

DECISION-MAKER:	PLANNING AND RIGHTS OF WAY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	REMOVAL OF COUNCIL OWNED TREES ON HOLCROFT SOCIAL SERVICE SITE.		
DATE OF DECISION:	25 MARCH 2014		
REPORT OF:	HEAD OF CITY SERVICES		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
NONE

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report covers the request from Christine Powell from Holcroft House, to remove the two Monterey Cypress trees on the rear boundary.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To approve the felling of the trees and suitable replacement trees planted in same location.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The resident at 12 Murray Close has contacted Holcroft House to request that the trees be removed. He has concerns over the trees and feels that they may fall and cause damage.
3. The two Monterey Cypress trees have been surveyed and found to be in good condition. There were no reasons to have the trees felled on health and safety grounds.
4. The trees will continue to grow and due to the species, will not be best suited in their current location.
5. Monterey Cypress trees, when mature, are susceptible to limb failure through wind, rain and snow. It is therefore considered to be best practice to remove the trees now and have replacement trees establish. There is also a possible high hedge issue.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

6. Not to support the removal of the trees. This may result in claims for damage in the future or a high hedge complaint.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

7. An enquiry was logged with SCC tree team from Holcroft House Social Services. They have received a complaint from the resident to the rear of the site that is directly affected by the trees.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Site Plan
2.	Photograph of site from various locations.

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	NO
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

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