

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

Proposal: Daphne Street – Verge Tree Removal/Replacement Program

In favour (12)	Officer comments where relevant
Fully support this program and would like to propose at least three larger trees along the verge adjacent our property due to our boundary being over 30 metres long.	This request is supported and trees will be planted every 10 – 15 metres apart.
Understand the rationale, however it would be a shame to see the fig trees removed. I would prefer a staged removal program staggered over a number of years.	Trees will only be removed upon request from the adjacent owner/occupier and new trees planted immediately.
I would like to have the big tree removed as its root system is damaging my driveway and roots are invading my garden.	Noted.
Please note the tree at 12 Daphne Street is lifting segments of the path and the tree at 6 Daphne Street is cracking the wall of the house.	Noted.
Please consider my choice of replacement tree - Bradford Pear. I believe this tree will create a lot of shade and there will not be any issues with roots like the previous tree we had. I do hope the tree will be planted ASAP.	Numerous replacement tree species including both exotic and evergreen native species have been put forward to owner/occupiers. Following a street meeting held on Friday 26 February 2016 it was decided after much debate that the replacement species would be the Royal Poinciana.
I am in the process of repositioning my driveway so at this stage we are unsure whether we want a verge tree. Thank you for your attention and swift removal of the tree in the first place.	Noted.

Against (2)	Officer comments where relevant
Do not support the replacement of the three trees recently removed and want Council to consider proposal for retention as approved in 2003. (Only remove a tree if absolutely required).	Noted.
We support the 2003 policy of retaining the trees and addressing minor issues with individual trees as they arise. In the event that a tree is removed we support the prompt replacement. We are in favour of a consistent theme being introduced to replace the Ficus.	Noted, trees will be re-planted as soon as possible after removal.

Neither for nor against (2)	Officer comments where relevant
Please only plant evergreens. Leave the Hill's figs on the eastern side and only remove the western side trees that are not under power lines.	Noted, trees will only be removed upon request from the adjacent owner/occupier.
The Claise Brook Catchment Group has worked cooperatively with the City to deliver a number of environment based projects. The Vincent Habitat report encourages greater biodiversity through the use of native plant species. Whilst the City has embraced various activities such as eco-zoning in has been less successful in the area of street tree selection. We consider that the street tree selection in historic Daphne Street is an opportunity to address this problem.	Noted, the City does encourage the use of native tree species and has planted a significant number of native street trees within the last few years. Owner/occupiers in Daphne Street were given a choice of both native and exotic trees as a replacement species. As long as the tree is suitable for the location and available, ultimately it will be their choice.