

# Decision Notice

## Duty to Consult on Street Tree Felling

Consultation Number: COL024177

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.

The objections received in relation to T2 Ash, have been considered, but having reviewed all reasonable alternative solutions, we find that felling is necessary for the scheme to be delivered.

The objections raised the following issues:

- **Amenity value of the tree-** The tree does have high amenity value and although alternative solutions such as crown reductions and pollarding have been considered, the encroachment of relocation of the utilities would create too much tree root disturbance or root severance to be able to retain the tree safely. The tree is situated within the prohibited safety zones of the proposed utilities which cannot be avoided even if the tree is maintained.
- **Too many trees have been removed from the site already-** All tree removal undertaken in the area would have been considered during the planning process and has been approved as part of the development planning permission.
- **Not on the original planning proposal-** The proposal for a new roundabout is being handled separately to the approved planning permission by Essex Highways.

- Ecological value of the tree- The felling of this tree will cause some negative effects on the local ecology. However, three new trees are to be planted in replacement of this tree within the adjacent green space, proposed as part of the development.

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 by the developer.

Date of decision notice: 15 September 2025

The Arboricultural Team at Essex County Council.

