

Glenhurst Avenue Trees: Factsheet

In October 2024, a tree survey by David Archer Associates found that three of the Council's poplar trees along Glenhurst Avenue showed signs of significant internal decay and were recommended to be removed and replaced.

The Council's Tree Team agreed with the findings of the report and are removing and replacing the trees in its ownership to address a health and safety risk.

The images below show the trees surveyed, and which trees are to be removed and replaced.



The Council's Tree Team is now taking the next steps to remove and replace these trees:

- Nov Dec 2024: Tree officers will issue a notice for removal. This involves placing a
 note on the three trees, letting Ward Councillors know, and publishing the notice on
 the website at camden.gov.uk/trees
- Dec 2024 Jan 2025: After the notice has been up for at least 10 days, the Council
 will use our contractor to remove the trees. The contractor will confirm details of the
 removal once the date is booked. Once the trees are removed, they will be replaced
 with an appropriate species as soon as possible.

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Questions & Answers

The information below aims to answer some questions you may have about the removal and replacement of these trees. If you have any further questions, please visit the Tree Team's website at camden.gov.uk/trees or email treesection@camden.gov.uk

Q: Why do the trees need to be removed?

A: The results of an October 2024 survey by David Archer Associates found that three of the Council's poplar trees showed signs of significant internal decay. Due to the extent of the decay, it was recommended that the trees be removed to address a health and safety risk. The Council's Tree Team is looking to remove the three trees in the Council's ownership at the earliest possible opportunity.

Q: Are the trees an immediate danger to residents?

A: The trees are not an immediate danger to residents today. However, the report shows that they pose a high enough health and safety risk that they should be removed in the coming weeks.

Q: Why has the decay not been picked up on until now?

A: Camden's tree stock is inspected by qualified tree officers on a 3-year cycle. No decay was noted during the last inspection in October 2023. The trees were previously on a 'reduction plan', meaning that their canopies were being pruned to reduce the risk of damage during high winds or storms.

Q: When will the trees be removed?

A: Camden's Tree Team will notify their contractor about removing the trees. The contractor would be able to start work once the notice period is complete, which should be within the coming weeks. The main works should take around two days to complete.

Q: What will the poplar trees be replaced with?

A: The Tree Team's Replanting Officer will be selecting a species that is appropriate for the area and in line with Camden's tree policy. Camden will replace all trees in our ownership that are removed.

Q: Why was the October 2024 survey commissioned?

A: The tree survey was commissioned as part of work needed to support a proposed planning application for the site. Tree surveys are a routine part of preparing any planning application where trees are nearby.

Q: Are the trees being removed to make way for the proposed homes on the estate?

A: No. While the survey was commissioned as part of the work to prepare a planning application for new affordable homes at Highgate Road Estate, the decision to remove the trees comes from the Council's Trees Team. The team has made the decision to remove the trees to ensure the health and safety of residents.

Q: Will the proposals for the building on the car park be impacted by the removal of these trees?

A: The removal of these trees will have little impact on the proposed designs for the Haddo House Car Park. This is because the root protection area from the London Plane Trees next to the site must still be accounted for in the proposed designs.

Further information

For further information on trees, please visit our website: camden.gov.uk/trees

Here you can find:

- Tree notices for works
- Camden's Tree Policy
- A map of all trees in Camden

For more information about Camden's policy around removing trees, please visit the following page: camden.gov.uk/trees#xtlw

To contact the Trees Team, email treesection@camden.gov.uk