

Summary of Tree Policies (TP)

TP 1: The Council will maintain its trees and woodlands in accordance with its obligations to observe duty of care and the safety of both people and property.

TP 2: The Council will encourage a better understanding of tree and woodland management and in so doing promote community involvement.

TP3: The removal of trees and woodlands shall be resisted, unless there are sound Health and Safety or arboricultural reasons supported within this strategy.

TP4: The Council will maintain its trees and woodlands in a way that demonstrates best practice, providing worthy examples of management for others to follow.

TP5: Council trees will not be pruned or removed to stop or reduce bird droppings from trees, or remove bird droppings from private land.

TP6: Council trees will not be removed to stop or reduce blossom from trees and fallen blossom will not be removed from private land.

TP 7: The Council will carry out work on council owned trees to maintain a minimum of:

- Road – 5.5 metre height clearance
- Cycle path next to a road or highway – 3 metres height clearance
- Footpath next to a road or highway – 2.5 metres height clearance

TP 8: Council owned trees will not be pruned or removed to stop the nuisance of overhanging branches

TP9: The roots of Council owned trees will not be pruned removed or cut to prevent roots entering a drain that is already broken or damaged.

TP10: Council owned trees will not be pruned or removed to stop or reduce the nuisance of fruit, berries, nuts or seeds, or remove fallen fruit, seeds or seedlings from private land including gutters.

TP11: There is no general policy to remove trees bearing poisonous fruit / foliage (such as yew trees). However, where it is claimed or known that unsupervised young children or livestock are likely to be exposed to poisonous berries or foliage, such cases will be investigated, and appropriate action considered.

TP12: Council owned trees will not be pruned or removed to stop or reduce leaf fall or remove fallen leaves from private property.

TP13: A Council owned tree will not be pruned or removed to improve natural light in or to a property including solar panels.

TP14: Council owned trees will not be pruned or removed to stop or reduce the nuisance of sucker growth on private land.

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TP15: There is no policy regarding personal medical conditions that may be specifically affected by nearby Council owned trees such cases will be investigated, and appropriate action considered.

TP16: Council owned trees will not be pruned or removed to stop or reduce the release of pollen

TP17: Work on a council owned trees will be undertaken to maintain clear sight lines (where feasible) at junctions, access points (associated with a street, road or highway), traffic signals and street signs.

TP18: Council owned trees will not be pruned or removed to reduce honeydew or other sticky residue from trees.

TP19: The council has in place active tree management systems to avoid damage being caused to buildings and other structures because of the action of council owned trees.

TP20: The council will make safe an unacceptable trip hazard caused by the growth of council owned trees.

TP21: If a council owned tree is touching a property (house, boundary wall, garage etc.) action will be taken to remove the problem.

TP22: Council owned trees will not be pruned or removed because they are considered to be too big or tall.

TP23: Council owned trees will not be pruned or removed to prevent interference with TV / satellite installation / reception.

TP24: Council owned *trees* will not be pruned or removed to improve the view from a private property.

TP25: Council owned trees will not be pruned or removed to stop or reduce incidents of perceived pests such as bees, wasps, or wild animals.

TP26: To endeavour to protect street trees from threats such as loss of verges and damage to same.

TP27: To place a priority on the replacement of ageing street trees; particularly where these adjoin major traffic routes. Planting will ensure the selection of the most appropriate species for the location.

TP28: To renew and restructure tree stocks planted by the Peterborough Development Corporation within residential areas;

TP29: To maintain formal arboricultural features in the urban landscape by careful management and timely renewal as required.

TP30: To take action to restructure belts planted with inappropriate species too close to neighbouring properties.

TP31: The Council will seek to reduce impact of woodland trees on adjoining properties

TP32: The woods will be managed in a fully sustainable manner which will include periodic thinning to allow proper crown development and light to reach the woodland floor.

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TP33: The woods will not be clear felled and management will be on a continuous cover basis.

TP34 The Council will encourage community involvement and advise residents when work is proposed.

TP35: To maintain tree cover within all the City's parks by renewing the tree stocks and increasing the range of age classes present

TP36: The Council will aim to achieve sustainable management of its ancient woodlands and to protect and preserve wet woodland habitats.

TP37: The Council will preserve and enhance the distinctiveness of village and rural trees in its ownership.

TP38: The Council will encourage an increase in tree cover by new and replacement planting, placing great emphasis on use of appropriate tree species.

TP39: To maintain a high level of training and awareness of tree pests diseases and take prompt action, in accordance with best practice guidance, to, as far as is practicable, alleviate the impact when they are discovered.

TP40: The Council will respond to tree issues within planning applications, in accordance with Local Plan Policies, in such a way that ensures the retention of good quality trees and woodland coverage or ensures its creation. Development will not be supported that would directly or indirectly damage existing ancient woodland or ancient trees.

TP41: The Council will require that new and replacement tree and woodland planting to be included in new development proposals wherever it is practicable to do so.

TP42: The Council will seek to ensure that all trees and woodlands making a positive contribution to the environment are protected.

TP43: The outright removal of good quality trees and woodlands shall be resisted unless there are sound arboricultural and technical reasons such as irrefutable evidence of damage caused to a property by soil volume change associated with trees.

TP44: The Council will promote public awareness and a better understanding of tree and woodland management through community consultation and involvement.

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