

Decision Notice

Duty to Consult on Street Tree Felling

Consultation Number: COL021298

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.

No objections have been received in relation to the removal of T3, Oak, but having reviewed all reasonable alternative solutions, we find that felling is necessary to abate the legal nuisance that the tree is currently causing. These alternatives are listed below:

- Pollarding or reducing the tree crown- Although this option would reduce the overall size of the tree and restrict root growth it would not prevent the incremental expansion of the main stem due to yearly growth. The stem is currently touching the adjacent structures.
- Root severance/removal- Due to the proximity of the tree to the adjacent fence and wall root pruning would not be a viable option as large structural roots would be removed which would cause the tree to become unstable. This option would not resolve the conflict of increasing stem diameter.

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.



Date of decision notice: 31 July 2025

The Arboricultural Team at Essex County Council.