

The Management of Trees in North Tyneside



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Tree Management Policy

- Tree Management Policy introduced in 2009
 - A framework for tree management practices
 - A point of reference to enable a consistent approach
 - The policy takes into account the Biodiversity Action Plan and other sustainable development policies
 - Management objectives for managing specific areas
 - Policy reviewed in 2010



Tree Management

- Approximately 140,000 trees in North Tyneside's tree stock
- Approximately 40,000 of these are street trees
- Approximately 211 members enquiries and 1282 contact centre enquiries received
- Approximately 200 enquiries directed through other communication
- In 2013/14 - 121 trees were removed and 608 were planted
- Two tree teams
- Arboricultural Officer
- The teams are on emergency standby during adverse weather warnings



Management practices and considerations

- Public safety
- Legislation relating to the management of trees
- Arboricultural good practice and standards
- Tree related nuisances



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Tree pruning

- Safety threat to the public
- Where a tree is a legally actionable nuisance
- To restrict tree size as an aid to management of soil shrinkage
- Where trees are preventing repairs or maintenance of a property
- Trees or roots physically in contact with building or damaged by storm
- Obstruction to a public highway and associated signage/sightlines/street lighting
- Remedial pruning to deter rope swings



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Removal of trees

- Where a tree is dead, dying or considered dangerous
- Causing an obstruction to a public highway where pruning cannot remedy
- Is causing legally actionable nuisance
- Is causing soil shrinkage and serious structural damage to buildings
- Has been pruned but a successful remedy has not occurred
- Is preventing authorised redevelopment
- Requires removal to improve wildlife



Next steps

- Roll out new tree survey
- Review Tree Policy



Questions



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