LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

October 2023 - Reactive Tree Works Programme

Introduction

A survey of trees in the West Twickenham and South Twickenham wards are 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 45 individual tree work operations to take place. This work will now be issued to the Council's Arborist Contractor KPS, for completion over the Autumn 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.

Dated 16.10.2023

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Fulwell and Hampton Hill

Ward	Fulwell and Hampton Hill
Road	Stanley Road
Location	Grass area adjacent to junction of Hampton Road and Stanley Road- ///What3Words- jars.sing.cult
Species	Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*)
Height	7.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	There is a cavity present at the base of the stem with an unacceptable level of decay. Crown dieback correlates with the degradation of the trees structure. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Image shows cavities circled in red

Ward	Fulwell and Hampton Hill
Road	Eastbank Road
Location	Outside 1
Species	Hawthorn (*Crataegus sp.*)
Height	4.5m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	The tree is moving in such a way that indicates that the structure of the roots is compromised presenting increased risk of failure. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Ward	Fulwell and Hampton Hill
Road	Shacklegate Lane
Location	Area BU
Species	Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia)*
Height	14.5m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	The tree is in moribund condition with over 90% of the crown being dead. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

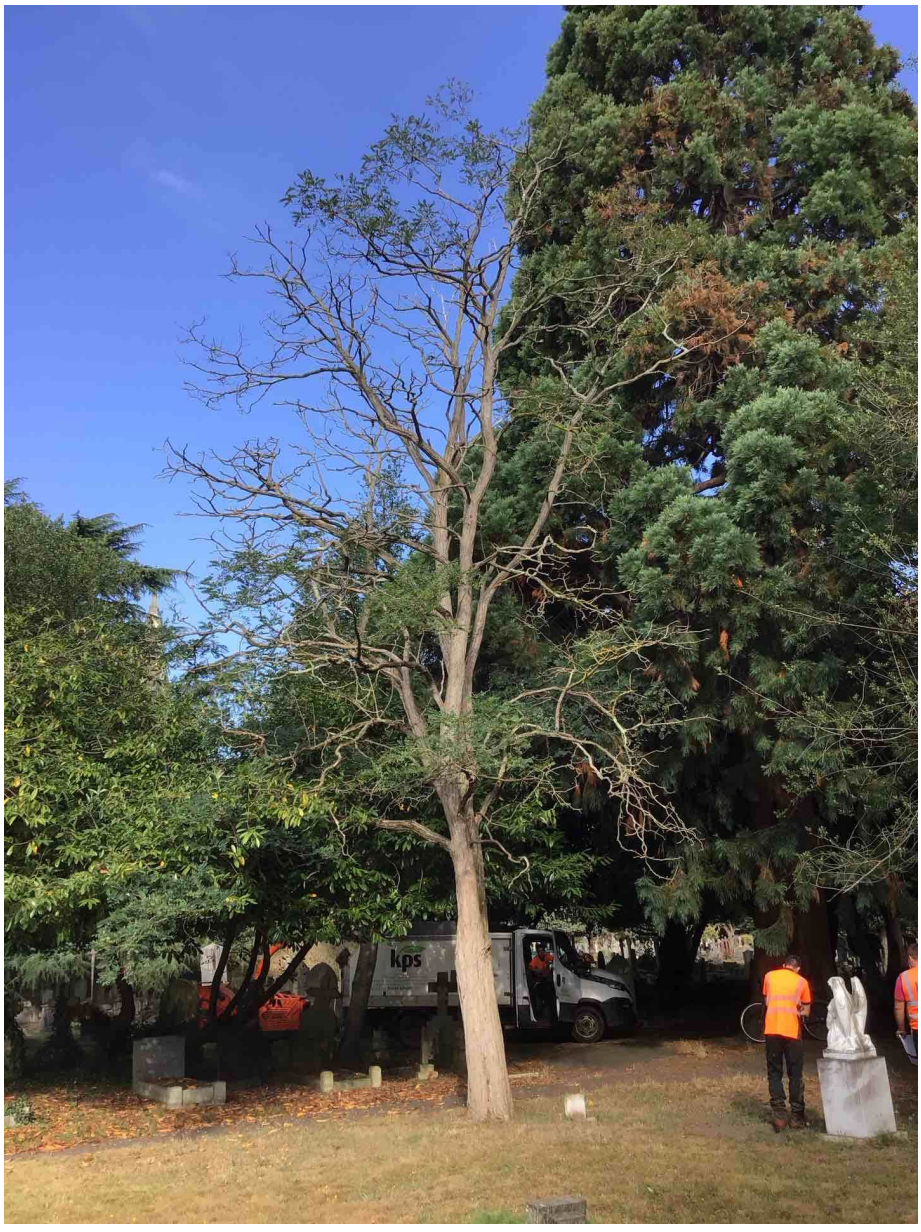

Image shows moribund tree in graveyard scene

Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside

Ward	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside
Road	Ashfield close
Location	Outside 3
Species	Rowan (Sorbus intermedia)
Height	7.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	A fungal fruiting body of the species Shaggy Polypore (*Inonotus hispidus*) is present on the main stem or trunk and primary scaffold limb, this fungus causes a simultaneous white rot which can cause snapping of tree parts in this species. This has led to major failure. The onset of Crown dieback also correlates with the pathogen present. Removal is required to prevent further natural failure, manage risk, and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Image shows cavities from historic branch failure circled in red

Image shows emerging fungal fruiting bodies circled in red

Hampton North

Ward	Hampton North
Road	The Avenue
Location	Nursery Green- ///What3Words- rope.sizes.dunes
Species	Poplar (*Populus* sp.)
Height	26m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in park scene

Ward	Hampton North
Road	The Avenue
Location	Nursery Green- ///What3Words- poems.pound.defeat
Species	Poplar (*Populus* sp.)
Height	22m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in park scene

Hampton Wick

Ward	Hampton Wick
Road	Church Grove
Location	Kings Field recreation ground What3Words ///hang.gives.prom
Species	Unknown
Height	5m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in park scene

Ward	Hampton Wick
Road	Broom Water
Location	Adjacent to 2 Broom Lock front edge of building
Species	Cherry (*Prunus sp.)*
Height	7.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in street scene

Heathfield

Ward	Heathfield
Road	Powder Mill Lane
Location	Opposite 251
Species	River Birch (*Betula nigra*)
Height	10.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Good
Inspection findings	This tree removal and replanting was approved as part of planning permission 21/0156/FUL. The tree will be removed to facilitate development and replanted at a nearby location.

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in street scene

Ward	Heathfield
Road	Harvey Road
Location	Opposite 50
Species	Scots Pine (*Pinus sylvestris)*
Height	3.5m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Images shows dead tree in street scene.

Ward	Heathfield
Road	Longford Road
Location	Outside 4/6
Species	Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)
Height	7.5m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Fair
Inspection findings	The tree is in moribund condition with 80% of the crown being dead. Tree is no longer suitable for retention. Removal is required to facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Images shows moribund tree in street scene

Kew

Ward	Kew
Road	Kew Road
Location	Outside 270/272
Species	Black Locust (Robinia *pseudoacacia.*)
Height	16.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	The tree has had primary stem failure in crown due to a wide mouth union on the main trunk. This has now left a tree with an unacceptable structural weakness at the point of failure at base of crown. The tree is no longer suitable for retention and is being removed to manage risk, prevent further natural failure and to facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene with cavity circle in red

Image shows cavity at base of major union

Ward	Kew
Road	Atwood Avenue
Location	Outside 15
Species	Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia)*
Height	1.5m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree has been vandalised with the crown being cut at the top of main stem/trunk. This will prevent the tree from forming a useful specimen. Removal is required to facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows vandalised tree with central leader missing

Ward	Kew
Road	Pensford Avenue
Location	Outside 23
Species	Apple (*Malus sp.*)
Height	9.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead, removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in street scene.

North Richmond

Ward	North Richmond
Road	Manor Road
Location	Manor road Allotments. What3Words-///living.palace.social
Species	Tree of Heavan (*Ailanthus altissima)*
Height	16.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Good
Inspection findings	This is an inappropriate species for this location and is causing suckering issues in the allotment plots. Removal is required to prevent further suckering and facilitate replanting with an appropriate species.

Site images:

Image shows tree in allotments scene

Ward	North Richmond
Road	Manor Road
Location	Manor Road Allotments. What3Words-///decks.under.bills
Species	Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)
Height	3m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	The tree stem/trunk is dead, removal is required to manage risk and prevent natural failure.

Site images:

Image shows dead tree trunk in allotment scene

Ward	North Richmond
Road	Denehurst Gardens
Location	Outside 23
Species	Apple (*Malus*)
Height	6m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree is in moribund condition with 50% of the crown being dead. Necrosis and an unacceptable amount of decay is present on the main stem of this tree; the decline of the trees vascular system correlates with dieback within the crown. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and to facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows moribund tree in street scene

Image shows area of bark necrosis and decay on stem circled in red

South Twickenham

Ward	South Twickenham
Road	Riverview Gardens
Location	Outside 27
Species	Apple (*Malus* sp.)
Height	8.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	A fungal fruiting body of the species Shaggy Polypore (*Inonotus hispidus*) is present on the main stem or trunk, this fungus causes a simultaneous white rot which can cause snapping of tree parts in this species. This tree has also sustained substantial vehicle damage to primary branches in the crown which has caused vascular dysfunction and led to the development of decay pathogens. It is in a state of physiological decline and contains weak branches that are liable to collapse. This tree is no longer suitable for retention and should be removed to prevent natural failure.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Image shows tree with fruiting body circled

Ward	South Twickenham
Road	Holmes Road
Location	Opposite 40
Species	Cherry (*Prunus*)
Height	12.5m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	The tree is dead, removal is required to prevent natural failure and to facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in street scene

Ward	South Twickenham
Road	Bonser Road
Location	Outside 40/41
Species	London Plane (*Platanus x acerfolia*)
Height	4.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Good
Inspection findings	This tree is in moribund condition with approximately 70% of the crown being dead. Removal is required to facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows moribund tree in street scene

Ward	South Twickenham
Road	Bonser Road
Location	Outside 15
Species	Cherry Plum (*Prunus cerasifera*)
Height	7.5m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree has a cavity at ground level on the roadside of the stem with an unacceptable amount of decay in centre of the stem. The tree is in moribund condition with approximately 60% of the crown is dead which corresponds with the decay at base of the stem. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and to facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows moribund tree in street scene

Image shows cavity at base of tree circled in red

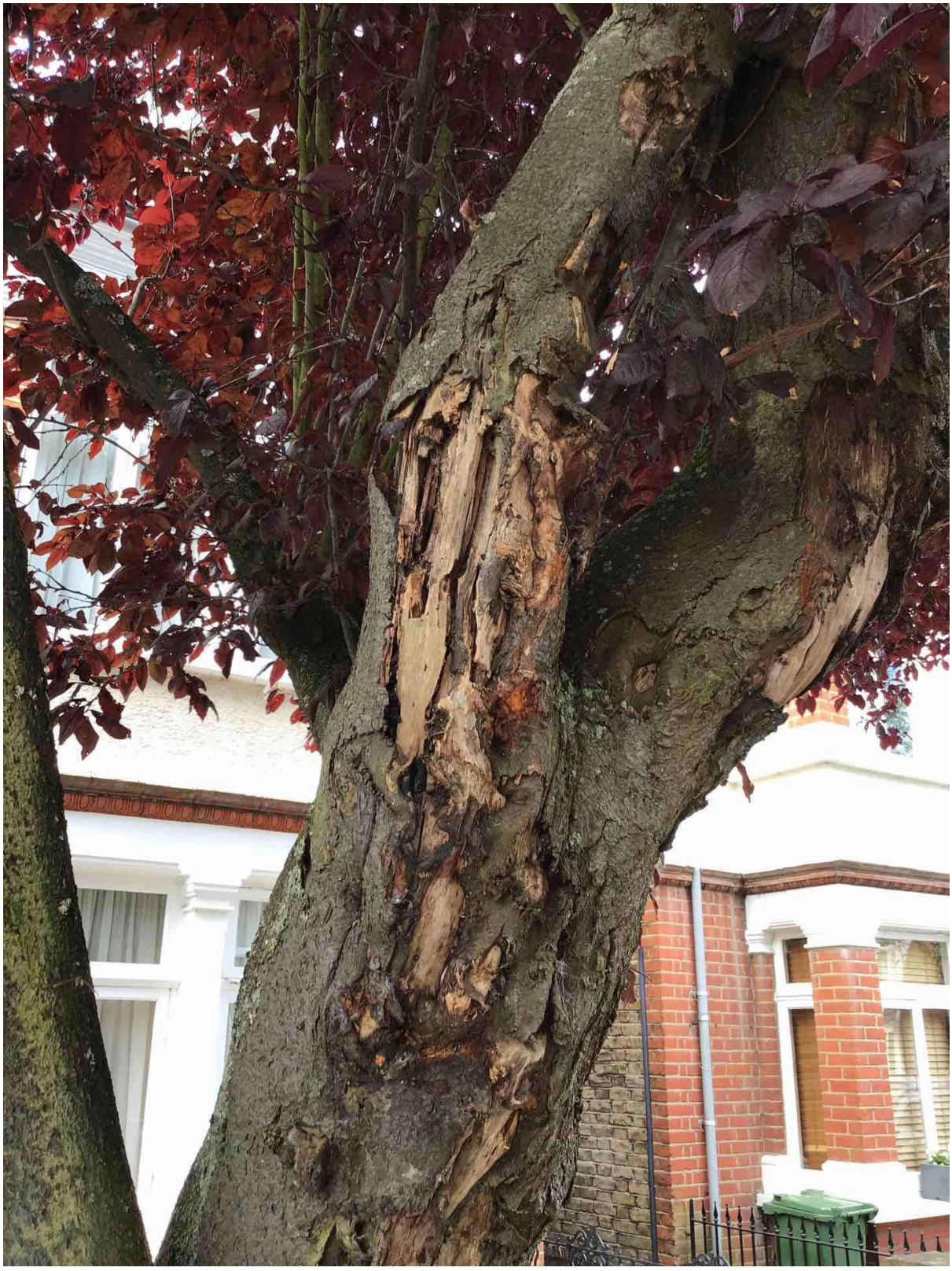

Image shows dame to stem from vehicle strike.

Ward	South Twickenham
Road	Bonser Road
Location	Outside 11
Species	Cherry Plum (*Prunus cerasifera*)
Height	8m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Fungal fruiting bodies of the cushion fungus (*Phellinus pomaceus*) are present on the main stem of this tree. This fungus causes a crumbly white rot that commonly causes this species of tree to snap. Approximately 50% of the crown is dead which corresponds with the decay at the base of the stem. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and to facilitate replanting.

Image shows moribund tree in street scene

Image shows fungal fruiting bodies circled in red

Teddington

Ward	Teddington
Road	Avenue Road
Location	Opposite 4
Species	Cherry (*Prunus*)
Height	8.5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Fungal fruiting bodies of the wood decay fungus *Laetiporus sulphureus* are present at the base of this tree. This fungus causes a brown rot which can rapidly reduce wood strength and cause whole tree failure through brittle fracture. Investigation with probe revealed an unacceptable amount of decay around fruiting bodies. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Image shows fungal brackets at the base of the trunk.

Ward	Teddington
Road	Park Road
Location	Opposite 59
Species	Maple (Acer s*p.*)
Height	10.50m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in street scene

Ward	Teddington
Road	Wilcox Road
Location	Opposite 32
Species	Swedish whitebeam (Sorbus intermedia)
Height	8.5m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in street scene

Ward	Teddington
Road	Church Road
Location	Outside 109
Species	Swedish whitebeam (Sorbus intermedia)
Height	6m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Fungal fruiting bodies of the species Shaggy Polypore (*Inonotus hispidus*) are present on the main stem, this fungus causes a simultaneous white rot which can cause snapping of tree parts in this species. This tree is in a state of physiological decline and contains weak branches that are liable to collapse which correlates with the presence of this pathogen. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Image shows fungal fruiting bodies circled in red.

Twickenham Riverside

Ward	Twickenham Riverside
Road	Cambridge Road
Location	Outside 30
Species	Crab apple (Malus tschonoskii)
Height	9.50m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Fair
Inspection findings	A fungal fruiting body of the decay pathogen *Ganoderma* sp. is present at the stem base. 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. This tree is in a state of physiological decline with sparse foliage which correlates with the pathogen present at the base of the stem. This tree is no longer suitable for retention and removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Image shows fungal fruiting body circled in red

Ward	Twickenham Riverside
Road	Arlington Road
Location	Adjacent to 2 Ravensbourne Road rear garden
Species	Cherry plum (*Prunus cerasifera*)
Height	8m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Fruiting bodies of the decay fungus Turkey Tail (*Tramates versicolor)* are prolific on the trunk of this tree. This fungus causes a selective white rot of the wood and when prolific is indicative of wider physiological dysfunction. This tree is in a state of physiological decline with over 50% of the crown having died which correlates with the pathogen on the trunk. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

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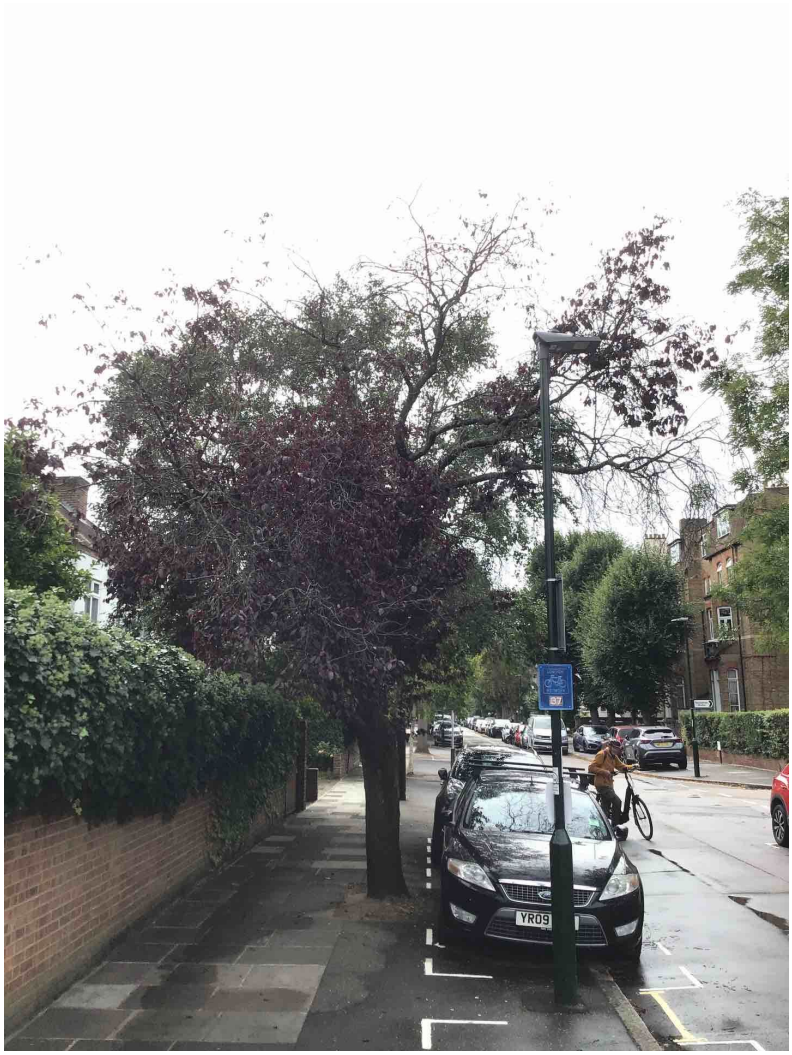

Image shows moribund tree in street scene

Image shows fruiting bodies on stem of tree circled in red

Ward	Twickenham Riverside
Road	Heath Road
Location	Outside 77
Species	Whitebeam (*Sorbus aucuparia*)
Height	6.5m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree dead and is no longer suitable for retention. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in street scene

West Twickenham

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Gloucester road
Location	Adjacent to 448 Chertsey Road rear garden
Species	Cherry plum (*Prunus cerasifera*)
Height	7m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Fungal fruiting bodies of the wood decay fungus *Laetiporus sulphurous* are present on the trunk of this tree. This fungus causes a brown rot which can rapidly reduce wood strength and cause branch or whole tree failure through brittle fracture. The tree presents an unacceptable risk of failure and removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Images showing tree with fungal fruiting body on stem circled in red

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Wiltshire gardens
Location	Outside 2/4
Species	Apple (*Malus sp.*)
Height	4.5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	A fungal fruiting body of the species Shaggy Polypore (*Inonotus hispidus*) is present on the main stem or trunk.This fungus causes a simultaneous white rot which can cause snapping of tree parts in this species. The proximity of the fungus to the major cavity makes the risk of failure unacceptable. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Images shows bark wound with fungal fruiting body below it marked with red circle

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Wiltshire gardens
Location	Outside 33
Species	Apple (Malus)
Height	6.5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	The tree has extensive basal decay and a fungal fruiting body of the decay pathogen *Ganoderma* sp. is present at the stem base. 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. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Images shows base wound with Ganoderma bracket marked with red circle

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Selkirk road
Location	Outside 1/3
Species	Swedish whitebeam (Sorbus aucuparia)
Height	5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	A fungal fruiting body of the species Shaggy Polypore (*Inonotus hispidus*) is present on the main stem or trunk, this fungus causes a simultaneous white rot which can cause snapping of tree parts in this species. This tree is in a state of physiological decline with over 60% of the crown having died which correlates with the pathogen on the trunk. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows moribund tree in street scene

Image shows wound on trunk of tree with fungal fruiting body circled in red

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Selkirk road
Location	Outside 48/50
Species	Rowan (*Sorbus intermedia*)
Height	5m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	A fungal fruiting body of the species Shaggy Polypore (*Inonotus hispidus*) is present on the main stem or trunk, this fungus causes a simultaneous white rot which can cause snapping of tree parts in this species. This tree is in a state of physiological decline with over 70% of the crown having died which correlates with the pathogen on the trunk. Removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows moribund tree in street scene

Image shows trunk of tree with cavities circled in yellow and fruiting body circled in red

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Fulwell Park Avenue
Location	Outside 52/54
Species	Cherry (Prunus)
Height	5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Cankering and bark necrosis is present on the stem of this tree indicating dysfunction of the vascular system. The tree presents an unacceptable risk and removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Image shows cankering and bark necrosis on stem.

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Fifth Cross Road
Location	Outside 77
Species	Field maple (Acer campestre)
Height	4m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in street scene.

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Meadway
Location	Outside 16
Species	New tree dead
Height	2.5m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting

Site images:

Image shows dead tree in street scene

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Whiteleys Way
Location	Outside 7
Species	Cabbage palm (Cordyline australis)
Height	3m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Fair
Inspection findings	Tree is moribund; removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows moribund tree in street scene

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Butts Crescent
Location	Outside 6
Species	Rowan (Sorbus intermedia)
Height	4.5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Cankering and bark necrosis is present on the stem of this tree indicating dysfunction of the vascular system. The tree presents an unacceptable risk and removal is required prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

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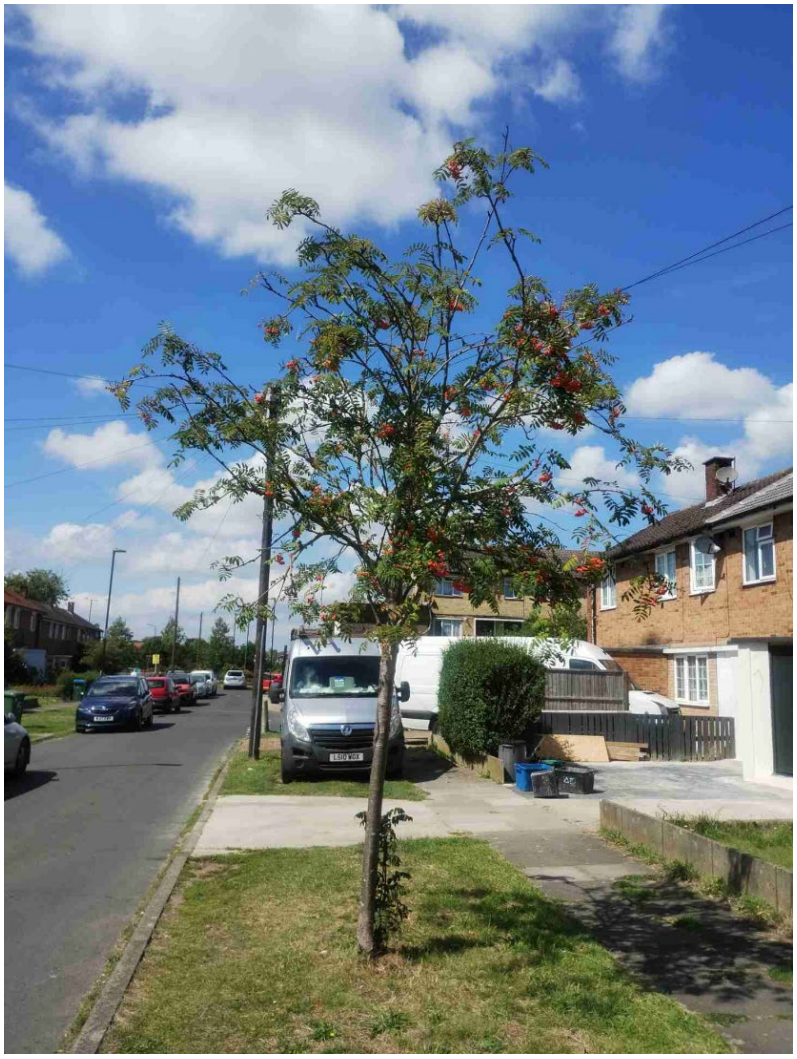

Image shows tree in street scene

Image shows canker and bark necrosis on stem of tree

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Staines Road
Location	Outside 321
Species	Norway maple (Acer platanoides)
Height	18m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	A fungal fruiting body of the decay pathogen *Ganoderma* sp. is present at the stem base. 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. Sparse crown is indicative of root dysfunction/decay. The tree presents an unacceptable risk and removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Image shows fungal brackets circled in red

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Campbell Road
Location	Outside 23/25
Species	Apple (*Malus*)
Height	8m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Large cavity with an unacceptable amount of decay is present in the main stem/trunk of tree. The tree presents an unacceptable risk and removal is required to prevent natural failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Image shows large cavity at base of major union.

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Campbell Road
Location	Opposite 23
Species	Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*)
Height	7m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Fair
Inspection findings	The crown of this tree is in moribund condition with over 80% of crown being dead. Removal is required to facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows moribund tree in street scene

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Hampton Road
Location	On the junction of Hampton Road and sixth cross outside co op
Species	Cherry (*Prunus*)
Height	5.5m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	The crown of this tree is in terminal decline with over 40% of crown being dead. Removal is required to facilitate replanting.

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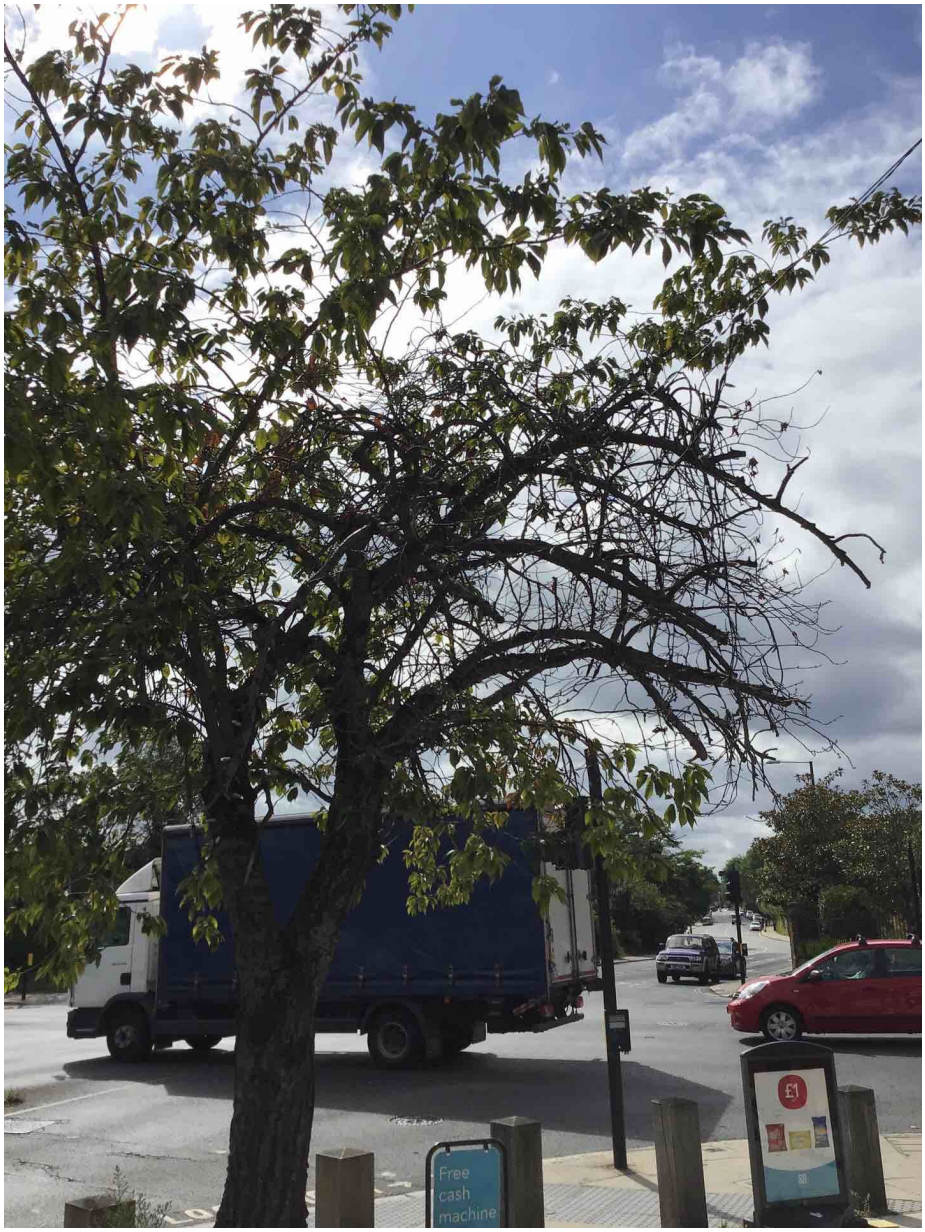

Image shows moribund tree in street scene.

Ward	West Twickenham
Road	Sixth Cross Road
Location	Opposite 24
Species	Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*)
Height	12m
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	A cavity indicating root and lower stem decay is present at the base of this tree. An unacceptable amount of decay is present in cavity which correlates with the dieback in the crown indicative of root dysfunction. Removal is required to prevent failure and facilitate replanting.

Site images:

Image shows tree in street scene

Image shows cavity at the base of the stem