line of silver birch trees along a common boundary is of concern to staff, due to safety reasons.

The Committee **agreed** to remove the trees, and that a new planting plan be initiated to mitigate the loss of the trees, and to enhance the boundary.

3. UPPER RICCARTON DOMAIN TREE INVENTORY

One of the current issues on the domain was the need to survey all the trees and to make decisions on them.

The tabled draft report identified about 12% of the trees as now being inappropriate (due to size, density, safety, etc).

The Committee agreed to receive the draft report.

The Committee asked that a meeting of domain sports club users be convened to see if the proposal to rationalise some of the buildings was still a possibility.

4. PICTON AVENUE RESERVE DEVELOPMENT

Concerns were expressed that the members had not been fully informed of progress (following their signing off of the draft concept plan) on the development of this reserve.

(Subsequent to the meeting it is now noted that the final plan had been accepted by the Committee in February 2001 but the lack of information back is subsequently acknowledged.)

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the report be received.

