

Consultation to remove street trees at New Road and Rosehill, Willenhall

Consultation end date 18th July 2025

The Council received Sixteen responses to its consultation regarding the removal of highway trees from New Road and Rosehill, Willenhall. The sentiment of the majority of responses was against the removal of the trees and these concerns were duly noted.

All of the trees were inspected jointly by myself and the Team Manager for Major Projects Minor Improvements. These were in depth inspections looking at each individual tree, having regard to the health and vitality of the tree and the health and safety of road users. Of particular concern was the impact following implementation of the proposed ATF4 scheme whereby they affect the safety and visibility of pedestrians and cyclists. Every effort is made to retain highway trees through design, and the Council will always explore if there are any alternative practical engineering solutions, however in this instance site constraints make this an unfeasible option.

Please be assured that Walsall Council is committed to reducing carbon emissions and tree removal is always a last resort. In mitigation for the removal of these trees, Walsall Council has committed significant funding allocated to planting new trees within the greater Willenhall area. In conjunction with the Council's Arboricultural Surveyor, we will look to replant this Autumn/Winter at suitable locations and identify appropriate species to match the surrounding areas chosen.

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