



# **Towpath – Champions Wharf to Railshead Road and Ham to Chiswick Bridge felling document**

## Introduction

A survey of trees on the towpaths from Champions Wharf to Railshead Road and from Ham to Chiswick Bridge have been completed; this has been conducted by specialist arboricultural officers as part of the planned inspection regime that has been devised for all Council highway and parks trees.

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

Inspections have identified the need for 136 individual tree work operations to take place. This work will now be issued to the Council's Arborist Contractor KPS, for completion over the current financial year.

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 surfaces.

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.

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# Twickenham Riverside

Ward	Twickenham Riverside
Road	Warren Footpath
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W - bother.flute.glitz
Species	Elder ( <i>Sambucus nigra</i> )
Height	6.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Fair
Inspection findings	This tree is growing against the wall and obstructing the streetlighting; the location is unsuitable, and removal is required

Site images:



Image shows tree growing against wall and obstructing lighting.



# Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside

Ward	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside
Road	Ham Avenues
Location	Melancholy Walk
Species	Norway Maple ( <i>Acer platanoides</i> )
Height	17.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree has a wide mouthed bark included union in the main stem. This feature is a weak form of branch union that is a point for failure to occur from; the tree presents an unacceptable risk of harm and removal is required to mitigate this.

Site images:



Image shows tree in good physiological condition





***Image shows main stem with split below first union.***



Ward	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside
Road	Ham Avenues
Location	Melancholy Walk
Species	Norway Maple ( <i>Acer platanoides</i> )
Height	15.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree has a wide mouthed bark included union in the main stem. This feature is a weak form of branch union that is a point for failure to occur from; the tree presents an unacceptable risk of harm and removal is required to mitigate this.

Site images:



Image shows tree in good physiological condition





***Image shows main stem with split below first union.***



Ward	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside
Road	Ham Avenues
Location	Melancholy Walk
Species	Lime ( <i>Tilia</i> sp.)
Height	17.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Fungal fruiting bodies of the decay pathogen <i>Kretzschmaria deusta</i> are present on the base of this tree. This fungus causes a white rot that can cause whole tree failure through a ceramic like fracture of the base; the tree presents an unacceptable risk of harm and removal is required.

Site images:



Image shows tree in good physiological condition





***Image shows base of tree with location of fruiting bodies circled.***



Ward	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside
Road	Ham Avenues
Location	Melancholy Walk
Species	Lime ( <i>Tilia</i> sp.)
Height	17.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	Fungal fruiting bodies of the decay pathogen <i>Kretzschmaria deusta</i> are present on the base of this tree. This fungus causes a white rot that can cause whole tree failure through a ceramic like fracture of the base; the tree presents an unacceptable risk of harm and removal is required.

Site images:



Image shows tree in good physiological condition





*Image shows base of tree with location of decay and fruiting bodies circled.*



Ward	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside
Road	River Lane
Location	Ham Towpath – W3W groom.valve.finds
Species	Cherry ( <i>Prunus</i> sp.)
Height	8.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree has failed and is hung up in its neighbour presenting a hazard.

Site images:



Image shows partially failed tree hung up in neighbouring tree.



Ward	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside
Road	River Lane
Location	Ham Towpath – W3W remove.belong.grapes
Species	Cherry ( <i>Prunus</i> sp.)
Height	8.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree has failed and is hung up in its neighbour presenting a hazard.

Site images:



Image shows partially failed tree hung up in neighbouring tree.



Ward	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside
Road	River Lane
Location	Petersham Lodge Woods – W3W - prompting.plant.asleep
Species	Sycamore ( <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> )
Height	22.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	A cavity indicating root and lower stem decay is present at the base of this tree. A resonance test revealed an unacceptable degree of decay in the trunk of this tree, removal is required to prevent natural failure and manage risk.

Site images:



Image shows tree hung up in woodland setting.





*Image shows cavity at base of the tree circled.*



Ward	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside
Road	River Lane
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W – city.truly.gaps
Species	Unknown dead
Height	5.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead, and removal is required to prevent natural failure.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree.



Ward	Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside
Road	River Lane to Borough boundary Kingston
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W – city.truly.gaps
Species	Sycamore ( <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> )
Height	5.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Good
Inspection findings	This tree is growing in an unsuitable location, causing an obstruction of waterway signage.

Site images:



Image shows tree obstructing waterway signage



# South Richmond

Ward	South Richmond
Road	Water Lane
Location	Thames Towpath - What3Words - maps.sweep.into
Species	Willow ( <i>Salix</i> sp.)
Height	5.5m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Good
Inspection findings	This tree is growing in the revetment and damaging the retaining wall; the location is unsuitable, and removal is required

Site images:



Image shows tree growing in revetment



# Kew

Ward	Kew
Road	Queens Cottage Grounds to Kew Bdg
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W branded.ashes.limit
Species	Elder ( <i>Sambucus nigra</i> )
Height	8.0M
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree has failed and is hung up in a neighbouring tree.

Site images:



Image shows partially failed tree hung up in neighbour over towpath.



Ward	Kew
Road	Queens Cottage Grounds to Kew Bdg
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W head.coin.frozen
Species	Ash ( <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> )
Height	21.0M
Physiological Condition	Fair
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	This tree has failed and is hung up in a neighbouring tree.

Site images:

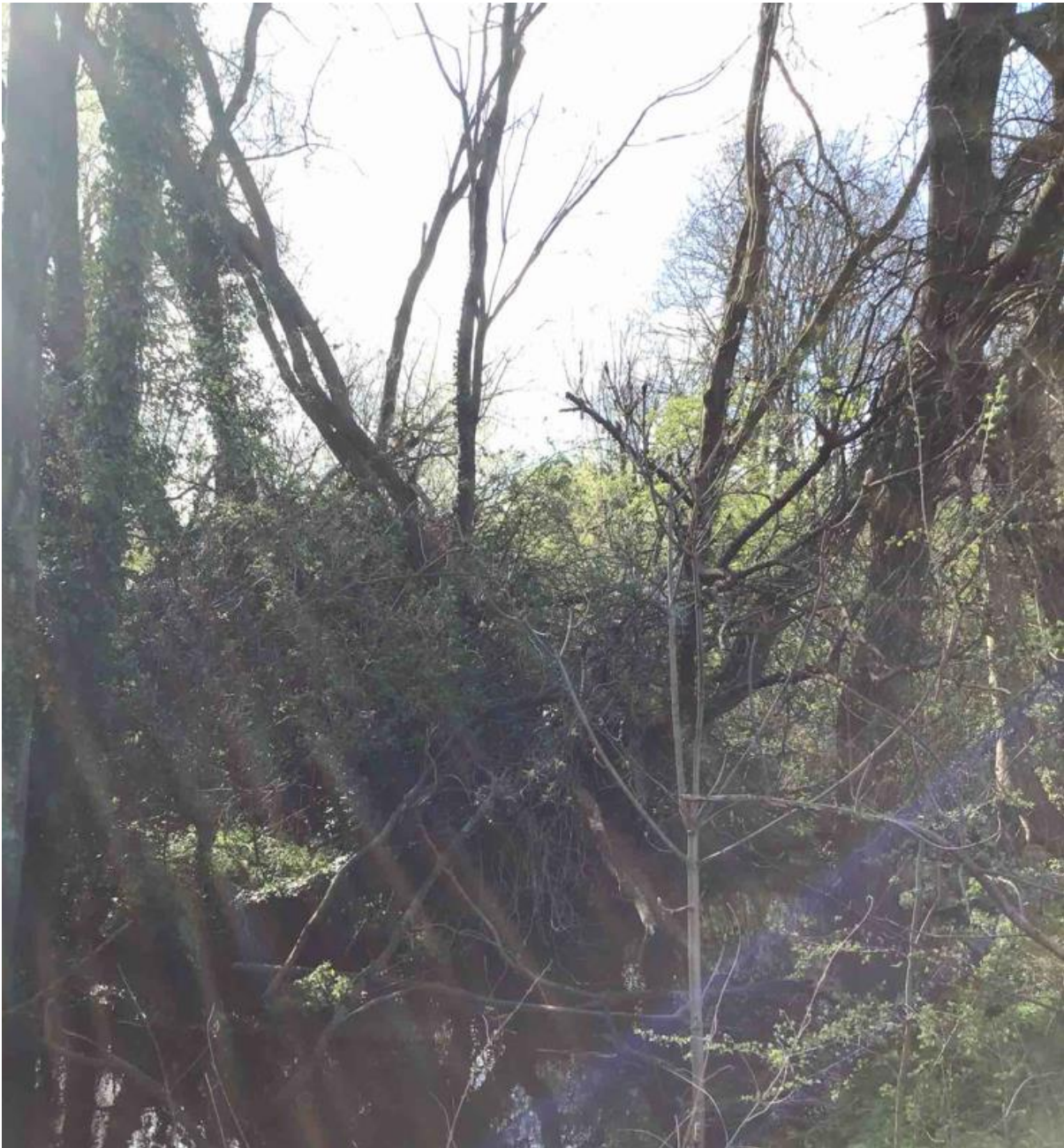


Image shows partially failed tree hung up in neighbour.



Ward	Kew
Road	Queens Cottage Grounds to Kew Bdg
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W drum.acted.moves
Species	Poplar ( <i>Populus</i> sp.)
Height	17.0M
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead, and removal is required to prevent natural failure.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree.



Ward	Kew
Road	Queens Cottage Grounds to Kew Bdg
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W jeep.facing.beats
Species	Unknown dead
Height	8.0M
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead, and removal is required to prevent natural failure.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree.



Ward	Kew
Road	Queens Cottage Grounds to Kew Bdg
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W space.ranks.ruins
Species	Alder ( <i>Alnus</i> sp.)
Height	9.5M
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead, and removal is required to prevent natural failure.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree.



Ward	Kew
Road	Queens Cottage Grounds to Kew Bdg
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W - damp.wacky.stole
Species	Ash ( <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> )
Height	17.0m
Physiological Condition	Poor
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	A fungal fruiting body of the species Shaggy Polypore ( <i>Inonotus hispidus</i> ) 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.

Site images:



Image shows tree in woodland scene





*Image shows stem of tree with senescent fungal fruiting body circled.*



Ward	Kew
Road	Riverside to Chiswick Bridge
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W - verbs.punt.hang
Species	Lombardy Poplar ( <i>Populus nigra</i> var. <i>italica</i> )
Height	26.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	A cavity indicating decay is present in the trunk of this tree. A resonance test revealed an unacceptable degree of decay in the trunk of this tree, removal is required to prevent natural failure and manage risk.

Site images:



Image shows base of tree with cavity opening and staining from exudate circled.





***Image shows tree in riverside scene***



Ward	Kew
Road	Riverside to Chiswick Bridge
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W – water.basic.plug
Species	Ash ( <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> )
Height	16.0m
Physiological Condition	Good
Structural Condition	Poor
Inspection findings	A fungal fruiting body of the species Shaggy Polypore ( <i>Inonotus hispidus</i> ) 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

Site images:



Image shows base of tree with senescent fungal fruiting bodied on stem to right.





***Image shows tree by access to residential development***



Ward	Kew
Road	Riverside to Chiswick Bridge
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W – baked.nurse.lofts
Species	Sycamore ( <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> )
Height	10.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree.



Ward	Kew
Road	Riverside to Chiswick Bridge
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W – shop.hooked.calls
Species	Sycamore ( <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> )
Height	7.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree circled in red



Ward	Kew
Road	Riverside to Chiswick Bridge
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W – stuck.flags.worry
Species	Sycamore ( <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> )
Height	9.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree is dead; removal is required to prevent natural failure.

Site images:



Image shows dead tree



Ward	Kew
Road	Riverside to Chiswick Bridge
Location	Thames Towpath – W3W – reef.admire.pints
Species	Sycamore ( <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> )
Height	5.0m
Physiological Condition	Dead
Structural Condition	Dead
Inspection findings	This tree has been retained as a monolith. However, there is now an unacceptable degree of decay and removal is required

Site images:



Image shows monolith covered with ivy.