

Tree Works and the Environment

Policy Statement

Consideration will always be given by the Borough Council and its Tree Contractors, as to the impact of any tree pruning or felling on local wildlife.

1. Before undertaking any pruning or felling works the nature conservation value of individual trees is assessed.
2. All trees are checked for signs of the presence of nesting birds. This is particularly relevant during the period between March and late August. Should a viable nest be discovered all work will stop, the task will be re-evaluated and relevant advice sought.
3. All trees are checked for signs of the presence of bats. When the presence of bats is suspected all work will stop, the task will be re-evaluated and relevant advice sought.
4. When a tree provides a protected wildlife habitat yet poses a danger to the public and must be felled or pruned then mitigation measures will be agreed. The safety of the public must be the priority consideration when assessing all tree works.
5. Tree works will take place over the full calendar year. However on sites where there is likely to be a high environmental impact e.g. Local Nature Reserves work will be scheduled to take place in periods when the impact on local wildlife is minimised.
6. Dead wood will be left on the ground in habitat piles wherever possible.
7. Bird and bat boxes are provided when suitable locations are identified.

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