

Highway Tree Management Tree Removal - Assessment and Consultation

Street Name: New Road	Tree Location/address: Left hand side of 'The Castle' Public House.
Date: 09/06/25	Assessment Officer(s): Eden Turley Jag Raan

Location e.g. School, surgery, other facility	B4464 Road in close proximity to the lock museum and Willenhall Town Centre
Minimum Footway Width 1.0m in accordance with DfT guidance 'Inclusive Mobility' Section 3.1	Tree is not in proposed footpath as part of ATF4 proposals. New footpath to be 2m
Maximum Footway Gradient 1:10 in accordance DfT guidance 'Inclusive Mobility' Section 3.2 Review footway crossfall for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.	Minimum risk.
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.	Existing footway heave significant moderate risk
Kerbs Displaced into Carriageway by Tree Roots. Assess risk to motor vehicles and potential to cause road traffic accidents.	Minor displacement of kerbs is present.
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 overhang. No risk.
Potential Risk and Insurance Claims Risk level, previous claims.	We are on site now with ATF4, the current plan is to have a cycle junction here for the combined crossing. The tree obscures the visibility for both pedestrians crossing the cycleway and cyclists joining the route from the southern side of New Road.

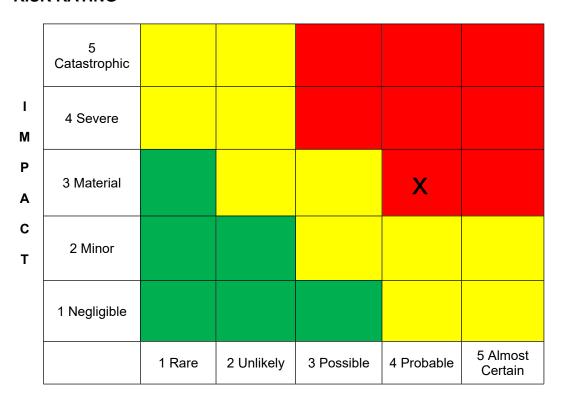
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	None
On-going Maintenance Costs e.g. Highway Repair	
Species and Value Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees (CAVAT)	London Plane (Platanus x acerifolia) CAVAT value - £81,339.90
Condition & Health of Tree Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE)	SULE – over 80years
Community/ Consultation (Duty to Consult on Felling Trees)	This tree assessment has been carried out following design and consultation has been done on the overall ATF4 project including tree removal. A public consultation period will be open for 28 days. The consultation period will end on 18th July 2025. Should you choose to comment during this period, please email TransportStrategy@walsall.gov.uk . You will need to provide details of the tree location together with your comments.
Alternative Engineering Solutions Available to Retain Tree	Engineering solutions have been considered but site constraints make this an impractical option.
Replacement & Replanting Proposal	As part of the project a significant amount of funding has been allocated to the Clean and Green to offset the loss of this asset. This will go towards replanting and offsetting carbon in a more feasible area of the borough.
Recommended Course of Action by Highway Authority	A decision has been made to remove this tree. The tree serves a potential risk as per guidance in LTN 1/20 Chapter 5.
Retain tree	
Remedial work	
Remove tree X	
Signature	
E. U. J. Turdes	Date: 09.06.2025
Signature	Date: 11.06.2025



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
1	Photo attached – Side profile of Tree Full View
2	Photo attached – Base of tree looking East
3	Photo attached – Looking towards tree from back of footpath
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