



Ref: s.7(2)(a) -
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PO Box 645, Nelson 7040, New Zealand

18 May 2021

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s.7(2)(a) -
protect the
privacy of
natural persons
including dcs'd

Dear s.7(
2)

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR ALL CORRESPONDENCE, NOTES FROM MEETINGS HELD, AND RECORDS FROM MEETINGS RELATING TO GINKGO BLOBA TREES

I refer to your official information request dated 21 April, 2021 for access to all the correspondence, notes from meetings held, and records from meetings indicating who was invited, how it was advertised, etc. which should also include all complaints and requests for assistance about the fruiting trees on Council records.

The information you requested is enclosed.

Staff held site visits on Halifax street with residents on:

- Monday 12 April 2021 Rosie Bartlett met with a resident to discuss tree removal proposal
- Monday 1 March 2021 Peter Grundy met with a resident at Halifax Street. She talked through the letter she had prepared as a submission after receiving the first circulation letter.
- Tuesday 30 March 2021 Peter Grundy met the Nelmac arborist to mark the trees for removal.
- In January 2021, Site visit by Peter Grundy for – identification of Ginkgo trees that were in fruit.
- Two residents contacted at the front counter of Civic House - from Halifax Street – dates not recorded – asking for the all fruiting Ginkgo trees to be retained, except for the tree at 111 Halifax Street.
- Circulation letters delivered in the months of February, March & April.

Correspondence relating to meetings or requests regarding trees on Halifax street is enclosed below:

Names and contact information, including complainant's details have been withheld under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. The reasons for withholding information are as follows:

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Section 7(2)(a) protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;

Section 7(2)(c) protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information—

(i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at rosie.bartlett@ncc.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rosie Bartlett', with a large, stylized flourish on the left side.

Rosie Bartlett

Manager Parks and Facilities

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Request: s.7(2)(a)
protect the
To: Parks
Attn: Rosie Bartlett

Received by: Sarah Banks
Date & time received: 17/08/20 - 12.42
How received: Phone
Date & time of incident: -
Action required: Contact Customer

Closed: 18/08/20 - 17.40

Caller Information

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]

Feedback Phone

Request

Type Street trees
Details [REDACTED] called and wants a call back regarding the Female Ginko Trees which are planted in The wood area along Halifax street. He says he has spoken with Peter and Trish about these in the past and he does not want to speak with them again. [REDACTED] says that increasing cleaning or sweeping when they are dropping seeds is not good enough! These trees need to be removed! The excuse that we plant from seed and don't know what they are is not good enough why are there none planted in front of the council? Why are we not using grafted trees? [REDACTED] wants a phone call. [REDACTED] has also suggested that if the trees are not removed or the issue addressed to satisfaction he will pick up the seeds himself and put them on the pavement in front of council so we have to smell them.

Location [REDACTED]
UPI 119748
SUFI 3645687
Valuation No 1979029800

Actions

Opened By Sarah Banks - 17/08/20, 15.00
Assigned to Rosie Bartlett
Status Contact Customer - Completed: 17/08/20 - 15.25
Details HI Peter can you please deal with this but I'm happy to help.
Completed By Rosie Bartlet - 17/08/20, 15.26

Opened By Rosie Bartlet - 17/08/20, 15.26
Assigned to Peter Grundy
Status Contact Customer - Completed: 18/08/20 - 13.21
Details Hi Rosie - are you able to talk to resident - if you want the two or three female Ginkgo's removed in Halifax Street - let me know so we can arrange and replant this season.
It may not be a pleasant conversation. Peter
Completed By Peter Grundy - 18/08/20, 13.23

Actions cont..

Opened By Peter Grundy - 18/08/20, 13.23
Assigned to Rosie Bartlett
Status Contact Customer - Completed: 18/08/20 - 17.40
Details Phoned and said we would put through tree removal process.
Completed By Rosie Bartlett - 18/08/20, 17.41

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Request: s.7(2)(a) [redacted]
protect the
To: Parks
Attn: Peter Grundy

Received by: Wendy Chambers
Date & time received: 10/02/21 - 13.42
How received: Front Counter
Date & time of incident: -
Action required: Contact Customer

Closed: 10/02/21 - 15.11

Caller Information

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Feedback Phone

Request

Type Feedback from Customer - General

Details [redacted] has come into NCC today to offer feedback with regards the trees in Halifax Street and has asked that you please call her to discuss.

Property

Location [redacted]

UPI [redacted]

Actions

Opened By wendych - 10/02/21, 13.46

Assigned to Peter Grundy

Status Contact Customer - Completed: 10/02/21 - 15.09

Details Talked to the resident & discussed her concerns - details entered on feedback spread sheet.

Completed By peteg - 10/02/21, 15.11

Opened By peteg - 10/02/21, 15.11

Assigned to Peter Grundy

Status Contact Customer - Completed: 10/02/21 - 15.11

Details *

Completed By peteg - 10/02/21, 15.11

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Request: s.7(2)(a) [redacted]
To: Parks
Attn: Peter Grundy

Received by: Wendy Chambers
Date & time received: 10/02/21 - 13.20
How received: Front Counter
Date & time of incident: -
Action required: Contact Customer

Closed: 10/02/21 - 15.36

Caller Information

Name [redacted]
Address [redacted]
Phone [redacted] [redacted]
Email [redacted]

Request

Type Information / Advice Requested

Details [redacted] has come into NCC today to request a meeting with Peter Grundy abt the trees on Halifax Street East. Can you please contact [redacted] to arrange a date/time to meet.

Property

Location Halifax Street East, Nelson
UPI 133323

Actions

Opened By wendych - 10/02/21, 13.22
Assigned to Peter Grundy
Status Contact Customer - Completed: 10/02/21 - 15.36
Details Phoned the resident - they are concerned that the poor condition Prunus remain after a letter was received in 2016 that they would be recovered. Prunus in poor condition would be removed. The Ginkgo removal discussion was still open. Tree replanting would occur this winter season.
Completed By peteg - 10/02/21, 15.38

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Request: s.7(2)(a)
protect the
To: Parks
Attn: Peter Grundy

Closed: 01/03/21 - 09.40

Received by: Lynne Murray
Date & time received: 22/02/21 - 16.15
How received: Phone
Date & time of incident: -
Action required: Information / Advice

Caller Information

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]

Request

Type Tree Issues
Details [REDACTED] is wanting to make an appointment to see Peter to talk about the Ginko trees in Halifax Street - can you please contact her thanks

Location

Street Halifax Street Nelson

Property

Location [REDACTED]
UPI 119701
SUFI 3646392
Valuation No 1979031200

Actions

Opened By lynnemu - 22/02/21, 16.16
Assigned to Peter Grundy
Status Information / Advice - Arrived: 24/02/21 - 14.22 - Completed: 24/02/21 - 14.22
Details Received a call from [REDACTED] RE:
she was just wondering when you might be able to call her back. Please leave a message on the answerphone and she will call back. Thankyou so much.
Completed By dil - 24/02/21, 14.24

Opened By dil - 24/02/21, 14.24
Assigned to Peter Grundy
Status Information / Advice - Completed: 01/03/21 - 09.40
Details Contacted resident & have arranged to meet her to discuss the survey she has carried out of residents in Halifax Street
Completed By peteg - 01/03/21, 09.41

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Request: s.7(2)(a) protect the
To: Parks
Attn: Rosie Bartlett

Closed: 07/04/21 - 07.33

Received by: Mike Harry
Date & time received: 01/04/21 - 13.35
How received: Phone
Date & time of incident: -
Action required: Contact Customer

Caller Information

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
Phone ([REDACTED] [REDACTED])
Email

Feedback Phone

Request

Type Information / Advice Requested
Details [REDACTED] has called requesting to speak with who he spoke with last year in late August, he advises he is sick of tracking this fruit all through his property and the mess of them is unbearable. Also advises he will be bagging these up and give it to the lady who he last spoke with who said they will be removed. Advised they have been scheduled to be removed and awaiting traffic management for April from previous discussions with Peter.
Customer is quite wound up Rosie so might not be a nice call however if he said if they're removed in the next week he can handle that but not for another month

Location

Street Halifax Street Nelson

Property

Location [REDACTED]
UPI [REDACTED]
SUFI 3645687
Valuation No 1979029800

Actions

Opened By mikeh - 01/04/21, 13.53
Assigned to Rosie Bartlett
Status Contact Customer - Completed: 07/04/21 - 07.33
Details Phoned [REDACTED] and let him know that the trees will be removed next Monday.
Completed By rosieb - 07/04/21, 07.33

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Request: s.7(2)(a) protect the	Received by: Wendy Chambers
To: Parks	Date & time received: 09/04/21 - 10.14
Attn: Rosie Bartlett	How received: Phone
	Date & time of incident: -
	Action required: Contact Customer
Closed: 09/04/21 - 11.47	

Caller Information

Name [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Email

Feedback Phone

Request

Type Information / Advice Requested

Details [REDACTED] rang today asking to speak with Rosie Bartlett with regards the trees being removed. He has spoken with the Contractors who have indicated there are trees being removed that were not in the letter and vice versa and he is very angry and feels that he has been lied to. He has asked to speak with Rosie ASAP to resolve the situation ASAP please. Previous SR s.7(2) attached. ()

Property

Location Halifax Street East, Nelson
UPI 133323

Actions

Opened By wendych - 09/04/21, 10.21
Assigned to Rosie Bartlett
Status Contact Customer - Completed: 09/04/21 - 11.47
Details Phone [REDACTED] arranged to meet on site on Monday at 2pm
Completed By rosieb - 09/04/21, 11.47

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Request: s.7(2)(a)
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To: Parks
Attn: Peter Grundy

Received by: Rebecca Tejero
Date & time received: 14/04/21 - 09.22
How received: Phone
Date & time of incident: -
Action required: Contact Customer

Closed: 15/04/21 - 16.17

Caller Information

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Email

Request

Type Street trees
Details Customer would like to be contacted back. There is a tree outside her property that she has requested to be moved and she has been told by someone in the parks them that it will be removed and and that it is scheduled to be done today but the lady down the road had said that she is going to get it stop and she is wondering if the neighbour can request or tell them not to do it as the customer would like it to be taken down.

Property

Location [REDACTED]
UPI 115067
SUFI 3646302
Valuation No 1980019300

Actions

Opened By rebeccasp - 14/04/21, 09.23
Assigned to Peter Grundy
Status Contact Customer - Completed: 15/04/21 - 16.17
Details No change in plans to remove the tree as identified - arborist are continuing with the works as programmed.
Completed By peteg - 15/04/21, 16.18

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Request: s.7(2)(a) [redacted]
protect the
To: Parks
Attn: Peter Grundy

Received by: Gus McIntosh
Date & time received: 15/04/21 - 09.33
How received: Phone
Date & time of incident: -
Action required: Contact Customer

Closed: 15/04/21 - 16.15

Caller Information

Name [redacted]

Email [redacted]

Feedback Phone

Request

Type Feedback from Customer - General

Details [redacted] wishes to express his thanks for the job that has been done at Halifax Street. He would like a call back to discuss the plan for the replanting, to talk about what was there before and whether same is planned for the plant in July.

Property

Location Unknown Location

UPI 140431

Actions

Opened By gusm - 15/04/21, 10.01

Assigned to Peter Grundy

Status Contact Customer - Completed: 15/04/21 - 16.15

Details Phoned [redacted] & discussed the replacement trees - will contact in July about position of replacement trees once services have been marked.

Completed By peteg - 15/04/21, 16.16

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Request: s.7(2)(a) protect the	Received by: Jenny Simms
To: Parks	Date & time received: 16/04/21 - 11.43
Attn: Rosie Bartlett	How received: Phone
	Date & time of incident: -
Closed: 16/04/21 - 16.15	Action required: Contact Customer

Caller Information

Name [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

Request

Type Information / Advice Requested

Details [REDACTED] phoned to speak with you regarding the trees in Halifax Street, said he had been speaking with you earlier this week. Could you please contact [REDACTED] to discuss. Thank you

Property

Location s.7(2)(a) protect the privacy of [REDACTED] Nelson

UPI 119748

SUFI 3645687

Valuation No 1979029800

Actions

Opened By jennys - 16/04/21, 11.46

Assigned to Rosie Bartlett

Status Contact Customer - Completed: 16/04/21 - 16.15

Details phoned [REDACTED] back and let him know i've sent a letter A2618065

Completed By rosieb - 16/04/21, 16.17

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Request: s.7(2)(a) [redacted]
protect the
To: Parks
Attn: Rosie Bartlett

Received by: Rebecca Tejero
Date & time received: 23/04/21 - 12.07
How received: Online
Date & time of incident: -
Action required: Contact Customer

Closed: 23/04/21 - 12.15

Caller Information

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

Email

Request

Type Information / Advice Requested

Details Customer would like to be contacted back ASAP in regards to the trees outside his property - he said he has been dealing with you for this request and would like to be contacted back

Property

Location [redacted]
[redacted]

SUFI 3645687

Valuation No 1979029800

Actions

Opened By rebeccasp - 23/04/21, 12.07

Assigned to Rosie Bartlett

Status Contact Customer - Completed: 23/04/21 - 12.15

Details Phone [redacted] back

Completed By rosieb - 23/04/21, 12.15

Street Tree Assessment Form

Street trees provide significant amenity value within our towns and are a valuable community asset. Conflicts can arise with a street trees proximity to property, buildings or infrastructure. This form is a useful tool for assessing if any action is required in such cases.

Details	
Date	28/08/2020
Location	65 Halifax Street & 97 Halifax Street
Proximity to property	One of the female Ginkgo street trees is on the frontage of 67 Halifax Street – approx. 15m from property of 65 Halifax Street. The other tree is a street tree in front of 97 Halifax Street.
Species	Ginkgo biloba (female trees)
What is the frequency of this species in the NEIGHBOURHOOD?	
COMMON	
ROLE IN LOCATION OR SETTING	
This is an assessment of the visual and spatial quality surrounding the tree. Does it contribute to the scene in a special way? Is the tree an intentional part of the composition?	
SIGNIFICANT	
IMPACTS ON INFRASTRUCTURE	
NO DAMAGE	
BIOSECURITY FEATURES	
NOT A WEED SPECIES	
FUNCTIONAL VALUE (SOIL STABILISATION; SHELTER AND SHADE; FRUIT PRODUCTION WHERE THE TREE EXISTS FOR THOSE REASONS)	
MINOR SIGNIFICANCE	
The trees are planted on both sides of the road and form an avenue along Halifax Street	
Approx. age	20
Approx. height	15m
Deciduous/Evergreen	Deciduous
Tree health/condition (1 excellent – 5 very poor)	1
Condition Comment	Tree in excellent condition and has good pyramidal form
Background	Halifax Street East is planted in Ginkgo biloba street trees. These trees have developed into a feature in the street. The trees were ordered as a male cultivars. A limited number were female trees. These female trees produce a fruit that has an unpleasant odour.
Reason for removal request	The resident has indicated that all the female Ginkgo biloba trees in the street should be removed. The fruits make it unpleasant to use the footpaths. The fruits and their odour are walked into homes on residents shoes etc.
How many requests for removal?	We have received two requests for tree removal s.7(2)(a) - protect the privacy of natural
Have photos been taken?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Identified asset?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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Arborist Report and Recommendation	
Attached	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report not Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arborist and business name, if applicable or reason why arborist report not required. Click here to enter text.	
Arborist report recommendations	

Replacement Tree	
Property Owner	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nelson City Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Property Impact		
	Yes	No
Is the tree shading one or more properties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are tree branches encroaching into the property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is debris generated by the tree creating an issue for the property owner or owners?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the tree or trees, potentially creating health issues to the property owner or owners?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are views impacted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments	The spread of the tree branches over the footpath means that the fruits are dropped on the footpath in large numbers. These are walked on by the public. The crushed fruit releases an increased odour. Parks engage a contractor to sweep up the worst of the fruits which lessen the number of fruits. This has a cost of approximately \$1,000 a season.	

Road and Services Corridor Damage		
	Yes	No
Footpath Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details		
Kerb/Channel Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details		
Road Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details		
Buried Services Damage	Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details		
Powerline – Will corrective pruning be detrimental to tree health?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Details

Recommended Action

	Yes	No
No action to be taken	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Corrective pruning by Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Removal by Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Removal and replacement by Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident pay tree removal costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resident pays tree removal and replant costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reasons

The trees have reached a significant size and branches spread across the foot path and road. Each year fruit is spread over the foot path, road and grass street berm.

The odour of the fruit is strong and unpleasant. The soft nature of the fruit means that they adhere to the footwear of pedestrians.

In the early years of the trees growth the fruit fall was onto the grass berm and not on the surrounding hard surfaces.

It is recommended that all female Ginkgo trees where the fruits fall on hard surfaces and have frequency visitor numbers are removed. These sites are replanted with male Ginkgo trees.

Female Ginkgo's have been identified at 111, 97 & 67 Halifax Street. The trees have shed their fruit at this time of year and it is not possible to accurately identify the total number of trees this removal proposal would apply to.

When the fruits form on the trees this year;

- all the trees that bare fruit are identified.
- a letter and map, approved by comms, is sent to residents in Halifax Street indicating which trees are proposed to be removed and ask for resident feedback.
- depending on the feedback, the identified trees are removed before the fruits mature and start to fall
- replanting is arranged during the winter season with male Ginkgo's.

Other sites this proposal would apply to are;

- 21 Brook Street

Decision for Tree Works

Reasons for decision

Reserves Officer's Name Peter Grundy

Signature

Date 26/08/2020

Manager Parks & Facilities Rosie Bartlett

Signature

Date

Group Manager Community Services Roger Ball

Signature

Date

Property Owner/s Liaison	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The property owner will be informed of the decision and sent a copy of the arborist's report if one was provided.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjacent property owners may be informed of proposed action where deemed necessary.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If the property owner is to pay costs, a letter signed by the property owner agreeing to payment for those works will be necessary before any tree work takes place.

From: Brian McGurk
Sent: Monday, 21 September 2020 9:14 am
To: Rosie Bartlett
Cc: Peter Grundy
Subject: Re: Female Ginkgo trees requested for removal

Morena Rosie

The decision seems both entirely rational and sensible to me.

Ngā mihi nui.

Brian

Brian McGurk
Councillor/Kaikaunihera
Nelson City Council/Te Kaunihera o Whakatū
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From: Rosie Bartlett <rosie.bartlett@ncc.govt.nz>
Date: Monday, 21 September 2020 at 7:29 AM
To: Brian McGurk <Brian.McGurk@ncc.govt.nz>
Cc: Peter Grundy <peter.grundy@ncc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Female Ginkgo trees requested for removal

Hi Brian

I wanted to check in with you that you are OK with our decision to remove Female Ginkgo street trees and replace them with Male Ginkgo street trees. As we administer street trees on behalf of infrastructure. CI Skinners response it below along with our reasoning.

Ngā mihi

Rosie Bartlett
Manager Parks and Facilities
Kaiwhakahaere papa rehia me whakaurunga
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From: Tim Skinner
Sent: Friday, 18 September 2020 5:28 p.m.
To: Rosie Bartlett <rosie.bartlett@ncc.govt.nz>
Cc: Peter Grundy <peter.grundy@ncc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Female Ginkgo trees requested for removal

Hi Trudy & Peter

Yes, I fully agree with your proposal to remove the female Ginkgo as requests come on or even when you think it timely, and replace with male plant.

I love the aesthetic and practicalness of Ginkgo trees for streetscape. Interestingly the leaves are in fossils from dinosaur times, thus must have survived many a climate change and disease pandemic.

I don't have a strong nose, and when I have jogged past these female Ginkgo in fruit it's been overpowering smell like dog excrement, in number of streets. And have thought we surely cant be stuck with these any longer, and any excuse to replace them with the non smelly gender has got my tick.

No other councillors need to be involved apart from Chair McGurk due to street infrastructure.

Kind regards
Tim

Tim Skinner - Nelson City Councillor

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On 18 Sep 2020, at 8:16 am, Rosie Bartlett <rosie.bartlett@ncc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Tim

We have a request to remove 2 female ginkgo trees from Halifax Street and wanted to run our decision past you.

Female Ginkgo trees produce a fruit that has an unpleasant smell for approximately six weeks of the year. The fruit also makes a mess of the footpath and sticks to shoes so the smell is transported into houses. Each year we receive complaints from adjoining properties of female Ginkgo trees. We have been engaging contractors to carry out weekly cleans of the footpath to lessen the amount of fruit on the footpath.

Female Ginkgo Trees should not be used in the urban street tree selection for this reason and those planted in Nelson were ordered as male Ginkgos, but supplied by the nursery in error several years ago. This error didn't become obvious until some years after the trees were planted and started to bear fruit.

In the past staff have rejected requests to remove female Ginkgo trees, as they provide an important landscape value, but now reconsidered and support removal with the condition that each female Ginkgo tree removed is replaced with a male Ginkgo tree. A letter would go out to the residents of the street letting them know that certain trees would be removal and replaced.

Once we confirm to remove the female ginkgo from Halifax I think this would set precedent to removal female Ginkgos and replace from other streets when requested. Female Ginkgo's have been removed from the CBD area – Hardy Street, Fiddle Lane and in the Stoke shopping area – Putaitai Street, carpark by the library, and in upper Hampden Street, in the past few years. But there are several remaining in residential streets.

Do you support our proposal?

Have you got any suggestions for improvement?

I will share this information and your response with Cl McGurk as Chair of infrastructure as the trees are on road reserve.

Are there other Councillors that need to be involved at this stage?

Many thanks

Ngā mihi

Rosie Bartlett

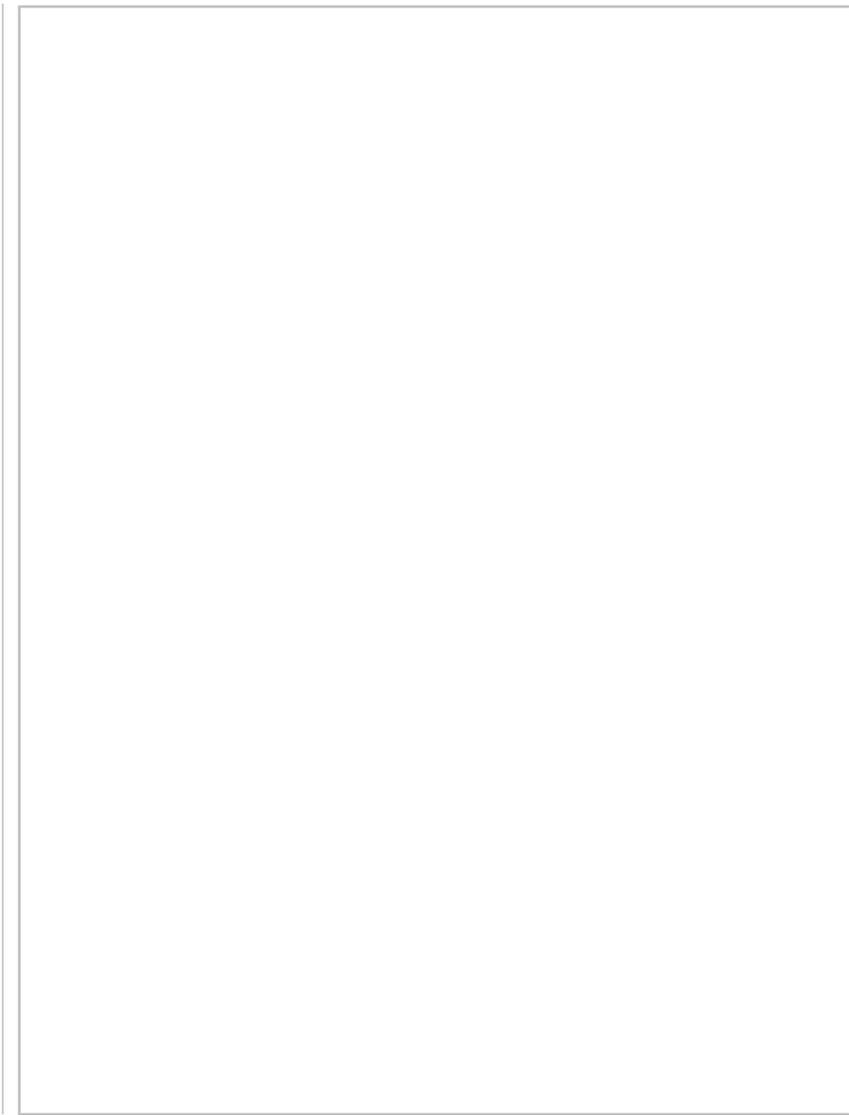
Manager Parks and Facilities

Kaiwhakahaere papa rehia me whakaurunga

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From: Peter Grundy
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Halifax Street East - Ginkgo Trees
Date: Tuesday, 9 February 2021 7:50:00 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and images of the Ginkgo fruit on the second tree.

We will take this into account once we have had feedback from the rest of the street on our tree removal plans.

Peter

Peter Grundy
Team Leader Parks
Kaiarataki Papa Rehia

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Email signature



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 6 February 2021 9:36 a.m.
To: Peter Grundy <peter.grundy@ncc.govt.nz>
Subject: Halifax Street East - Ginkgo Trees

Hi Peter,

Thanks for your letter dated 4th February advising of the removal of the female Ginkgo Trees.

I am one of the trustees of [REDACTED]

You have advised in your letter that you will be removing the female tree outside our property [REDACTED] which is great news thanks.

It seems that the second tree outside our property has changed sex from male to female. Although not initially being fruit bearing it started bearing fruit last year.

I have attached a couple of photos of the fruit currently on the second tree.

It would be appreciated if in fact the tree has changed sex that this tree could also be removed,

Thanks and Regards

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[REDACTED]

From: Peter Grundy
Sent: Friday, 16 April 2021 2:01 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Halifax Street East, Nelson - tree replanting.

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email on the history the plantings in Halifax Street east. I was unaware of the significant of the cherry trees.

A number of these trees were removed in the mid 1990's as the first of the cherry trees died out because of the silver leaf fungus and replanted in Ginkgo's. Since that time a number of the remaining trees died.

We are planning to start replanting with Ginkgo trees in July / August once we identify the location of buried services.

The Rotary Club's involvement with this new planting would be appreciated.

Please let me know how you would like to be involved.

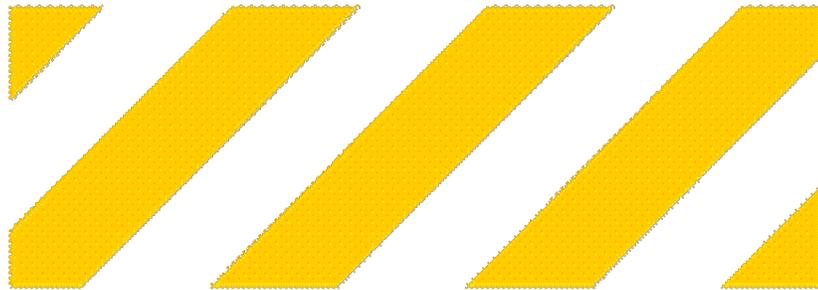
All the best

Peter

Peter Grundy
Team Leader Parks
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 16 April 2021 9:22 a.m.
To: Peter Grundy <peter.grundy@ncc.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Halifax Street East, Nelson - tree replanting.

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In 1939 members of the Rotary Club of Nelson planted flowering cherry trees, *Prunus Campanulata*, in Halifax Street East, Nelson beautifying the city prior to the 1942 Centennial celebrations.

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Halifax Street East

Dear Resident

Street trees in Halifax Street East

The Ginkgo biloba trees in your street receive many supportive comments, especially in autumn, when they are ablaze with colour.

Several residents have raised concerns about the fruit produced on a small number of the female Ginkgo trees. As well as having a strong odour that can be unpleasant, the fruit can be walked into homes on shoes and is an issue.

Nine of the forty trees are female and bear fruit. It is proposed to remove these trees and replant, where space allows, with male Ginkgo trees.

The approximate addresses of these trees are;

- 67, 71, 77, 91, 96 (x 2), 97, 102, 111 (These trees are marked with a small red dazzle mark)

The removal works will take place before this year's crop of fruit starts to ripen and fall. The planned replanting will take place this winter season.

While the arborists are in your street they will prune the rest of the Ginkgo trees and tidy up the dead sections on the remaining cherry trees. These cherry trees are steadily deteriorating due to silver leaf disease; in time the worst effected trees may need to be removed.

If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Peter Grundy
Team Leader Parks Kaiarataki Papa Rēhia

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As you know, these trees are now being removed and will be replaced by male Ginko trees.

Members of the Rotary Club of Nelson would like to be involved in the replanting programme , replication there efforts of 80 years ago.

Can you please consider this, and let me know the outcome of your deliberations.

[REDACTED]

From: Customer Service on behalf of Customer Service Team
Sent: Tuesday, 9 March 2021 2:42 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Attachments: Halifax Street East - removal of female Ginkgo trees - 4Feb2021 (A2568969).pdf

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Please see a copy of the Ginkgo tree letter which was hand delivered by Peter Grundy – our Tree Specialist here at Nelson City Council, as requested by phone today 9 March 2021.

Have a wonderful Whakatu afternoon!

Ngā mihi

Customer Service Team

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Halifax Street East

Dear Resident

Street trees in Halifax Street East

Thanks to those of you that provided feedback following our letter drop in February which outlined the potential removal of some of the street trees in Halifax Street East. All feedback has been taken into consideration to establish an action plan that reflects a balance of the views received (as summarised below):

Tree species	Summary of feedback	Action plan
Cherry trees	There was general agreement that several of the cherry trees are now in poor condition and these should be removed to facilitate the planting of new trees.	Seven cherry trees close to these addresses: 74, 75, 78B, 79, The Wood Retirement Village (2) & 109 are scheduled for removal and replacement trees will be planted.
Juvenile Ginkgo biloba trees	Several of the juvenile Ginkgo trees were identified as requiring shaping, and if not possible, replacing with new trees.	Three juvenile Ginkgo's outside addresses: 79 & The Wood Retirement Village (2) are scheduled for removal. All remaining juvenile Ginkgo trees will be shaped to a single main leader wherever possible.
Mature fruiting Ginkgo biloba trees	There have been several comments received on the fruiting Ginkgo trees, both for and against their removal. Feedback and observations suggest that some of the ten fruiting trees in the street are fruiting very lightly this year.	Five mature fruiting Ginkgo's are scheduled for removal outside addresses: 67, 91, 96 (tree under the light pole and close to driveway), 97 (tree closest to the letter box) & 111. Several residents have volunteered to collect the fruit as they fall from the remaining fruiting trees. This will reduce the amount of fruit being tracked into homes. The effectiveness of this effort will

		be evaluated after this fruit drop season (autumn/winter 2021).
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Timeline

The Ginkgo removal works are scheduled for April 2021 before the majority of fruit ripens and falls. The removal of the cherry trees and stumps will follow this work.

The shaping of all remaining street trees will be carried out when the trees have lost their leaf cover.

The replanting of replacement male Ginkgo trees (non-fruiting) will take place during the 2021 winter planting season at sites that have the space to accommodate trees. These sites will be marked out prior to planting to allow for resident feedback.

If you have any concerns about this project, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Grundy
Team Leader Parks / Kaiarataki Papa Rēhia

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Dear Mr Peter Grundy,

We want to thank you for coming and discussing the matter of the falling fruit from the female ginkgo trees onto the pavement. As you know there are enough people from the street who do not want the trees sacrificed and are willing to pick up the fruit twice a week and extra if required.

The trees in front of 67, 71 and 77 is taken care of by s.7(2)(a)
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Also numbers 91,97(2) on the second block is being picked up by the resident near these trees.

Numbers 96(2), 102 are being done by the maintenance person at the Cawthorn Institute.

There are two trees in front of The Wood Retirement Home and the gardener is doing these.

The have asked the people about being reliable to take on this task and they are committed as they do not want the trees chain sawn down. They have also asked me to get it in writing that you will not remove the tree^s numbered above.

We also have some spare people to substitute or assist those allotted to tree care.

I have noticed many gaps in the verges and wonder if you are planting these areas in ginkgos especially where the Cherry trees are eliminated.

With the pruning I think some guidance maybe necessary to ensure the main leaders are not cut out.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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Halifax Street East

Dear Resident

Street trees in Halifax Street East

Thank you for your patience last week while we carried out the removal and maintenance of the various trees that make up the street trees in Halifax Street east.

We have managed to source a supply of Ginkgo biloba 'Autumn Gold' trees, which is a male cultivar, for planting in the winter season. The exact positioning of these trees will depend on the location of under ground services and discussion with the resident whose road frontage these will be planted on.

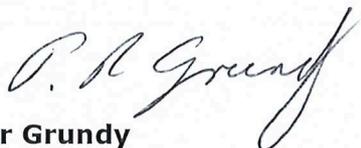
We would also like to thank the group of residents that are giving up their time to move the fruit from the female Ginkgo trees that have been retained from the footpaths and driveways. This work will hopefully lessen the amount of fruit that gets tracked into your home.

As several residents did not want to see the removal of all the female trees, agreement was made to retain six female fruiting trees at numbers 67, 71, 77, 96, 97, 102.

This tree retention and clean-up work is on a trial bases and its success will be evaluated after the fruit drop season. The fruit baring habit of the remaining six female trees will also be evaluated when the fruit form next summer.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Peter Grundy

Team Leader Parks Kaiarataki Papa Rēhia

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From: s.7(2)(a) - protect the privacy of natural
Sent: Wednesday, 21 April 2021 4:31 pm
To: Council Enquiries (Enquiry)
Subject: Fwd: Ginkgo bloba trees Halifax Street East

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Attention CEO - Pat Dougherty

Hello Pat

Please find attached a copy of a letter sent to Peter Grundy regarding our concerns.

Kind Regards

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From: s.7(2)(a) -
Date: Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 4:27 PM
Subject: Ginkgo bloba trees Halifax Street East
To: <peter.grundy@ncc.govt.nz>
Cc: <mayor@ncc.govt.nz>

Dear Peter

I have left messages on three occasions this week and have had no reply. I then received a hand delivered letter to all residents yesterday.

On the 4th February 2021 we received a letter by post which clearly outlines the problems that a number of residents had had with the female Ginkgo trees in the street with the dropping of the fruit. The fruit has a very strong and unpleasant odour and can get walked into homes and cars. We agreed and were relieved to hear that they would be replacing all female trees with the male variety which does not fruit and were supposed to be planted in the first place. This would resolve the problem and an error made by the Council a number of years ago. People have been requesting this be fixed for many years.

We have since received two hand delivered letters which mentioned a group of volunteers had met with you and would clean up the fruit thereby solving the problem. I spoke to you when this letter arrived and you assured me that it would be monitored and if they were unable or unwilling to clean up the fruit then the trees would be removed. I told you at the time I doubted that this situation would last very long, and definitely not over a number of years.

I rang you at the start of this week and left you a message. Yesterday I received a second hand delivered letter which does not mention the fruit lying under the trees and thanks the volunteers for sweeping off the footpath and drives. This has been done in some places. However this is not cleaning up the fruit as per the second letter. The problem is simply moved off the footpath and into the grass verges where it rots and smells and the grass cannot be mowed because of the amount of fruit swept on to it.

From personal experience over four years, the fruit must be raked off the grass, bagged, and dumped at your own expense. The grass cannot be mowed as the fruit tends to crush, the smell worsens, and the lawn mower even though cleaned still smells for

weeks. Many residents have done this for years and requested Council help. To my knowledge no one was thanked by the Council for their work or offered private meetings for so called volunteers. This I find particularly frustrating.

Because there appears to have been meetings held without notice to all residents, in an effort to find out how we got to this position, I request under the OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT all correspondence, notes from meetings held, and records from meetings indicating who was invited, how it was advertised, etc. This should include all complaints and requests for assistance about the fruiting trees on Council records.

Regards

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From: Peter Grundy
Sent: Tuesday, 2 March 2021 11:20 am
To: 'andrew.white@ncc.govt.nz'; Rosie Bartlett
Subject: Halifax Street East - removal of female Ginkgo trees
Attachments: Halifax Street East - removal of female Ginkgo trees - 4Feb2021.obr; Halifax Street - Ginkgo feedback summary - 10Feb2021.obr; Female Ginkgo trees requested for removal Chairs approval September 2020.obr; Street Tree Assessment Form - Halifax Street - 21Aug2020.obr

Hi Rosie and Andrew

Please find attached some of the back ground around the removal of trees in Halifax Street east.

- Street tree Assessment Form
- Female Ginkgo trees requested for removal - back ground and approval from Council committee chairs
- Letter to all residents in Halifax Street east
- Summary of the comments from the nine residents that have responded to the letter.

Brief back ground of tree planting in Halifax Street east.

- The street was planted in Prunus (Cherry trees) – from aerial photographs, in the 1950's. By the 1990's these trees had started to decline because of silver leaf disease and were needing to be removed.
- In the mid 1990's the gaps in the street planting were filled with Ginkgo trees. The cultivar ordered from the Nursery was a male form that doesn't produce fruits.
- As the remaining Prunus deteriorated they were removed and Ginkgo's planted to replace them.

- From residents comments, some of the trees started to produce fruit about 6 – 7 years ago.
- The fruit on the footpath and road has generated a number of requests to remove the fruit and trees over the last 5 years.
- A survey of the trees in the street indicates 10 of the 40 Ginkgo trees are female trees producing fruit.
- The proposal was to remove the 10 female Ginkgo trees and most of the remaining Prunus trees and replant the street this winter in replacement male Ginkgo trees.

- The resident at s.7 Halifax Street has surveyed the street residents and has the names of residents that will keep the footpath (2) clear of fruit. This work will rely on the energy and commitment of the residents to ensure that residents aren't walking on the fruit and taking the smell into their houses. This resident did agree that the tree outside 111 Halifax Street should be removed, as does the neighbouring resident. The issue with this solution is that Ginkgo trees are very long lived and will increase the amount of fruit they will carry and drop as the trees age.

Actions

- The Prunus trees in poor condition are removed.
- Remove the heavier fruiting female Ginkgo trees, including the trees at numbers 111 & 97.
- Give the resident group an opportunity to clear up the fruit on the footpath for this season & see how effective this work is. If not effective, remove these trees in 2022 and replant.
- Replant the spaces in the street with male Ginkgo trees this winter season.

If more information is required please let me know.

Peter

From: Peter Grundy
Sent: Friday, 5 February 2021 4:15 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: proposed Ginkgo tree removals on Halifax Street

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your feedback on the female Ginkgo tree removal proposal.

As indicated in the letter, the tree removal is a proposal based on a number of requests for the removal of the fruiting Ginkgo trees by residents.

All feedback will be considered & solutions like your generous offer to sweep up the fruits taken into account.

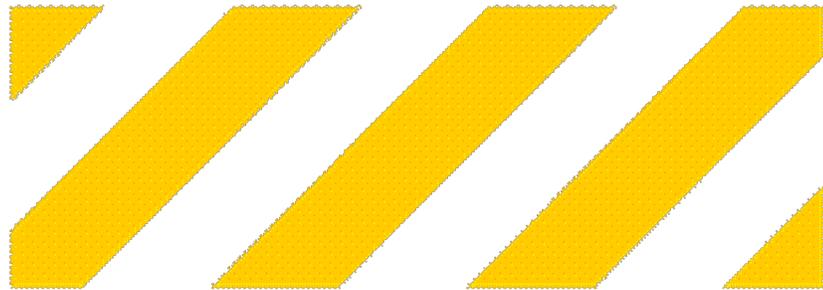
All the best

Peter

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 5 February 2021 3:40 p.m.
To: Peter Grundy <peter.grundy@ncc.govt.nz>
Subject: proposed Ginkgo tree removals on Halifax Street

Peter,

I understand my partner [REDACTED] has also written you regarding the proposed removal of 9 mature ginkgo trees from Halifax Street, including the mature tree in front [REDACTED] s.7(2)(a) protect . It defies reason to remove so much shade, privacy and aesthetic appeal in the name of "unpleasant" smells. The tree outside [REDACTED] s.7 (2) is the only tree on Halifax Street outside the home. Removing it would remove all privacy for the building, and I would guess lower the value of the property.

What was the process for determining to cut these trees down? Were property owners consulted? Do residents of the street have a right to know who were the complainants? Is there any recourse or process available to delay a decision pending further consultation?

I look forward to your response.



From: Haidi Spence
Sent: Wednesday, 21 April 2021 11:29 am
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: SR response - tree removal query in Halifax Street East - response to [REDACTED] - 21Apr2021

Good morning [REDACTED]

Some of the fruiting female Gingko biloba trees along this street were removed last week after careful consideration and consultation with residents. The fruits of these trees have a highly offensive odour and the squashed fruit on the footpaths were causing a lot of problems for residents who were dealing with the smelly residue being walked into their homes.

Ginkgos are a spectacular tree species, but unfortunately it is not until later in life that the gender of the tree is revealed. We seek to only plant male plants as specimen trees wherever possible, but sometimes they revert back to females, which produce the offensive fruit. Replacement trees are scheduled for planting this winter, and we will be seeking assurances from our nursery suppliers that they are male plants to help avoid any problems in the future.

Thanks for getting in touch and for your interest in these street trees along Halifax Street East.

Kind regards,

Haidi Spence
Contract Supervisor - Parks

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At NCC we are working flexibly - so while it suits me to send this email now, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 19 April 2021 1:28 PM
To: Council Enquiries (Enquiry) <NCCEnquiry@ncc.govt.nz>
Subject: Trees in Halifax Street East.

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Dear NCC staff

A number of trees were cut down and removed last week form Halifax Street East. I assume there was a very good reason for this.

When will new trees be planted and what variety will they be please? I walk down this street every day on my way to and from work and always enjoyed walking along this lovely tree lined street. There are now so many gaps and it seems a shame.

Kind regards, [REDACTED].