

# Duty to Consult on Street Tree Removal: Decision

The 28-day consultation period has ended. This is a notification that this tree is proposed to be removed 28 days from the date of this notice. This decision notice meets the duty to consult and notify when removing street trees set out in section 115 of the Environment Act 2021.

Notice Date	08/08/2025
Reference	DTC007
Ward	East Sheen
Site	Spencer Gardens SW14 7AH
Position	Outside 21
Species	Prunus (Cherry)
Summary of consultation responses	<p>There were (0) responses to the consultation and so the Council received no objections to the tree removal.</p> <p>This tree's roots have has caused substantial damage to the footway &amp; kerb causing a significant trip hazard and limiting accessibility for people with disabilities or mobility issues. Unfortunately, this cannot be remedied by pruning of roots, without seriously harming the trees health and stability, thereby rendering it unstable and a hazard to the public.</p>
Council response to consultation	<p>A commitment to plant a replacement tree has already been made. A sustainable option is proposed which involves the removal of the tree and resurfacing the pavement to make it a flat surface. A new tree will then be planted into a constructed tree pit that contains a root deflector designed to direct roots downwards and minimise the risk of similar damage occurring in future.</p> <p>Council tree experts and highways engineers assess every tree and footway individually, with tree retention always our first priority. This enables the majority of Street Trees to be retained. Very occasionally, we reluctantly must remove a tree that is causing damage, where an engineering solution that retains the tree and maintains the footway in a safe condition for all, is not workable.</p>
Decision summary	The Council has considered all responses, and a decision has been made to remove and replace this tree.
Removal timeline	The tree will be scheduled for removal as part of a programme of works, after <b>Friday 05/09/2025</b> .

Should you disagree this decision, then you are able to do so through the Council's complaints procedure, details of which can be found here: [https://richmond.gov.uk/make\\_a\\_complaint](https://richmond.gov.uk/make_a_complaint). However, the consultation period has closed.

For more information on how we manage and plant our trees, please visit our website: [www.richmond.gov.uk/services/parks\\_and\\_open\\_spaces/trees](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/parks_and_open_spaces/trees) or contact us at: [Trees@Richmond.gov.uk](mailto:Trees@Richmond.gov.uk).

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