



PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING NOTES CAREFULLY

SECTION A - Will the Council carry out the work on my behalf?

Work the Council will do:

- Remove dead, dying or dangerous trees
- Remove dangerous limbs
- Remove limbs obscuring signs and lamp columns
- Remove limbs affecting telephone lines
- Deal with wasps nesting in trees (contact Environmental & Consumer Protection Services 01202 261700)

Work the Council will not do:

- Remove branches overhanging private property. The Council has a similar responsibility to any private land owner or neighbour and will not cut back overhanging branches.
- '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

If any of the above (in red) applies in your situation, unfortunately your application will be rejected and no further action taken. Please read Section B for further advice.

SECTION B - What can I do if the Council is unable to carry out the work on my behalf?

Where there are overhanging branches, the guidance in our leaflet - **A Guide to Making an Application to Prune Council Owned Trees** is relevant. This points out that there is no objection to you pruning the tree back to the boundary or back from structures, provided that this is done to a good standard (British Standard 3998:1989 'Recommendations for Treework') and that the work does not compromise the safety of the tree. Advice on these issues may be sought from reputable tree surgeons.

Before any work is carried out please check with Planning, Design and Control Services at the Civic Centre 01202 633344 planning@poole.gov.uk to determine whether there are any tree preservation order or conservation area controls on the tree(s). It is the responsibility of whoever does the work to dispose of any branches or arisings in a safe manner and not to deposit them on Council land.

SECTION C - Completing the application form

The Council receives hundreds of applications each year; please fill in each section providing as much detail as possible. This allows us to process your application more efficiently. Vague applications may be returned. Please return your application to:
Leisure Services, 30-32 Northmead Drive, Creekmoor, Poole, Dorset BH17 7RP