



Highway Tree Management Tree Removal - Assessment and Consultation

Street Name: Ryle Street, Walsall	Tree Location/address: Opposite house number 1B
Date: 13.01.2025	Assessment Officer(s): Richard Pohribnyj (Highway Asset Manager) Glyn Wilkes (Arboriculture Surveyor)

Location e.g. School, surgery, other facility	Unclassified Road / Residential Street/Link Road Between Valley Rd and Field Rd
Minimum Footway Width 1.0m in accordance with DfT guidance 'Inclusive Mobility' Section 3.1	Footway width narrows to 0.9m, therefore the footway width does not comply with 'Inclusive Mobility Section 3.1
Maximum Footway Gradient 1:10 in accordance DfT guidance 'Inclusive Mobility' Section 3.2 Review footway crossfall for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.	Footway gradient is reasonable for mobility scooters and wheelchair users, but this is purely academic because the footway width may prove too narrow for some users to get between the tree and back of path.
Exposed Tree Roots assess for trip hazards and structural damage to adjacent property	Minimal risk
Tree Root Heave Lifting carriageway surface and creating standing water with increased risk of sheet ice during winter periods.	Minimal risk
Kerbs Displaced into Carriageway by Tree Roots. Assess risk to motor vehicles and potential to cause road traffic accidents.	Highway kerbs have been removed due to encroachment of tree
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)	The trunk of the tree is overhanging the highway and poses an unacceptable risk to high sided vehicles
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)	London Plane CAVAT value £108,469
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 Residents and a local Councillor</p> <p>A public consultation period will be open for 28 days. The consultation period will end on 17th February 2025. 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.</p> <p>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 Arboricultural Officer. Species of new trees will be London Plane
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.
Signature Glyn Wilkes(Tree Inspector)	Date: 13.01.2025
Signature Richard Pohribnyj(Highway Inspector)	Date: 13.01.2025



RISK RATING

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

RISK SCORE

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

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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