

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 96A

CONSULTATION ON REMOVAL OF 3 No. STREET TREES

AT HEATH END ROAD AND GREENMOOR ROAD NUNEATON

1. BACKGROUND

Warwickshire County Council hereby gives notices of its proposal to remove a total of three street trees, two mature Lime trees on the Heath End Road and one pollarded Lime tree on Greenmoor Road as part of Phase 1 of the proposed scheme mentioned below. Phase 1 is for implementation of a Signalised traffic junction on B4112 Heath End Road/Greenmoor Road and Bullring.

The A444 Corridor Improvements project will transform the strategic gateway to Nuneaton, addressing current congestion issues on the A444 growth corridor, managing the flow of traffic where several key routes converge and providing the necessary highway capacity, network resilience, journey time reliability and extensive pedestrian/cyclist infrastructure to stimulate business activity and realise planned employment and housing growth over a 15–20-year horizon. As part of these improvements tree removal is proposed and this will contribute to the implementation of the signalised junction, carriageway widening and footway improvements for pedestrians and cyclists. The carriageway widening will also help ease traffic flows and journey time improvements.

A copy of this notice, together with plans showing the location of the proposed street trees to be removed are available to view at the Main Reception at Shire Hall, Market Place, Warwick CV34 4RL and online at the Council's website at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/20210/warwick-district>. Notices shall also be placed on the individual trees.

A copy can be provided via email upon request.

2. DETAILS OF TREES TO BE REMOVED

The removal comprises of three mature Lime trees. Two of these are located on Heath End Road and are part of a single side line of 8 trees. The other tree forms the start of an avenue along Greenmoor Road and has previously been pollarded along with all the other trees sited on Greenmoor Road.

3. SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR TREE REMOVAL

The proposed tree removal is unavoidable to achieve the proposed junction improvements. Warwickshire County Council engineers and arboriculturalists have worked on the design to minimise the tree losses and provide a junction that meets the highway authority's requirements. Different options were considered to mitigate the loss of the 3 no. trees, which included altering the proposed alignment, but to achieve an alignment that meets safety and design standards the trees that fall within the proposed alignment must be removed.

4. ALTERNATIVES TO FELLING

Alternatives to tree felling have been considered, such as altering the proposed alignment, pollarding, pruning and crown reduction, but to improve visibility and meet design and safety standards the removal of the 3 trees is required.

5. REPLANTING PROPOSALS

An alternative location (Greenmoor Road green space) has been identified within 20 metres of the site to which we shall be replanting some additional trees to offset the loss. Finances have been set aside for the planting of these trees and it proposed to undertake replanting by April 2026.

6. HOW TO RESPOND TO THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Any objections or representations to these proposals, should be put in writing and specify the grounds on which they are made, and must be sent to Clint Parker. **Communities Directorate, Shire Hall Post Room, Rear of Shire Hall, Northgate Street, Warwick, CV34 4RL** (telephone number - **01926 413468**) or by email to **forestry@warwickshire.gov.uk** using the subject "A444 – College Street Junction Improvements – Greenmoor Road and Heath End Road Tree Consultation."

(Objections, representations, and the name of the objector or person making a representation, will normally be treated as public information, and may be published.

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Objections and representations must be sent to be received by 2nd July 2024

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4 June 2024