
**Waipapa Papanui-Innes-Central Community Board
Information Session/Workshop
NOTES**

Date: Thursday 13 February 2025
Time: 5.39 pm
Venue: Board Room, Papanui Service Centre,
Corner Langdons Road and Restell Street, Papanui

Present

Chairperson	Emma Norrish
Deputy Chairperson	Simon Britten
Members	Pauline Cotter
	Sunita Gautam
	Victoria Henstock
	Ali Jones
	Jake McLellan
	John Miller
	Emma Twaddell

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Please Note:
This forum has no decision-making powers and is purely for information sharing.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

There were no apologies received.

2. Emmett Street - Street Trees

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Council staff, Tony Armstrong, Arborist, and Stephen Wright, Manager Transport (Operations); and Chris Young and Paul Deavoll from Orion; presented the attached presentation in relation to the street trees and their conflicts with powerlines in Emmet and Riselaw streets, traversing:

- Investigation of the issue of noncompliance of the street trees in respect of the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations
- Council and Orion work together on project since 2021 to achieve 100% compliance with the Regulations
- Options considered
- Determination of need for removal of 20 trees
- Replacement planting plan as a work in progress for coming season
- Information from Orion about hazards from trees too close to powerlines
- Clearance zones
- Example of design
- Photos of noncompliant trees, pruning, and where removal required

Council staff and Orion addressed the Board's questions relating to undergrounding the powerlines being discounted as impractical and too costly, the evolution of the situation, and the wider situation in the Board area.

They also discussed the community's requests in respect of a street party to farewell the trees, and urban forest replanting.

The Chair assisted in recapping to finish the next steps of working with the community, and Councillors looking to advance tree-related programmes at a Council level going forward.

The information session was recorded at this link:

<https://youtu.be/teABVvQKZ0I?feature=shared&t=4726>

Attachments

A Emmett & Riselaw Streets - Trees & Powerlines - Staff Presentation 

Jake McLellan left the meeting at 6.28 pm.

Sunita Gautam left the meeting at 6.31 pm.

Meeting concluded at 6.49 pm.