

Duty to Consult On Felling Street Trees

This is a notification that this tree is proposed to be felled. From the date of this notice, there is a 28-day period in which you can provide comments on the proposed tree removal. This notice meets the requirements set out in section 115 of the Environment Act 2021 and section 96A of the Highways Act 1980 on the duty to consult.

Notice Date: 24 August 2026

Reference: **BRA034373**

Parish/Ward: Witham

Location: 17 The Avenue

What3words reference: ///replace.screening.whirlpool

Species: Silver Birch

Reason for removal: To facilitate an approved vehicle crossover application that cannot be located anywhere else for safety purposes.

Solutions considered: No-dig solutions would not be suitable at this location given that the ground levels will need to be changed (lowered) to facilitate the access. The tree cannot safely be retained with such limited rooting environment and with root severance associated with level changes. The tree would not be suitable for retention long term irrespective of the crossover, given the limited available rooting space, proximity to the house and to the boundary wall.

Replacement: Ginkgo biloba to be planted opposite The Paddocks junction, on a highway verge. The tree is to be a standard tree (minimum size 10-12cm) and planted in the next available planting season (starting November 2026).

To provide comments on this consultation, use the QR code below or visit:
www.essexhighways.org/street-tree-consultations

For further information about Council tree management please visit our website at **www.essex.gov.uk** and search for 'Tree Management'

Any comments should be made by 21st September 2026.

