

Tree work programme 2023 - 25

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1 Introduction

- 1 This document sets out the principles that were being followed whilst the tree-work programme for 2023 – 25 was being prepared.

2 Necessary consents

- 2 Some of the proposed works are within the Conservation Area, in other cases individual trees are protected by Tree Preservation Order.
- 3 Prior to work being undertaken to protected trees the local planning authority must be given either six weeks notification (in the case of the CA works) or a written application with adequate justification (in the case of TPO works).
- 4 In addition, a felling licence from the Forestry Commission, see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-online-for-a-felling-licence>, shall be required.

3 Zones of confluence

- 5 The **Zones of Confluence** referenced in the **Tree Risk Management Plan** are acknowledged as a fall-back position: the current practice upon which the work programme has been based is to exceed those requirements and to routinely assess each tree across the School estate twice per annum, whilst in and out of leaf.

4 Areas of work

Essential or desirable

- 6 I have sorted the proposals into two broad categories, where the boundary may not be all that distinct – those works that I feel are either:
 - essential (for arboricultural reasons, or for perception, or for logistical reasons), or
 - desirable (for example if there were no limits to the funds available these works would be undertaken).

Zone of confluence 1

- 7 Throughout the areas identified as being in Zone 1 management intervention will seek to reduce nuisance to neighbours, as well as to pupils, staff, and visitors to the School.
- 8 Management intervention will include thinking of planted areas along property boundaries for example, as well as attention to individual trees to abate a specific nuisance, be that present or foreseeable.
- 9 The areas where work has been proposed that I consider to be **essential** are:
 - The Health Centre and Kirkeby, specifically the pruning of the sycamore tagged 547, and the lime 2027 to increase the gap between their canopies and the adjacent properties
 - Gascoigne, Laudimer, Building Department, Laxton Junior School (see below), and The Berrystead
 - South Road and Branston Close
- 10 The areas where work has been proposed that I consider to be **desirable** are:
 - the Old San, Glaphorn Road
 - Milton Road at Fisher/Crosby, and Sidney/Grafton, and St Anthony, and the Chapel
 - the pollard lime trees at Two Acre and Clubs



Laxton Junior School

- 11 The work programme acknowledges that LJS is in a zone of high confluence, i.e. the space beneath the trees is frequently and heavily occupied, which in turn suggests the magnitude of the consequences of any failure would be high, and that the awareness of risk amongst the pupils is likely to be less well developed than for older pupils thus increasing the likely consequence of any failure.
- 12 The woodland at LJS is heavily used as an outdoor space, for both teaching and recreation.
- 13 Therefore, I consider the work here to be essential.
- 14 The space will be aggressively managed to reduce to as low as is reasonably practicable the foreseeable risk of tree failure, whilst maintaining sufficient tree cover to enhance the outdoor experience for the young people.

Zone of confluence 2

- 15 The areas where work has been proposed that I consider to be **essential** are:
- the planting between Sanderson/Dryden and Millfields, Victoria Road and Kings Road
 - the planting around the Great Hall and the Adamson Centre
 - the planting around Brook Furlong
- 16 The areas where work has been proposed that I consider to be **desirable** are:
- the land between the Sports Centre, the Armoury, the rifle range, and Wyatt Way and Whitwell Close
 - the planting around Bramston Close
 - the planting at Home Close behind SciTec

Zone of confluence 3

- 17 The areas where work has been proposed that I consider to be **essential** are:
- Cobthorne
- 18 The areas where work has been proposed that I consider to be **desirable** are:
- behind the Old San
 - the Grounds and Gardens pavilion
 - the land between the Sports Centre and Benefield Road

5 Work priority

Urgent

- 19 Two trees should be removed as a matter of urgency:
- a dead false acacia, tag 2116, at New Barn House (the property is not within a Conservation Area, not is the tree included in a Tree Preservation Order, and the tree is dead, and so there is no constraint upon when the work may be carried out), and
 - an elm, tag 565, on the boundary between and the Wyatt Telephone Exchange, has a fungal infection that suggests its integrity has been compromised and therefore its failure could be foreseeable (the tree is included in TPO 0075).

1 Summer 2023

- 20 The priority areas where work has been proposed are:



- the planting between Sanderson/Dryden and Millfields, Victoria Road and Kings Road
- the land between the Sports Centre, the Armoury, the rifle range, and Wyatt Way and Whitwell Close
- Building Department, Jaxton Junior School, and The Berrystead

2 Autumn/winter 2023

21 The priority areas where work has been proposed are:

- the planting around the Old San
- the planting around The Great Hall
- The Berrystead/Laundimer
- South Road/Branston Close
- St Anthony

3 Summer 2024

22 The priority areas where work has been proposed are:

- the planting between The Acre and Benefield Road
- the planting along Milton Road at Sidney/Grafton
- the planting around Brook Furlong

4 Autumn/winter 2024

23 The priority areas where work has been proposed are:

- the planting around Two Acre
- the planting at Home Close by SciTec
- the planting around Gascoigne
- the planting along Milton Road at /Fisher
- the planting at Kirkeby/Wyatt and the Health Centre

