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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MRS ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA: To ask the Minister for Transport and City Services

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Hearing Date: 18/07/2023

In relation to: Charnwood Shops Tree and Pavement Works

- 1) What will be done to ensure tree roots do not again cause the pavers to buckle and create trip hazards?
- 2) Can the Minister provide an itemised list of what the money for the works will be spent on?

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- 1) Public space improvements at the Charnwood Shops are being progressed to address the paving issues caused by tree roots. Information about the project is available at <https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/charnwoodshops>.

As part of this project, works will be undertaken to improve the growing conditions of the trees underground, to enable the tree roots to access air and water under the surface and so that they do not need to grow up closer to the surface.

This includes providing larger tree surround areas that have permeable surfaces including garden beds allowing water and air into the soil, permeable pavement and the use of porous pavers which allow ground water run off to freely flow to tree roots. This reduces the need for tree roots to seek water by tracking to the pavement surface.

In addition, prior to the re-laying of existing pavers, works will be undertaken to improve the soil condition, volume and environment underground to better support tree growth and reduce the likelihood of tree roots moving to the surface.

De-cluttering pedestrian access will better separate pedestrian movement from existing trees and associated root systems. And existing pavement will be lifted and relayed to remove trip hazards.

- 2) The public space improvements were funded in the 2022-23 ACT Budget and will include:
 - a. Re-lifting existing pavers and re-laying.
 - b. Installation of porous pavers in select tree zones.
 - c. New seating and outdoor furniture options.
 - d. Installation of new concrete kerbs and tree surrounds.
 - e. Additional tree planting and replacement of trees previously vandalised.
 - f. Additional shrub planting and garden beds.

- g. Installation of a new shade sail.
- h. Subsurface improvements to soil condition including new soil profiles for trees.
- i. Drainage improvements and replacement of grated drains.
- j. Removal of existing pergola to improve circulation.
- k. Carpark improvements, including line marking.
- l. Additional carpark signage.
- m. Adjustments to existing accessible parking bays and construction of four new accessible parking spaces.
- n. New kerb ramps and repairs to existing pavement.
- o. Relocation of existing bin surrounds and bike racks.
- p. Potential service relocations, if required.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Chris Steel MLA