

30. APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF STREET TREES, GOULDING AVENUE, HORNBY

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's consideration to the Board recommendation in respect of an application made to the 14 December 2004 meeting of the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board for approval to the removal (and replacement) of three berm trees in Goulding Avenue.

BACKGROUND

Dress-Smart have lodged a planning consent application with the Council which will see a major redevelopment on their current site in Hornby.

Part of the project involves the construction of a new exit point onto Goulding Avenue. A consequence of this is the need to remove three street trees.

The Area Development Officer, Sockburn, is processing the full resource consent application.

The applicant has offered to plant three replacement pin oak trees and these are shown on the attached plan and request from Planit (RW Batty & Associates Limited).

The Environmental Services Unit is supportive of the applicant's request in respect of removing the three identified berm trees.

COMMUNITY BOARD DELEGATIONS STATUS

The issue of berm trees has usually been included within delegations given to Community Boards. At the date of the Board meeting, however, the Council had yet to consider the matter of delegations to Community Boards. The Board was advised that any decision made on the application would therefore need to be referred as a recommendation to the Council meeting of Thursday 16 December 2004.

COMMUNITY BOARD CONSIDERATION

Messrs Bob Nixon (the applicant's consultant) and Paul Burden (CCC Senior Traffic Engineer, Environmental Services Unit) were in attendance at the Board meeting and made a presentation on the applicant's request for the removal of the three berm trees.

Some of the issues discussed by members centred around access and egress from the site and the proximity of the proposed exit point on Goulding Avenue to its intersection with Shands Road. Another issue discussed was the intensity of the redevelopment proposed for the site.

CONCLUSION

The majority of members came to the conclusion that, as they had concerns relating to resource consent issues, the request from the applicant could not be supported.

The following recommendation from the Community Board was by way of a division, the voting being as follows:

For (5)	Neville Bennett, Helen Broughton, Lesley Keast, Peter Laloli, Mike Mora
Against (2)	Bob Shearing and Tony Sutcliffe

Community Board Recommendation

That the request from Dress-Smart's consultants for the removal/replacement of three identified berm trees in Goulding Avenue (so as to allow a new exit crossing for the on-site redevelopment) be declined.