

SUBJECT:	WORK TO TREES IN CITY COUNCIL OWNERSHIP
DIRECTORATE:	COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of the reasons for proposed works to trees in City Council ownership, and to seek consent to progress the works identified.
- 1.2 This list does not represent all the work undertaken to Council trees. It is all the instances where a tree is either identified for removal, or where a tree enjoys some element of protection under planning legislation, and thus formal consent is required.

2. Background

- 2.1 In accordance with policy, Committee's views are sought in respect of proposed works to trees in City Council ownership, see Appendix A.
- 2.2 The responsibility for the management of any given tree is determined by the ownership responsibilities of the land on which it stands. Trees within this schedule are therefore on land owned by the Council, with management responsibilities distributed according to the purpose of the land. However, it may also include trees that stand on land for which the council has management responsibilities under a formal agreement but is not the owner.

3. Tree Assessment

- 3.1 All cases are brought to this committee only after careful consideration and assessment by the Council's Arboricultural Officer (together with independent advice where considered appropriate).
- 3.2 All relevant Ward Councillors are notified of the proposed works for their respective wards prior to the submission of this report.
- 3.3 Although the Council strives to replace any tree that has to be removed, in some instances it is not possible or desirable to replant a tree in either the exact location or of the same species. In these cases, a replacement of an appropriate species is scheduled to be planted in an alternative appropriate location. This is usually in the general locality where this is practical, but where this is not practical, an alternative location elsewhere in the city may be selected. Tree planting is normally scheduled for the winter months following the removal.

4. Consultation and Communication

- 4.1 All ward Councillors are informed of proposed works on this schedule, which are within their respective ward boundaries.
- 4.2 The relevant portfolio holders are advised in advance in all instances where, in the judgement of officers, the matters arising within the report are likely to be sensitive or contentious.

5. Strategic Priorities

5.1 Let's enhance our remarkable place

The Council acknowledges the importance of trees and tree planting to the environment. Replacement trees are routinely scheduled wherever a tree has to be removed, in-line with City Council policy.

6. Organisational Impacts

6.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)

i) Finance

The costs of any tree works arising from this report will be borne by the existing budgets. There are no other financial implications, capital, or revenue, unless stated otherwise in the works schedule.

ii) Staffing N/A

iii) Property/Land/ Accommodation Implications N/A

iv) Procurement

All works arising from this report are undertaken by the City Council's grounds maintenance contractor. The Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance contract ends August 2026. The staff are all suitably trained, qualified, and experienced.

6.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

All works arising from this report are undertaken by the Council's grounds maintenance contractor. The contractor was appointed after an extensive competitive tendering exercise. The contract for this work was let in April 2006.

The Council is compliant with all TPO and Conservation area legislative requirements.

6.3 Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

There are no negative implications.

7. Risk Implications

7.1 The work identified on the attached schedule represents the Arboricultural Officer's

advice to the Council relevant to the specific situation identified. This is a balance of assessment pertaining to the health of the tree, its environment, and any legal or health and safety concerns. In all instances the protection of the public is taken as paramount. Deviation from the recommendations for any particular situation may carry ramifications. These can be outlined by the Arboricultural Officer pertinent to any specific case.

7.2 Where appropriate, the recommended actions within the schedule have been subject to a formal risk assessment. Failure to act on the recommendations of the Arboricultural Officer could leave the City Council open to allegations that it has not acted responsibly in the discharge of its responsibilities.

8. Recommendation

8.1 That the works set out in the attached schedules be approved.

Is this a key decision? No

Do the exempt information categories apply? No

Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply? No

How many appendices does the report contain? 1

List of Background Papers: None

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**NOTIFICATION OF INTENDED WORK TO TREES AND HEDGES
RELEVANT TO THEIR CITY COUNCIL OWNERSHIP STATUS.
SCHEDULE No 9 / SCHEDULE DATE: 03/11/2021**

Item No	Status e.g. CAC	Specific Location	Tree Species and description/ reasons for work / Ward.	Recommendation
1	N/A	Lincoln Arboretum – Close to Café	<u>Abbey Ward</u> 1 x Honey locust <u>Fell</u> This tree is currently standing as deadwood.	Approve works – replant with a replacement Honey Locust, to be located within close proximity to the original planting.
2	N/A	Lincoln Arboretum – top terrace, to right hand side of central access steps	<u>Abbey Ward</u> 1 x lime <u>Fell</u> This tree is currently retained as standing deadwood.	Approve works - replant with a replacement Lime, to be located within close proximity to the original planting.
3	N/A	Lincoln Arboretum – top terrace, to left hand side of central access steps	<u>Abbey Ward</u> 1 x Ginkgo <u>Reduce upper section by 3 metres.</u> This tree is suffering dieback; the proposed reduction is intended to reduce the risk of stem failure.	Approve works.
4	N/A	42 Waltham Road	<u>Birchwood Ward</u> 5 x Alder <u>Fell</u> These trees are supressing the canopy development of better formed trees and are in close proximity to the adjoining property boundary.	Approve works - replant with 5 Bird Cherry, to be located along Pershore Way between Doddington Road and Leconfield Road.

5	N/A	28 Clarendon Gardens	<p><u>Castle Ward</u> 1 x Leyland cypress <u>Retrospective notice</u> Void's property: this tree was felled as it was in close proximity to the main residence and posed a risk to the structural integrity of the building.</p>	Replace with 1 x Lime, to be located within the centrally positioned grassland area.
6	TPO	Woodvale Close – footpath to rear	<p><u>Hartsholme Ward</u> 1 x Birch <u>Fell</u> Tree currently retained as deadwood.</p>	Approve works - replace with 1 x Birch, to be located next to the link path positioned to the rear of Woodvale Close.
7	TPO	Woodvale Close – footpath to rear	<p><u>Hartsholme Ward</u> 1 x Rowan <u>Fell</u> 90% of the canopy is retained as deadwood.</p>	Approve works - replace with 1 x Rowan, to be located next to the link path positioned to the rear of Woodvale Close.
8	N/A	Lincoln United Football Club	<p><u>Hartsholme Ward</u> 5 x Leyland cypress <u>Fell</u> These trees have a low critical slenderness ratio which places them at the risk of failure during storm events.</p>	Approve works – replace with 5 x Scot's pine, to be located within the woodland strip to the rear of Revesby & Roxby Close.
9	TPO	11 Sheraton Close	<p><u>Hartsholme Ward</u> 1 x Rowan 1 x Field Maple <u>Reduce canopy spread</u> These trees currently overhang the adjacent property boundary; work is intended to remove encroachment.</p>	Approve works

10	N/A	Thoresway Drive – Garage site	<u>Minster Ward</u> 1 x Leyland cypress <u>Fell</u> As a result of recent fire damage, the remaining canopy structure of this tree is likely to become prone to unpredicted collapse.	Approve works – replace with 1 x Maple, to be located on the amenity grassland located to the front of number 10 Thoresway Drive.
11	N/A	7 Reynolds Drive	<u>Moorland Ward</u> 2 x Cupressus <u>Fell</u> These trees are in close proximity to the property and have outgrown the space available for them.	Approve works and replace with 2 x Oak, to be located within the grassland area at the junction with Cotman Road.
12	N/A	15 Garrick Close	<u>Witham Ward</u> 1 x Rowan <u>Retrospective notice</u> This tree was felled as the main trunk failed during windy conditions.	Replant with 1 x Spindle, to be located within the grassland area located to the side of the property.
13	N/A	15 Garrick Close	<u>Witham Ward</u> 1 x Rowan <u>Fell</u> This tree is in poor condition and has significant decay within the trunk.	Replant with 1 x Spindle, to be located within the grassland area located to the side of the property.