

APPENDIX 1

Policies

- TP1 The Council will require the standard of information relating to tree, woodlands and hedgerows, on and adjacent to development sites, together with the appropriate protection measures as set out in detail in the current BS: 5837 or relevant national planning policies. These recommendations need to be submitted, at initial planning application stage.
- TP2 The Council will promote and encourage the making of Tree Preservation Orders in order to secure the retention of existing trees, groups of trees or woodlands in the Borough where they are assessed to have amenity value and/or recognised potential amenity value, and Tree Preservation Orders will be made as a matter of urgency where the trees, groups of trees or woodlands are considered to be under threat
- TP3 The Council will recognise the significance of Ancient and Veteran trees in the historical landscape and apply a recognised evaluation method to trees.
- TP4 The Council will develop and deliver a pro-active communication process and systems that address customer expectations.
- TP5 Removal of any apparently healthy tree, or tree branches which are subject to a complaint, will be investigated and assessed for suitability and retained where appropriate.
- TP6 Tree pruning, height reduction or removal of trees in direct response to any natural or seasonal phenomena will not be undertaken.
- TP7 Tree pruning, height reduction or removal of trees directly attributable to: Loss or interference with TV or satellite signal reception will not be undertaken, or if attributable to efficiency of solar panels will not be undertaken.
- TP8 To follow the Council's Tree Safety policy and guidance in order to ensure the elimination of high risk trees, and that a sustainable approach is developed to ensure a healthy tree stock is maintained.
- TP9 The Council will foremost consider its obligation to ensure the health and safety of both people and property when undertaking management decisions in relation to trees and encourage other landowners to do the same.
- TP10 In times of high winds and storms, the Council will make safe as soon as possible any dangerous trees on public land, and also privately owned trees, where these are endangering highways. Costs will be recovered from the landowner.
- TP11 Under the Miscellaneous Provisions Act, where an immediately dangerous tree is present on private land and landowners cannot be immediately traced,

work will be undertaken by the Council on that tree and costs recovered from the landowner.

TP12 Has clear procedures for dealing with insurance and subsidence claims.