



## Highway Tree Management Tree Removal - Assessment and Consultation

<b>Street Name:</b> Grange Street, Walsall	<b>Tree Location/address:</b> Opposite property number 2
<b>Date:</b> 17.09.2024	<b>Assessment Officer(s):</b> Glyn Wilkes (Arboriculture Surveyor)

<b>Location</b> e.g. School, surgery, other facility	Unclassified Road. Between Sandwell Street and Hawes Road
<b>Minimum Footway Width</b> 1.0m in accordance with DfT guidance 'Inclusive Mobility' Section 3.1	Footway width is reduced to 0.5m which makes it impassable for mobility scooters and wheelchairs
<b>Maximum Footway Gradient</b> 1:10 in accordance DfT guidance 'Inclusive Mobility' Section 3.2 Review footway crossfall for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.	Footway gradient adversely affected
<b>Exposed Tree Roots</b> assess for trip hazards and structural damage to adjacent property	No risk
<b>Tree Root Heave</b> Lifting carriageway surface and creating standing water with increased risk of sheet ice during winter periods.	Tree root heave is lifting the footway surface, kerbs and carriageway
<b>Kerbs Displaced into Carriageway by Tree Roots.</b> Assess risk to motor vehicles and potential to cause road traffic accidents.	Kerbs have been displaced
<b>Overhanging Highway</b> 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.
<b>Potential Risk and Insurance Claims</b> Risk level, previous claims.	None



<p><b>On-going Maintenance Costs</b> e.g. Highway Repair</p>	<p>Walsall Council has previously patched the footway on several occasions.</p>
<p><b>Species and Value</b> Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees (CAVAT)</p>	<p>London Plane CAVAT value £67,522</p>
<p><b>Condition &amp; Health of Tree</b> Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE)</p>	<p>SULE 70 years</p>
<p><b>Community/ Consultation</b> (Duty to Consult on Felling Trees)</p>	<p>This tree assessment has been carried out following concerns raised by local residents and Councillors.</p> <p>A public consultation period will be open for 28 days. The consultation period will end on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Should you choose to comment during this period, please email <a href="mailto:cleanandgreen@walsall.gov.uk">cleanandgreen@walsall.gov.uk</a> 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>
<p><b>Alternative Engineering Solutions Available to Retain Tree</b></p>	<p>Engineering solutions have been considered but no practical solution is available.</p>
<p><b>Replacement &amp; Replanting Proposal</b></p>	<p>The Highway Authority will fund the cost of a replacement tree in a suitable local location determined by the Council's Arboriculture Officer. Species of new tree is yet to be determined.</p>
<p><b>Recommended Course of Action by Highway Authority</b></p> <p>Retain tree <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Remedial work <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Remove tree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>A decision has been made to remove this tree on highway safety grounds</p>
<p><b>Tree Inspection</b> <b>G Wilkes – Arboriculture Surveyor</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Date: 17.09.2024</b></p>



**RISK RATING**

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

**LIKELIHOOD**

**RISK SCORE**

Impact Risk Score assessed as 3 multiplied by Likelihood Risk Score assessed as 4  
Overall risk rating is 12 and is classified as a High Risk

**Appendices attached:**

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