





Highway Tree Management Tree Removal - Assessment and Consultation

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| 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 |

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| 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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| On-going Maintenance Costs e.g. Highway Repair | None |
| 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) | <p>This tree assessment has been carried out following design and consultation has been done on the overall ATF4 project including tree removal.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 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 Retain tree <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial work <input type="checkbox"/> Remove tree <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | A decision has been made to remove this tree. The tree serves a potential risk as per guidance in LTN 1/20 Chapter 5. |
| Signature  | Date: 09.06.2025 |
| Signature  | Date: 11.06.2025 |

RISK RATING

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

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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 – 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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