



Decision

Duty to Consult on Felling Street Trees

The period of consultation has ended. This is a notification that these trees are 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: 23/01/2026

Reference: The Avenues, Norwich – proposed felling of street trees

Parish/Ward: University Ward

Location: The Avenues, Norwich, NR4

Position: Outside no.193, What3Words: ///dull.loose.target
West Lovelace Rd junction, What3Words: ///gold.gent.leave

Species: 2x Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)

Summary of responses: During the consultation period, four responses were received. One was in favour of the felling, one was against the felling and two leaned against the felling, but asked further questions around alternative solutions, decay levels and species replacement.

Decision summary: Following careful consideration of the consultation responses, the decision has been taken to proceed with the proposed tree removals and replacement planting on The Avenues. The works are necessary due to the declining condition of the two trees in question. They are both showing signs of stress and are approaching over-maturity. The fungus is a known root rot fungus and therefore poses a high risk of tree failure. Further decay tests would use valuable funds and would likely result in the same decision due to the extent of visible decay.

We would like to reassure residents that the replacement trees have been carefully selected by qualified arboricultural professionals to balance street character, biodiversity, resilience to urban conditions, and future maintenance requirements. Urban tree planting often utilises non-native species (including the red oaks to be felled). Many non-native species are more tolerant of challenging urban conditions like compacted soil, drought, pollution, and climate change. Non-native species offer better resilience, increased biodiversity, and visual interest in urban environments

For further information about Council tree management please visit our website at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/trees>.

Facilities are also available to view this notice online at libraries.

Alternatively, Norfolk County Council may be contacted by post at Norfolk County Council Highways, Martineau Lane, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 2UD.

The trees are programmed to be removed on or after: 20 February 2026