

Replanting of trees, particularly the replacement of poplars and other trees on rural roads

Adopted - Council 2 March 2010

1. Council allocate subject to appropriate levels of funding being approved in the Annual Plan, \$10,000 per year for the next three years to undertake more in-depth investigations into potentially unsafe trees growing within the roading network across the district, and a further \$30,000 over the next three years for removal of trees deemed unsafe resulting from the investigations above, this amount to include any replanting required and to form part of the Roothing budget.
2. The replanting of trees removed via the above process be replanted if appropriate in such a way that the roading network will not be adversely affected in the future as the trees mature.
3. All such plantings comply with Council's District Plan rules and Tree Policy requirements, including consultation with adjoining landowners and subject to joint authorisation of the Parks Manager and Transport Network Operations Engineer.
4. A Licence to Occupy be required for all new planting made by private individuals within the road reserve.
5. All trees planted by the Council in Road Reserve become the responsibility of the Council for future maintenance, unless a Licence to Occupy exists.
6. The Council's tree policy be reviewed to consider adequately the issue of trees on rural roads, with a a tree succession plan to be prepared following the tree policy review.
7. A working party comprising Councillors Macleod, Overton and J R Wilson be formed to undertake the reviews identified in (7).