Decision Notice

Duty to Consult on Street Tree Felling

Consultation Number: COL038174-77

Notice was given under S115 of the Environment Act 2021 and 96A of the Highways Act 1980 that this tree is proposed to be felled.

One objection has been received in relation to COL038174-77 and having reviewed all reasonable alternative solutions, we find that felling is necessary for the scheme to be delivered.

The objection raised the following issues:

- Pollution mitigation. Alternative options have been considered, however removal is necessary to implement the scheme as planned. Replacement planting is proposed to provide long-term contributions to this location.
- Cooling and rainfall interception. The scheme of replacement planting to take place will seek to maintain these benefits and will restore canopy cover in this location as the trees mature.
- Carbon Storage. Replacement planting is intended to provide long term carbon sequestration in the area.
- Wildlife Habitat. Removals will be timed outside of seasonal ecological constraints, and the replacement trees will seek to provide long-term ecological benefits.
- Community wellbeing. The retention of these trees is not feasible, and the amenity and wellbeing value of the trees is acknowledged. The replacement planting will help maintain the tree-lined character of the area.

Replacement planting will be carried out in the next available planting season after the scheme has been completed (November to March inclusive) and will be maintained to aid establishment of the young trees.

Date of decision notice: 19 October 2026

The Arboricultural Team at Essex County Council.