



**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (Commencement No. 11 and
Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026
(saving provisions as in The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)
(England) Regulations 2026)**

TREES AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Trees and Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was formally adopted by the Council on 9 June 2026.

The Trees and Development SPD provides further detailed guidance to support the adopted Richmond Local Plan (2025) policies and sets out the Council's expectations for how development proposals should take account of existing trees and new planting. It guides applicants through the planning process, including the Council's expectations for new planting required as part of proposed developments. The Trees and Development SPD forms part of the Council's planning policy framework and is now a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

The SPD will replace the existing Supplementary Planning Guidance for Trees: Landscape Design, Planting and Care and Trees: Legislation and Procedure.

Details of the decision by the Head of Spatial Planning, in liaison with the Chair of the Environment, Sustainability, Culture and Sports Committee, including the officer decision report, and the analysis of the responses received to the consultation that took place between 16 February and 23 March 2026, are available on the Council's website: <https://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=500001443>

The adopted Trees and Development SPD and this Adoption Statement are available to view on the Council's website:
https://www.richmond.gov.uk/biodiversity_trees_and_development_spds

The Trees and Development SPD is also available for inspection until 9 September 2026 at the Civic Centre, 44 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3BZ and is being made available to view in the borough's libraries www.richmond.gov.uk/branch_libraries

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the Supplementary Planning Document listed above may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of the Council's decision to adopt the SPD. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than 3 months after the date on which this Supplementary Planning Document was adopted (9 June 2026).