

Highway Tree Management Tree Removal - Assessment and Consultation

| Street Name: Haskell Street, Walsall | Tree Location/address: Outside property number 41 | |
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| Date: 17.09.2024 | Assessment Officer(s): Glyn Wilkes (Arboriculture Surveyor) | |

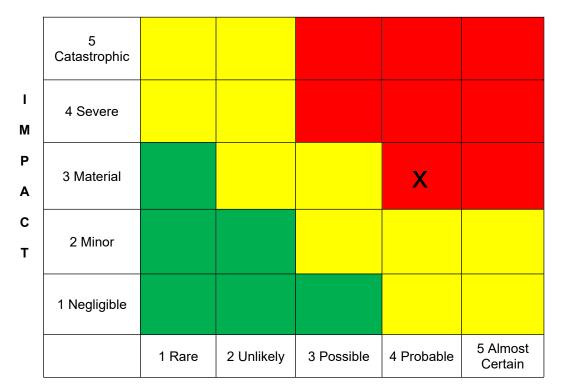
| Location e.g. School, surgery, other facility | Unclassified Road. Between Grange Street and Delves Road |
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| Minimum Footway Width 1.0m in accordance with DfT guidance 'Inclusive Mobility' Section 3.1 | Footway width is reduced to 0.8m which makes 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. | Footway gradient adversely affected |
| Exposed Tree Roots assess for trip hazards and structural damage to adjacent property | No risk |
| Tree Root Heave Lifting carriageway surface and creating standing water with increased risk of sheet ice during winter periods. | Tree root heave is lifting the footway surface and causing cracking |
| Kerbs Displaced into Carriageway by Tree Roots. Assess risk to motor vehicles and potential to cause road traffic accidents. | Kerbs have been displaced |
| 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. | Current claim regarding property damage |



| On-going Maintenance Costs e.g. Highway Repair | Walsall Council has previously patched the footway on several occasions. |
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| Species and Value Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees (CAVAT) | London Plane CAVAT value £47,090 |
| Condition & Health of Tree Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE) | SULE 70 years |
| Community/ Consultation (Duty to Consult on Felling Trees) | This tree assessment has been carried out following concerns raised by local residents and Councillors. A public consultation period will be open for 28 days. The consultation period will end on 16 th December 2024. Should you choose to comment during this period, please email <u>cleanandgreen@walsall.gov.uk</u> 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. |
| Alternative Engineering Solutions Available to Retain Tree | Engineering solutions have been considered but no practical solution is available. |
| Replacement & Replanting Proposal | 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. |
| Recommended Course of Action by Highway Authority | A decision has been made to remove this tree on highway safety grounds |
| Retain tree | |
| Remedial work | |
| Remove tree X | |
| Tree Inspection G Wilkes – Arboriculture Surveyor | Date: 17.09.2024 |



RISK RATING



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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 |
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| 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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