



**Subsidence:
What's the Government's
response?**

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The Right Tree in the Right Place for a Resilient Future


This Urban Tree Manual provides advice on selecting and procuring the right tree¹ for the right place in urban areas. For the purposes of this manual urban areas are defined as places in and around where people live and work. The manual also highlights long term issues of the threats to existing trees from pests, disease and climate change, and describes the benefits to the environment and for well-being that urban trees can provide.


The Manual is not intended as an exhaustive compendium on tree selection, aftercare and management. Instead, it presents current thinking on these matters and provides valuable sign posting to further relevant information.



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**TOGETHER
FOR OUR
PLANET**

The England Trees Action Plan 2021-2024

May 2021



 UK Government

**ETAP Action:
ETAP08 Urban, LA's and Public Bodies**

Action 3.17

To work with engineers, developers and arboriculturists to get more trees on streets and in developments, including by revising the Manual for Streets and potentially amending National House Building Council guidance on foundations

1.

Revision of London Tree Officers Association's Risk Limitation Strategy for Tree Root Claims

2.

Revision of The Joint Mitigation Protocol (JMP)

3.

Revision of IStrucE's document Subsidence of Low Rise Buildings.

The Duty to Consult:

Section 115 of the Environment Act 2022

Imposes a duty on local authorities to consult on the felling of street trees.

(1) A local highway authority in England must consult members of the public before felling a tree on an urban road (a "street tree"). (2) A local highway authority must have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State to local highway authorities about how to discharge the duty under subsection (1).

A number of exemptions will apply:

Dead trees,

Dangerous trees,

Required to be felled under a Plant Health Act 1967 Notice

Trees causing equality access issues,

A valid Planning Permission

The Guidance will further clarify how exemptions can be evidenced

Actions:

Place a notice on the tree the local authority is planning to fell.

Give a reason.

Provide a contact e-mail.

Give interested parties the opportunity to comment.

Consider those comments.

Publish the local authority's decision.

Record and hold all relevant information.



Thank you for Listening

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