

# **BRANDSBY-CUM-STEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **TREE POLICY**

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#### **THE ENVIROMENT**

The Council aims to improve the quality of life of all members of the community by creating a healthier and more attractive environment by encouraging more tree planting and maintaining existing trees to the correct standards; it undertakes to:

- Use the current law to protect trees within its jurisdiction;
- Maintain a list of trees covered by TPO in the Parish, and seek to protect other trees where appropriate;
- Protect trees in relation to development according to British Standard 5837-2005;
- Foster and increase community involvement in planting, monitoring and protecting trees;
- Encourage the planting of new and replacement trees and woodlands;
- Seek grant aid for tree planting and advice on stewardship both; and
- Encourage developers to carry out new tree planting.

#### **DUTY OF CARE**

The Council recognises that it has a duty of care to ensure that all trees growing on land belonging to the Council are maintained in a safe condition. The Council will take all reasonable precautions to maintain the safety of the public and of property within the Parish. The trees will be inspected in accordance with the schedule set out below and any remedial work required will be carried out as soon as reasonably practicable taking into account the nature of the work to be undertaken and the likely danger to the public.

#### **IDENTIFICATION OF TREES INCLUDED IN POLICY**

All trees growing on Council owned land or planted on other land by the Council.

#### **INSPECTION SCHEDULE**

A five year inspection will be carried out by an Arboricultural Consultant appointed by the Council providing a mapped tree location plan with full inventory report of trees included in the policy, which includes as a minimum for each tree:

- Age, type and condition;
- Dimensions (height, crown spread, trunk diameter);
- Distance from other trees, buildings, infrastructure or services;
- Amenity value of tree;
- Recommendations for tree management;
- Recommendations for planting opportunities, including types of tree; and
- Recommend trees in the Parish for protection under TPO.

#### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

1. The five year inspection report will be commissioned in April of that year and the subsequent survey will be considered by the Council at its meeting following receipt. All remedial work identified in the survey and subsequently authorised by the Council will be undertaken in accordance with the priority indicated in the survey.
2. Any problems identified by members of the Council between inspections will be reported to the next meeting of the Council. If deemed appropriate, estimate(s) will be obtained for the

remedial work to be undertaken, such estimate(s) to be considered by the Council at the following meeting.

3. If any problems identified at 2 above or which are reported to the Clerk by a member of the public, are considered by the Chairman or the Clerk to require urgent attention, the Clerk will obtain an estimate for remedial work to be undertaken as soon as possible. The work and estimate will be approved by two members of the Council.

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