



September 2024 - Reactive Tree Works Programme

Introduction

On a monthly basis the Council’s arboricultural officers undertake tree assessments that sit outside of the scheduled 4 yearly inspection programme, generally this is in response to customer enquiries.

These inspections take place to ensure that Council is compliant with the statutory duties which are highlighted within the [Council's Adopted Tree Policy](#).

Recent reactive inspections have identified the need for 20 individual tree work operations to take place. This work will now be issued to the Council’s Arborist Contractor KPS, for completion over the Autumn to Winter period.

Unfortunately, and as to be expected with surveys of a large treestock with specimen of varying age and condition, we have identified trees that can no longer be safely retained, and we will therefore be carrying out complete removal. The Council will aim to plant replacement trees during the next planting season which runs from November through to March; in some instances, this timing of planting may be affected by the available Highway Management resources that are required to repair disrupted pavements.

We will be erecting notices upon each tree being removed, alerting the public to the proposals giving sufficient time for residents to log enquiries. Prior to the removal taking place signage will be erected informing of a date of works, this is to make vehicle owners aware of the need to leave any parking space free to allow the works to proceed in a safe and timely manner.

The following pages provide the locations of each tree that is to be removed, in addition photographs and descriptions of the inspection findings have been provided.

These trees are exempt from the duty to consult.

Dated 12/09/2024

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Barnes

Ward	Barnes
Road	Church Road
Location	Opposite 3- ///views.pasta.truth
Species	Elm (<i>Ulmus sp.</i>)
Height	6.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure and manage risk.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene

Ward	Barnes
Road	Castelnau
Location	Opposite 155
Species	Silver Birch (<i>Betula pendula</i>)
Height	15.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in street scene.

East Sheen

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Elm Road
Location	Outside 11/13
Species	Sweet Cherry (<i>Prunus avium</i>)
Height	8.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:

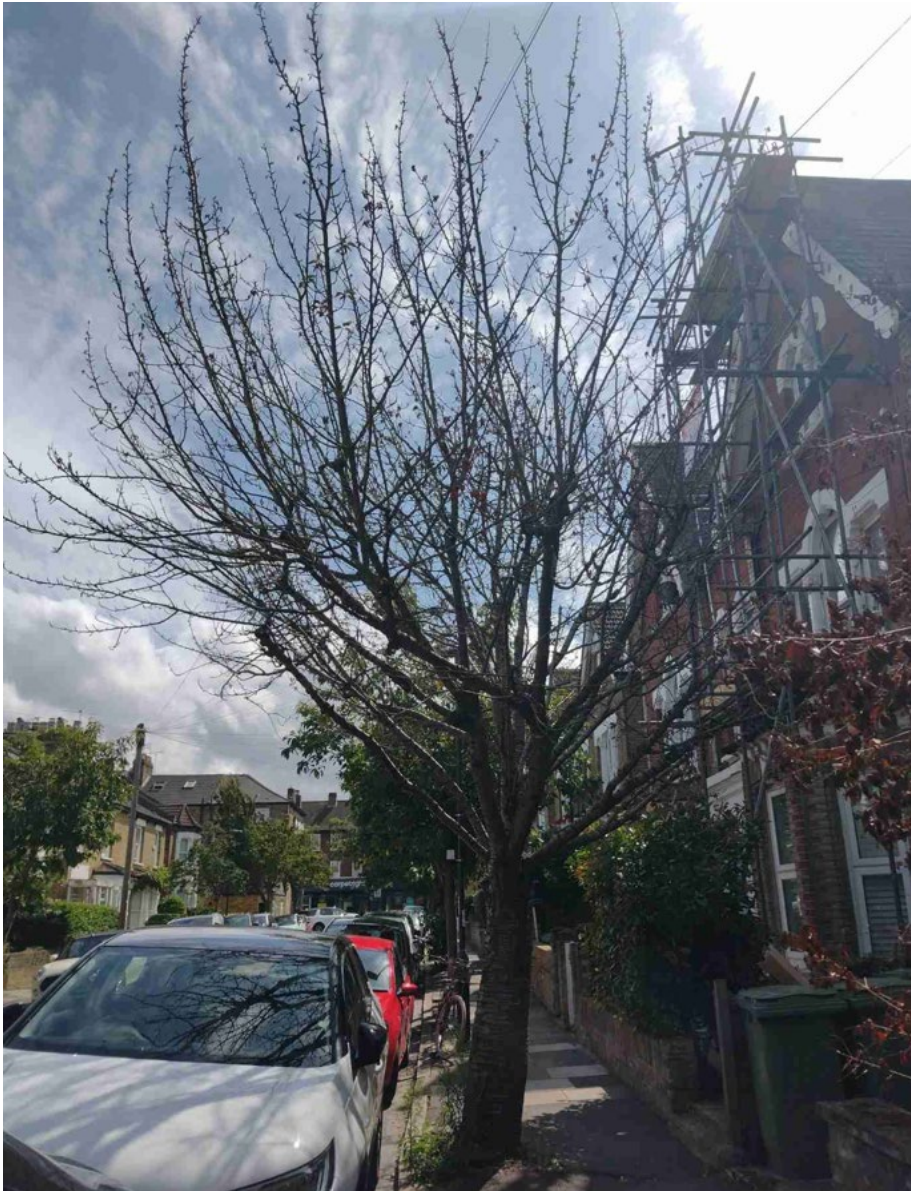


Image shows dead tree in street scene.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Thornton Road
Location	Outside 11/13
Species	Japanese flowering cherry (<i>Prunus serrula</i>)
Height	5.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in street scene.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Palmerston Road
Location	Outside 1
Species	Common Lime (<i>Tilia x europaea</i>)
Height	12.5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A fungal fruiting body of the decay pathogen <i>Ganoderma</i> sp. is present around the base of the stem and at 1.5 m from ground level. Colonisation by this fungus causes a white rot of the stem and root system that can cause entire trees to collapse through fracture or windthrow. Investigation with a probe revealed an unacceptable degree of decay. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows fungal fruiting body circled in red and probe showing decay circled in blue.



Image shows fungal fruiting body circled in red.

Fulwell and Hampton Hill

Ward	Fulwell and Hampton Hill
Road	Princes Road
Location	Outside 60
Species	Common Lime (<i>Tilia x europaea</i>)
Height	14.5m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree has had a dead stem fail from the primary union on the trunk. On inspection it was revealed an unacceptable amount of decay in the union at the base of the remaining stems. Removal is required to prevent further natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene with location of failed union circled.



Image shows failed dead limb with decayed base circled.

Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside

Ward	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside
Road	Riverside Drive
Location	Outside 32
Species	Silver Birch (<i>Betula pendula</i>)
Height	14.5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree has had an unacceptable amount of damage to its root system caused by contractors ground excavations to gain access for maintenance to underground services. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and manage risk and facilitate replanting. The events at this site which have led to the proposed removal of this tree are the subject of a current investigation by the Council and this involves dialogue with the representatives of Cadent Gas.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene



Image shows root damage caused by excavation for maintenance to underground services.



Image shows root damage caused by excavation for maintenance to underground services

Hampton

Ward	Hampton
Road	Buckingham Road
Location	Hampton Common- ///mime.taped.jazz
Species	Norway Maple (<i>Acer platanoides</i>)
Height	16.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Images show Dead tree in park scene.

Hampton North

Ward	Hampton North
Road	The Avenue
Location	Nursery Green Play area- ///rested.remain.trim
Species	Black Poplar (<i>Populus nigra</i>)
Height	25.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree has bark discolouration that could indicates the presence of pathogen <i>Phytophthora</i> sp. which causes rotting of the roots of hosts which can cause entire trees to fail. The tree is moribund with over 90% of the crown being dead. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows moribund tree in park scene.



Image shows bark discolouration that could indicates the presence of Phytophthora sp. circled.

Ward	Hampton North
Road	The Avenue
Location	Nursery Green Play area- ///cakes.assume.door
Species	Black Poplar (<i>Populus nigra</i>)
Height	21.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree has a progressive lean from when it was last inspected through the ward survey in 2021. There is also an increase in root heave at the base of the tree. With the removal of the neighbouring tree which is in terminal decline this will also increase the wind exposure of the tree which will add increased wind stresses to the stem. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows leaning tree in park scene.



Image shows leaning stem and root heave circled in red.

Hampton Wick and South Teddington

Ward	Hampton Wick and South Teddington
Road	St Johns Road
Location	Opposite 6 Church Grove rear end of back garden
Species	Italian Alder (<i>Alnus cordata</i>)
Height	6.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in street scene.

Heathfield

Ward	Heathfield
Road	Hospital Bridge Road
Location	Crane Park- ///shovels.dated.discouraged
Species	Black Poplar (<i>Populus nigra</i>)
Height	31.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A fruiting body of the decay fungus <i>Rigidoporus</i> is present at the base of this tree. This fungus causes a brown rot that does not stimulate the tree to produce adaptive growth which can cause entire trees to collapse through fracture or windthrow. A detailed investigation of this tree using sonic tomography revealed an unacceptable degree of decay. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and manage risk. The stump will be left as a 2m high monolith for ecology purposes.

Site images:



Images shows tree in park scene.



Images shows fungus *Rigidoporus* fruiting body at base of tree.

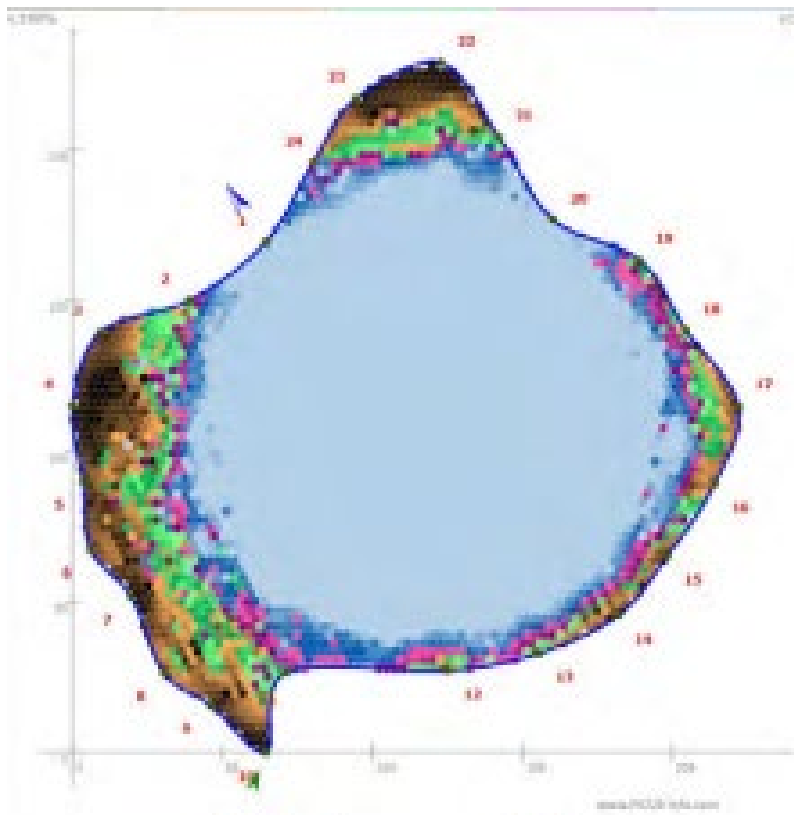


Image shows results from decay detection investigation at the base of the tree – green, blue and purple indicate decayed wood

Kew

Ward	Kew
Road	Princes Road
Location	Adjacent to Flats 1-10 Lawman Court front edge of building
Species	Birch (<i>Betula sp.</i>)
Height	9.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in street scene.

Mortlake and Barnes Common

Ward	Mortlake and Barnes Common
Road	Buxton Road
Location	Outside 15/17
Species	Rowan (<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>)
Height	6.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in street scene.

Ward	Mortlake and Barnes Common
Road	Lower Richmond Road
Location	Opposite 123- ///pram.dark.charge
Species	Common Alder (<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>)
Height	12.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in street scene.

South Richmond

Ward	South Richmond
Road	Sheen Common Drive
Location	East sheen common - ///door.native.thank Outside 'The bungalow'
Species	Silver Birch (<i>Betula pendula</i>)
Height	14.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in park scene.

St Margarets and North Twickenham

Ward	St Margarets and North Twickenham
Road	Hartington Road
Location	Outside 49
Species	Field Maple (<i>Acer campestre</i>)
Height	5.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in street scene

Teddington

Ward	Teddington
Road	Church Road
Location	Outside 8
Species	Apple (<i>Malus sp.</i>)
Height	4.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	The main leader of this tree has failed in high winds. The remaining tree will not grow into a viable specimen with exposed branches also liable to further failure. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene with wound from failed leader.

Twickenham Riverside

Ward	Twickenham Riverside
Road	Riverside
Location	Orleans Gallery Woods- /// worth.flies.invent
Species	Lime (Tilia sp.)
Height	21.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk. The stump will be left as a 1m high monolith for ecology purposes.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in park scene.

West Twickenham

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Lincoln Avenue
Location	Outside 38
Species	Lawson Cypress (<i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>)
Height	10.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Images show dead tree in street scene.