

Footpath Landscaping

Good landscaping puts the finishing touches to your home. When this landscaping is extended beyond your property onto the public footpath then there is a need to consider the impact this may have on the community as they also use this area and could be affected by your actions.

The main issues to consider are:

- Restriction of pedestrian access.
- Obstruction of vision for traffic in the driveway and on the road.
- Suitable access for waste bins on collection days or nights.
- Liability from accidents (slips, trips and falls).

To stop these issues becoming problems and creating conflicts in the neighbourhood, Council has adopted Policy No. ES 10 Trees and Street Gardens - Maintenance and Removal of Trees and Street Gardens on Public Land Managed by Council, which includes the following statement:

"Council will not permit any form of gardens within 1.5 metres of the kerb face to the property boundary due to sight restrictions. Council's written consent is required for any vegetation in the zone from 1.5 metres of the kerb line to the property boundary to ensure vision for motorists and pedestrians is not obstructed. "

Each landowner needs to review their own situation to determine if they comply with this requirement. Please contact Council's Green Space Coordinator should you require further information .



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