

Treework Application to request works to trees on council property.

Trees make a vast difference to our landscape and help to make Poole a beautiful place. They create wonderful scenery all year round, they screen eyesores and they help to soften the harshness of the concrete world we live in. Trees have great environmental value; they produce a habitat for many species and help provide us with cleaner, filtered air, shade in the summer and warmth in the winter.

The Council is proud of its tree collection and will only remove them if absolutely necessary. We prefer to retain trees for future generations to enjoy.

If you are living in a Council owned property you will need to discuss with your Housing Officer any works that you wish to carry out. Please contact Poole Partnership on 01202 264444.

What work **will the council do to council owned trees?**

- Work the Council will do:
- Remove dead, dying and dangerous trees
- Remove dangerous and damaged limbs
- Remove limbs which are obscuring Highway signs, traffic lights or lamp columns
- Remove limbs which are damaging phone lines
- The Council has a similar responsibility to any private land owner or neighbour

Work the Council will **not do:**

- Cut back branches overhanging private property
- 'Top' trees or remove branches to increase daylight or decrease height in relation to property
- Remove branches or trees affecting views or interfering with TV reception
- Remove branches or trees to prevent falling leaves, honeydew from aphids or other minor debris
- Remove roots from drains or repair root damage to structures where the tree has not been clearly demonstrated to be the principal cause
- Remove branches or trees to prevent potential root damage to structures
- Remove branches nearly touching buildings, walls, roofs, fences, etc.
- Remove branches or trees to prevent access to squirrels or birds

What do I do now?

If the works you would like the Council to carry out are listed in Green, you will need to fill in a Tree Work Request Form and return it to Leisure Services. Please read the form carefully and provide as much accurate information as possible.

If the works you are requesting are listed in Red unfortunately the Council will not be able to carry out works on your behalf.

If you believe that there is a tree issue that has not been highlighted and it poses a health and safety risk, the Council will consider your request.

What happens next?

If you have made an application, you will receive a letter from Leisure Services confirming that your request is being assessed.

We aim to assess the work and instruct a contractor, if appropriate, within a period of twelve weeks. Occasionally, high volumes of applications will extend this period.

If, after assessment, we decide the work is not appropriate then you will be notified in writing.