



Highway Tree Management Tree Removal - Assessment and Consultation

Street Name: Alumwell Road, Walsall	Tree Location/address: Outside property number 76
Date: 15.03.24	Assessment Officer(s): Richard Pohribnyj (Highway Asset Manager) Glyn Wilkes (Arboriculture Surveyor)

Location e.g. School, surgery, other facility	Unclassified Road / Bus Route / Local Distributor Rd. Between Bassett St and Alumwell Close.
Minimum Footway Width 1.0m in accordance with DfT guidance 'Inclusive Mobility' Section 3.1	Footway width narrows to 0.8m which makes it impassable for mobility scooters and wheelchairs.
Maximum Footway Gradient 1:10 in accordance DfT guidance 'Inclusive Mobility' Section 3.2 Review footway crossfall for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.	Minor gradient change on footway.
Exposed Tree Roots assess for trip hazards and structural damage to adjacent property	Main root is exposed in footway and restricting available width.
Tree Root Heave Lifting carriageway surface and creating standing water with increased risk of sheet ice during winter periods.	Tree root heave is primarily affecting footway.
Kerbs Displaced into Carriageway by Tree Roots. Assess risk to motor vehicles and potential to cause road traffic accidents.	Minor kerb displacement.
Overhanging Highway Creating a danger to high sided vehicles. Recommend that trees do not overhang the highway kerb line for a height of 2.5m, increasing to 4.5m on bus routes. (Highways Act S154)	No risk.
Potential Risk and Insurance Claims Risk level, previous claims.	None.



On-going Maintenance Costs e.g. Highway Repair	Have previously patched the footway, minor kerb displacement observed, but no major on-going maintenance implications
Species and Value Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees (CAVAT)	Sycamore CAVAT value £25,645
Condition & Health of Tree Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE)	SULE 60 - 80 years
Community/ Consultation (Duty to Consult on Felling Trees)	<p>This tree assessment has been carried out following concerns raised by a local resident.</p> <p>A public consultation period will be open for 28 days. The consultation period will end on 21st July 2024. Should you choose to comment during this period, please email cleanandgreen@walsall.gov.uk</p> <p>You will need to provide details of the tree location together with your comments. Also include a note in your email that it is for the attention of the Arboriculture Team.</p>
Alternative Engineering Solutions Available to Retain Tree	Engineering solutions have been considered but site constraints make this an impractical option.
Replacement & Replanting Proposal	The Highway Authority will fund the cost of two replacement trees in a suitable local location determined by the Council's Arboriculture Officer. Species of new trees will be Tilia Lime.
Recommended Course of Action by Highway Authority Retain tree <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial work <input type="checkbox"/> Remove tree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A joint decision has been made to remove this tree in order to provide access along the footway for pushchairs, mobility scooters and wheelchair users.
Tree Inspection G Wilkes – Arboriculture Surveyor	Date: 15.03.24
Highway Inspection R Pohribnyj - Highway Asset Manager	Date: 15.03.24



RISK RATING

	5 Catastrophic					
I M P A C T	4 Severe			X		
	3 Material					
	2 Minor					
	1 Negligible					
		1 Rare	2 Unlikely	3 Possible	4 Probable	5 Almost Certain
	LIKELIHOOD					

Appendices attached:

Item	Details
1	Photo attached - Along length of footway
2	Photo attached – Base of tree
3	Photo attached - Looking towards tree from carriageway
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