



April 2024 - Reactive Tree Works Programme

Introduction

A survey of trees in Barnes Common and Hampton Wick and South Teddington 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 14 individual tree work operations to take place. This work will now be issued to the Council’s Arborist Contractor KPS, for completion over the spring and summer 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.

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Barnes

Ward	Barnes
Road	Gerard Road
Location	Outside 6
Species	Wild Cherry (<i>Prunus avium</i>)
Height	6.5m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Exposed damaged roots, cankering on stem with bark necrosis which has led to a bacterial infection, indicating dysfunction of the vascular system. This correlates with crown dieback and decline. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene



Image shows bacterial cankering on stem.



Image shows exposed damaged root.

Hampton

Ward	Hampton
Road	Wensleydale Road
Location	Outside 35
Species	London Plane (<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>)
Height	16.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Fruiting bodies of the decay fungus Giant Ash Bracket (<i>Perenniporia fraxinea</i>) are present in the main union of this tree. This fungus causes a simultaneous white rot of the wood and can cause catastrophic failure of entire trees and branches. A resonance test revealed an unacceptable degree of decay in the trunk of this tree and the necrosis causing delamination to the bark on stem correlates with crown dieback and decline. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Images show tree in street scene with short regrowth compared to other trees on road.



Images show fungal fruiting body circled at base of stem.



Images show necrosis of bark on stem circled.

Ward	Hampton
Road	Gloucester Road
Location	Outside 68-70
Species	London Plane (<i>Platanus × acerifolia</i>)
Height	17.5m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Fruiting bodies of the decay fungus Giant Ash Bracket (<i>Perenniporia fraxinea</i>) are present in the main union of this tree. This fungus causes a simultaneous white rot of the wood and can cause catastrophic failure of entire trees and branches. A resonance test revealed an unacceptable degree of decay in the trunk of this tree, removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Images show tree in street scene.



Images show fungal fruiting body circled at base of stem.



Images show fungal fruiting body circled at base of stem.

Ward	Hampton
Road	Gloucester Road
Location	Outside 75
Species	London Plane (<i>Platanus × acerifolia</i>)
Height	15.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	There is major delamination of bark caused by necrosis on the stem of this tree indicating dysfunction of the vascular system. This is causing the tree to be in a state of physiological decline with dead branches in crown that are liable to collapse. The tree presents an unacceptable risk of failure and there are no suitable pruning solutions. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Images show tree in street scene.



Image shows necrosis on stem.



Image shows crown die back.

Hampton Wick and South Teddington

Ward	Hampton Wick and South Teddington
Road	St Johns Road
Location	Opposite 6
Species	Rowan (<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>)
Height	6.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	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	Hampton Wick and South Teddington
Road	Bushy Park Road
Location	Outside 61
Species	Cherry (<i>Prunus sp.</i>)
Height	4.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree is moribund with over 85 percent of the crown dead. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows moribund tree in street scene.

Ward	Hampton Wick and South Teddington
Road	Bushy Park Road
Location	Outside 53
Species	Cherry (<i>Prunus sp.</i>)
Height	4.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree is moribund with over 60 percent of the crown dead. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows moribund tree in street scene.

Ward	Hampton Wick and South Teddington
Road	Atbara Road
Location	Outside 55
Species	Apple (<i>Malus sp.</i>)
Height	7.5m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree is moribund. Cavities indicating an unacceptable amount of decay is present in the trunk of this tree. Crown dieback could correlate with the degradation of the trees structural. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows moribund tree in street scene.



Image shows probe in cavity with decay in stem.



Image shows cavity with decay in stem circled.

Kew

Ward	Kew
Road	Beechwood Avenue
Location	Outside 39/41
Species	Wild Cherry (<i>Prunus avium</i>)
Height	4.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	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	Kew
Road	Beechwood Avenue
Location	Adjacent to 13 West Park Road rear garden
Species	Cherry (<i>Prunus sp.</i>)
Height	4.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	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	Mill Hill Road
Location	Barnes Common What3Words-///pretty.torn.circle
Species	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)
Height	12.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and manage risk. The trunk will be left as a 5m high monolith for habitat purposes.

Site images:

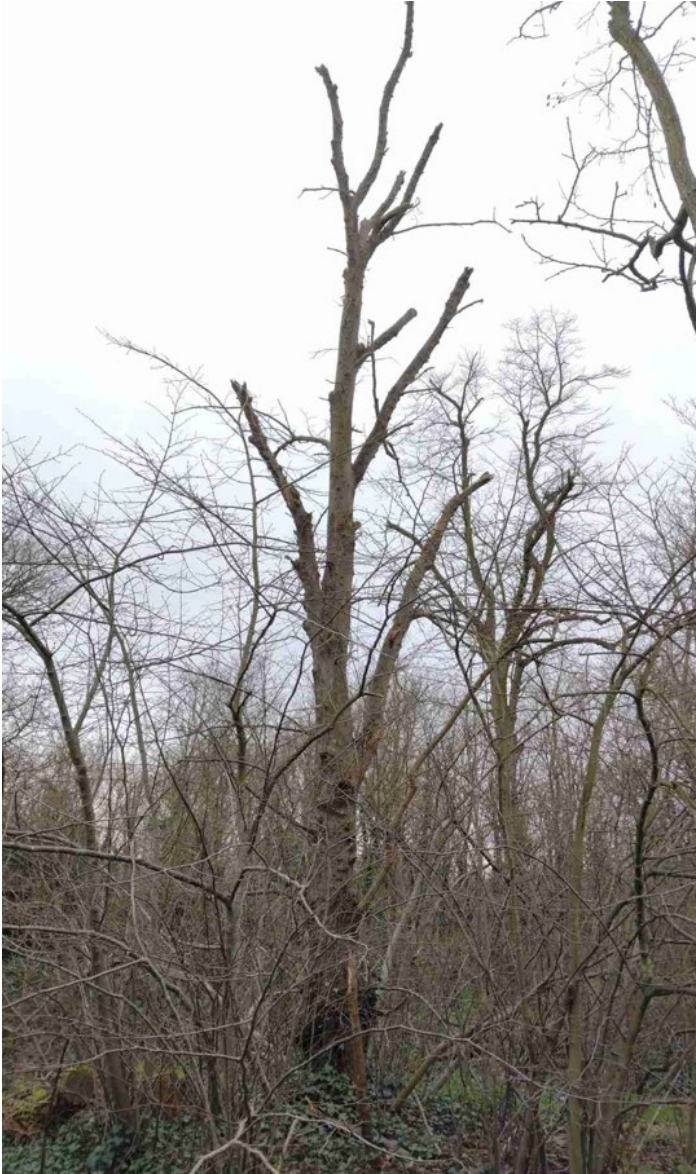


Image shows dead tree in park scene.

North Richmond

Ward	North Richmond
Road	Rothesay Avenue
Location	Outside 40
Species	Silver Birch (<i>Betula pendula</i>)
Height	12.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Fungal fruiting bodies fungus <i>Fomitopsis betulina</i> are present on the trunk of this tree. This fungus causes a brown rot which can rapidly reduce wood strength and cause branch or whole tree failure through brittle fracture. Crown dieback could correlate with the pathogen present. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in a moribund state.



Image shows tree with location of fungal fruiting body circled.

Teddington

Ward	Teddington
Road	Teddington Park Road
Location	Outside 86/88
Species	Cherry Plum (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>)
Height	8.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	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	Teddington
Road	Teddington Park Road
Location	Outside 90/92
Species	Cherry (<i>Prunus sp.</i>)
Height	5.5m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	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.