

GROWTH & REGENERATION
Economy of Place



Decision Report for Highway Tree Removal Proposals

To: Director: Management of Place

Date: 01/10/2026

Highway tree removal proposal:

Chester Park Road

Project summary:

The removal of this tree is required due to damage to a neighbouring property.

Removal of trees:

One tree to be removed.

Consultation:

An initial public consultation launched on 22 December 2025 and closed on 23 January 2026. A repeat consultation to provide additional information launched on 5 August and closed on 2 September 2026.

The additional information has ensured that the minimum requirements, as outlined in the duty to consult guidance, have been met.

Consultation Summary:

Both consultations have now completed, and a total of 34 comments were submitted following both notice publications (21 in first, 13 in second).

The comments have been categorised into 5 themes and summarised in the table below:

Theme	Summary of Comments	% TOTAL responses	% of 1st responses	% of 2nd responses
Opposed		38	52	15
Request for evidence of damage		44	52	31
Supportive		26	14	46
Request for replacement tree		21	14	31
Neutral		6	5	8

Note: percentages may not add up to 100% as comments can be allocated to more than one theme.

Consultation Outcome

Having considered all comments received, officers remain of the opinion that the proposed tree felling is necessary and therefore it is recommended that the proposals should proceed.

Reasoning

Sufficient evidence has been obtained through a rigorous process undertaken by Bristol City Council (BCC) Arboriculture department and demonstrates the tree is causing significant damage to the property.

Evidence includes arboriculture reports, site investigation reports and level monitoring readings. This process is undertaken on all trees implicated in property damage before any decisions are made.

Mitigation works, including pollarding, have already been undertaken though unfortunately have not had any effect on reducing property damage.

Engineering solutions to prevent root growth and water uptake, or to adapt and stabilise the property, are not feasible.

Unless appropriate action is taken, Bristol City Council will be liable to pay damages that far exceed the value of the tree.

Bristol City Council is committed to increasing canopy cover across the city. Annually BCC plants many more trees than are removed and have planted over 100,000 trees since 2015 through the One Tree Per Child and Tree Bristol programmes with the aim to increase tree canopy cover to 20% by 2040.

Approval

Director: Patsy Mellor, Management of Place

Signature: _____

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