

TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY NO. 2 – TREE MAINTENANCE

The County Council has adopted the following tree maintenance policy which takes into account the issues detailed in Section 2 of the Tree Management Strategy : -

PRIORITY 1 - PUBLIC SAFETY

The County Council will undertake all work which, remove actual hazards to safeguard the public and property

PRIORITY 2 - REMEDIAL/PREVENTATIVE WORKS

The County Council will undertake all work which : -

- a) remove potential hazards that may subsequently threaten public safety or property
- b) prevent or minimise the effects of a tree on the structure of a property (e.g. preventative subsidence related work)

PRIORITY 3 - MANAGEMENT OF VETERAN TREES

The County Council will, where public safety is not compromised, undertake all work which,

- a) conserves trees with high ecological value and,
- b) preserves trees with significant local historical and/or aesthetic value

PRIORITY 4 - YOUNG TREE MAINTENANCE

The County Council will undertake all work which

- a) assists the establishment of young trees with significant life expectancy and,
- b) enables new tree planting to reach its full potential

PRIORITY 5 - NUISANCE MANAGEMENT

- i) The County Council will undertake remedial work where it is considered that its trees are having a significant detrimental effect or, are causing a serious nuisance to, a neighbouring property

For example : -

Root/branch encroachment over property boundaries
Proven cases of structural/subsidence damage
Dense shading of property resulting in significant loss of light
Heavy leaf/seed debris which results in the blocking of gutters/drains

- ii) The County Council may not undertake remedial works where it is considered that its trees are causing a relatively minor nuisance to a neighbouring property

For example : -

Casting light shade
Modest deposits of seed/leaf litter
Tree is considered too large by complainant
Summer honeydew deposits
Droppings from roosting birds
TV reception interference