



February 2025 - Reactive Tree Works Programme

Introduction

A survey of trees in Barnes ward are currently being undertaken; this is being conducted by specialist arboricultural officers as part of the scheduled 4 yearly detailed inspection regime that has been devised for all Council highway and parks trees.

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 25 individual tree work operations to take place. This work will now be issued to the Council's Arborist Contractor KPS, for completion over the winter and spring 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.

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Barnes

Ward	Barnes
Road	Meredyth Road
Location	Outside 19/21
Species	Swedish whitebeam (<i>Sorbus x intermedia</i>)
Height	4.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is in a state of physiological decline with an unacceptable amount of decay to the trunk. This has led to the loss of the trees crown through stem failure. Removal is required to prevent further natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene

Ward	Barnes
Road	Meredyth Road
Location	Adjacent to 23 Glebe Road bottom end of rear garden
Species	Cherry Plum (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>)
Height	8.0m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	Investigation with a probe and a resonance test with a sounding hammer has revealed an unacceptable amount of decay beyond the visible cavities on the trunk. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows cavities with probe highlighting decay on stem circled in red.

Fulwell and Hampton Hill

Ward	Fulwell and Hampton Hill
Road	Elmtree Road
Location	Adjacent to 41 Somerset Road
Species	Lime (<i>Tilia</i> sp.)
Height	13.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Good
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree has raised and damaged roots causing trip hazards and an unacceptable obstruction to the pavement making an impasse for prams & wheelchairs to safely pass. With no engineering solution available to resolve this issue, we are unable to meet our duties under the Equality Act 2010. For this reason, removal is required to manage risk and facilitate replanting. Removal is required to manage risk and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows raised roots causing pavement disruption.



Image shows raised roots causing pavement disruption.

Ward	Fulwell & Hampton Hill
Road	Oxford Road
Location	Opposite 19
Species	Common lime (<i>Tilia x europaea</i>)
Height	10.5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A fungal fruiting body of the decay fungi <i>Ganoderma</i> sp. is present at the stem base by a cavity. 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 in the surround wood to the cavity and correlates with the fungus present. 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 with cavity circled.

Hampton Wick and South Teddington

Ward	Hampton Wick and South Teddington
Road	Old Bridge Street
Location	///unit.orbit.bond
Species	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)
Height	16.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Good
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is growing in an unsuitable location resulting in the trunk being in contact with a privately owned fence. Removal is required to prevent damage to the fence as the trunk grows.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows trunk in contact with fence.

St Margarets and North Twickenham

Ward	St Margarets and North Twickenham
Road	Cole Park Road
Location	Outside 36
Species	London Plane (<i>Platanus x hispanica</i>)
Height	15.0m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	Investigation with a probe and a resonance test with a sounding hammer has revealed an unacceptable amount of decay beyond the visible cavities on the trunk. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows cavities on trunk circled.



Image shows cavities on trunk circled.

Teddington

Ward	Teddington
Road	Twickenham Road
Location	Grass area adjacent to Twickenham Road- ///scared.sorry.staple
Species	Apple (<i>Malus 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, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree street scene.

Twickenham Riverside

Ward	Twickenham Riverside
Road	Riverside
Location	Orleans Gallery Woods- ///eaten.sage.shop
Species	Cherry (<i>Prunus sp.</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 and manage risk. The stump will be left as a 2-meter-high monolith for ecological purposes.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in woodland scene.

Ward	Twickenham Riverside
Road	Riverside
Location	Orleans Gallery Woods- ///lake.shirt.tries
Species	Common Ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)
Height	22.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A fungal fruiting body of the species Shaggy Polypore (<i>Inonotus hispidus</i>) is present on the main stem or trunk, this fungus causes a simultaneous white rot which can cause snapping of tree parts in this particular species. the trees crown is displaying symptoms of physiological decline associated with Ash Die Back (<i>Hymenoscyphus fraxineus</i>). This is a fungal disease specific to Ash, characterized by the progressive decline of the tree's branches and will eventually lead to the death of the tree. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and manage risk. The stump will be left as a 2-meter-high monolith for ecological purposes.

Site images:



Image shows tree in woodland scene.



Image shows fungal fruiting bodies on trunk circled.



Image shows physiological decline to crown associated with Ash Die Back.