



April 2025 - Reactive Tree Felling Works Programme

Introduction

A survey of trees in the East Sheen ward is currently being undertaken; this is being conducted by specialist arboricultural officers as part of the scheduled 4 yearly detailed inspection regime that has been devised for all Council highway and parks trees.

On a monthly basis the Council’s arboricultural officers undertake tree assessments that sit outside of the scheduled 4 yearly inspection programme, generally this is in response to customer enquiries.

These inspections take place to ensure that Council is compliant with the statutory duties which are highlighted within the [Council's Adopted Tree Policy](#).

Recent reactive inspections have identified the need for 26 individual tree felling work operations to take place. This work will now be issued to the Council’s Arborist Contractor KPS, for completion over the spring and summer period.

Unfortunately, and as to be expected with surveys of a large treestock with specimen of varying age and condition, we have identified trees that can no longer be safely retained, and we will therefore be carrying out complete removal. The Council will aim to plant replacement trees during the next planting season which runs from November through to March; in some instances, this timing of planting may be affected by the available Highway Management resources that are required to repair disrupted pavements.

We will be erecting notices upon each tree being removed, alerting the public to the proposals giving sufficient time for residents to log enquiries. Prior to the removal taking place signage will be erected informing of a date of works, this is to make vehicle owners aware of the need to leave any parking space free to allow the works to proceed in a safe and timely manner.

The following pages provide the locations of each tree that is to be removed, in addition photographs and descriptions of the inspection findings have been provided.

These trees are exempt from the duty to consult.

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Barnes

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Road	Barnes Avenue
Location	Castelnau Recreational ground- ///offer.oval.neck
Species	Wild Cherry (<i>Prunus avium</i>)
Height	7.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is moribund with over 90% of the crown being dead. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows moribund tree in park scene

East Sheen

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Palewell Park
Location	Outside 3
Species	Common Lime (<i>Tilia x europaea</i>)
Height	7.0m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	Investigation with a probe and resonance testing with a sounding mallet has revealed an unacceptable degree of decay beyond the visible cavity at the base of the trunk. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Images show cavity with probe circled at base of trunk.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Sheen Lane
Location	Outside 175 edge of building
Species	Whitebeam (<i>Sorbus aria</i>)
Height	9.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is Dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Images show dead tree in street scene.



Images show delaminated bark on trunk circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Sheen Lane
Location	Outside 260/258
Species	Tulip tree (<i>Liriodendron tulipifera Aureomargin</i>)
Height	2.5m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in street scene.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Paynesfield Avenue
Location	Adjacent to 156 Upper Richmond Road West gates at rear of property
Species	Hawthorne (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)
Height	7.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is moribund; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows moribund tree in street scene.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Milton Road
Location	Outside 10
Species	Rowan (<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>)
Height	4.5m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in street scene.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Clare Lawn Avenue
Location	Opposite 1
Species	Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)
Height	5.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A resonance test with a sounding hammer and a probe revealed an unacceptable degree of decay in the trunk of this tree. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows probe highlighting decay on stem circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Clare Lawn Avenue
Location	Outside 19
Species	Norway Maple (<i>Acer platanoides</i>)
Height	7.0m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	Investigation with a probe and a resonance test with a sounding hammer has revealed an unacceptable amount of decay beyond the visible cavities at the base of the trunk. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows cavity with probe circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Longfield Drive
Location	Sheen common- ///price.sand.trains
Species	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)
Height	17.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree has been affected by the fungal pathogen 'sooty bark disease' (<i>Cryptostroma corticale</i>). This fungus disrupts the tree's vascular system, preventing the effective transport of water and nutrients, and leads to the cracking and peeling of bark, exposing masses of black fungal spores and tree death. The establishment of this disease also affects the structural integrity of the affected tree, causing branches to become brittle and predisposed to collapse. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk and prevent further release of spores which pose a respiratory risk to humans.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in woodland scene.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Palmerston Road
Location	Outside 46
Species	Field Maple (<i>Acer campestre</i>)
Height	7.5m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in street scene.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Leinster Avenue
Location	Outside 36
Species	Crab apple (<i>Malus sylvestris</i>)
Height	4.5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A resonance test with a sounding hammer and a probe revealed an unacceptable degree of decay in the trunk of this tree removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows probe and decay on stem circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Elm Road
Location	Outside 16
Species	Cherry 'Amanogawa' (<i>Prunus serrulata</i> 'Amanogawa')
Height	5.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree has sustained significant bark damage from a historic vehicle strike, leading to heartwood cracking at the primary union of the trunk. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows cracking to the heartwood circled on the union.



Image shows bark damage on trunk.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Howgate Road
Location	Outside 22
Species	Sargent's cherry (<i>Prunus sargentii</i>)
Height	6.5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	<p>A fungal fruiting body of the decay fungi <i>Ganoderma sp.</i> is present at the base of the trunk. Colonisation by this fungus causes a white rot of the stem and root system that can cause entire trees to collapse through fracture or windthrow. A resonance test with a sounding hammer and a probe revealed an unacceptable degree of decay in the trunk of this tree.</p> <p>Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.</p>

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows fungal fruiting bodies and probe circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Stonehill Close
Location	Outside 4/4A
Species	Sargent’s cherry (<i>Prunus sargentii</i>)
Height	4.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Fair
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is moribund; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows moribund tree in street scene.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Stonehill Close
Location	Opposite 1/2
Species	Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)
Height	5.0m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A resonance test with a sounding hammer and a probe revealed an unacceptable degree of decay in the trunk of this tree. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows probe and decay on stem circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Christchurch Road
Location	Outside 91/93
Species	Swedish whitebeam (<i>Sorbus x intermedia</i>)
Height	8.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A fungal fruiting body of the species <i>Inonotus hispidus</i> is present in the lower crown. This fungus causes simultaneous white rot, which can lead to the snapping of tree parts. The tree is moribund, correlating with the presence of the pathogen. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows fungal fruiting bodies circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Palmerston Road
Location	Outside 61/63
Species	Swedish whitebeam (<i>Sorbus x intermedia</i>)
Height	8.0m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A fungal fruiting body of the species <i>Inonotus hispidus</i> is present in the lower crown. This fungus causes simultaneous white rot, which can lead to the snapping of tree parts. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.

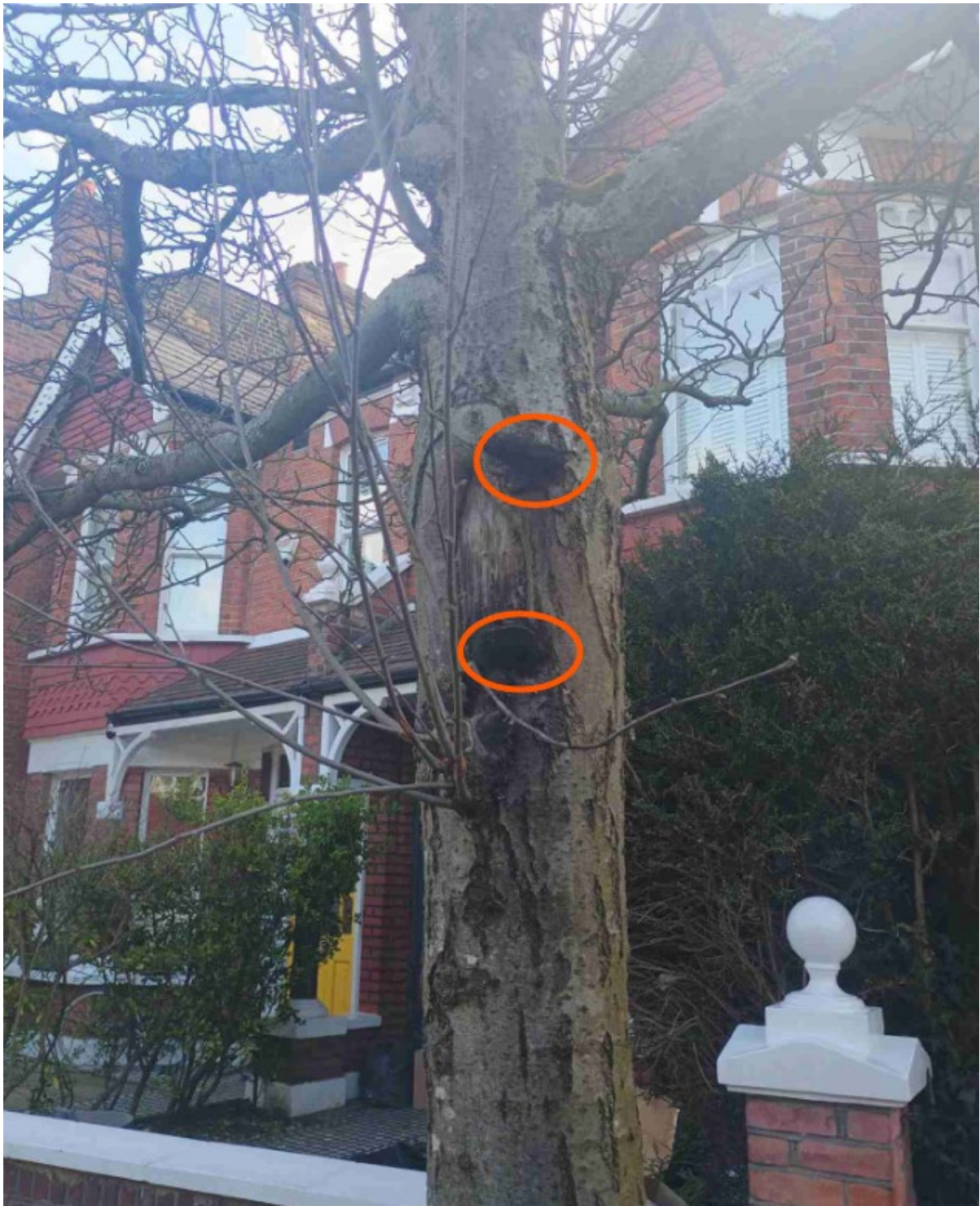


Image shows fungal fruiting bodies circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Medcroft Gardens
Location	Adjacent to 10 Temple Sheen Road rear garden
Species	Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)
Height	6.5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	Fungal fruiting bodies of the decay fungus <i>Phylloporia ribis</i> are present on the trunk of this tree. Colonization by this fungus causes a white rot of the roots and butt, which can lead to structural failure of the tree. Crown dieback correlates with the presence of this parasite. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows fungal fruiting bodies circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Medcroft Gardens
Location	Outside 6
Species	Cherry plum (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i>)
Height	9.0m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A fungal fruiting body of the decay fungi <i>Ganoderma sp.</i> is present at the base of the trunk. Colonisation by this fungus causes a white rot of the stem and root system that can cause entire trees to collapse through fracture or windthrow. A resonance test revealed an unacceptable degree of decay in the trunk of this tree. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

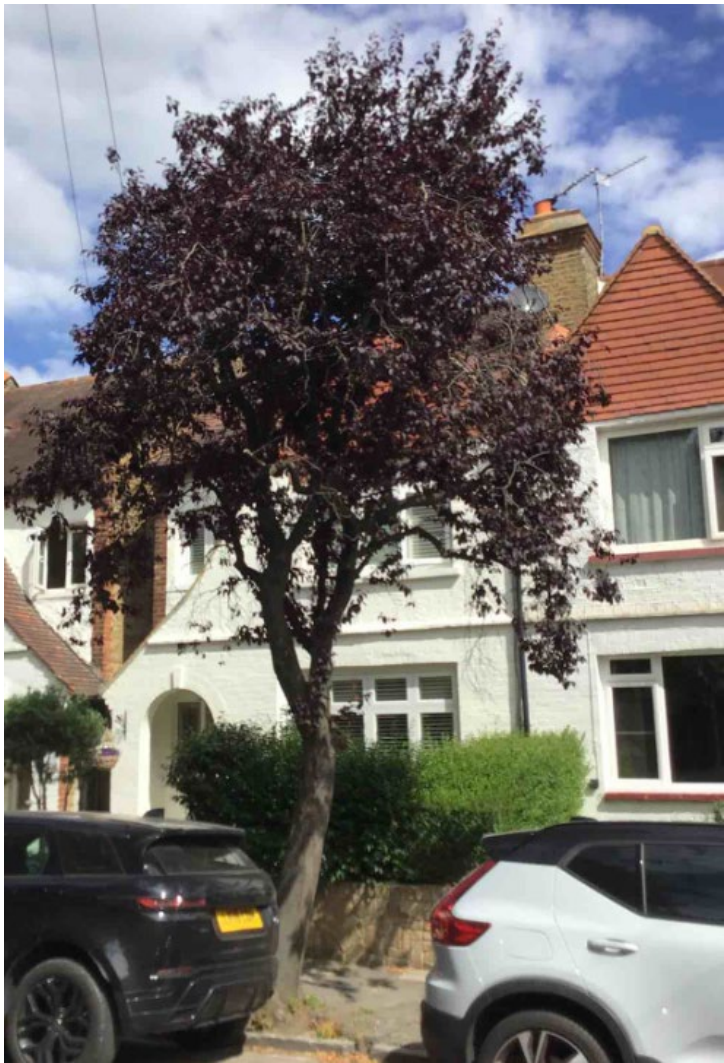


Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows fungal fruiting body circled.



Image shows fungal fruiting body circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Medcroft Gardens
Location	Outside 48 Coval Road front edge of building
Species	Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)
Height	10.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Fair
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is moribund; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows moribund tree in street scene.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Coval Road
Location	Outside 499 Upper Richmond Road West
Species	Wild cherry (<i>Prunus avium</i>)
Height	6.0m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A resonance test with a sounding hammer has revealed an unacceptable amount of decay in the lower trunk of this tree. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Coval Road
Location	Outside 51
Species	Wild cherry (<i>Prunus avium</i>)
Height	9.0m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A fungal fruiting body of the decay fungi <i>Ganoderma sp.</i> is present on the lower trunk. Colonisation by this fungus causes a white rot of the stem and root system that can cause entire trees to collapse through fracture or windthrow. A resonance test revealed an unacceptable degree of decay in the trunk of this tree. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows fungal fruiting body circled.



Image shows fungal fruiting body circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Coval Road
Location	Outside 27/29
Species	Sargent's cherry (<i>Prunus sargentii</i>)
Height	6.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	A fungal fruiting body of the decay fungi <i>Ganoderma sp.</i> is present on the lower trunk. Colonisation by this fungus causes a white rot of the stem and root system that can cause entire trees to collapse through fracture or windthrow. Dieback is visible in the upper crown and a resonance test revealed an unacceptable degree of decay in the trunk of this tree. Removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.



Image shows dieback in upper crown.



Image shows fungal fruiting body circled.

Ward	East Sheen
Road	Coval Road
Location	Outside 4
Species	Apple (<i>Malus sp.</i>)
Height	5.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is Dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in street scene.

Kew

Ward	Kew
Road	Haverfield Gardens
Location	Outside 19/21
Species	Cherry (<i>Prunus sp.</i>)
Height	6.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree has been struck by a vehicle, sustaining damage in the upper crown. The tree has excessive movement indicating that the root structure has been damaged as a result of the incident. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:



Image shows tree in street scene.

Twickenham Riverside

Ward	Twickenham Riverside
Road	Oak lane
Location	Oak Lane Cemetery- ///lease.dices.hooks
Species	Pine (<i>Pinus</i> sp.)
Height	10.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings/reason for exemption	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:



Image shows dead tree in cemetery scene.