

QA-8018: Green Estate removal request

Introduction

This form should be used in conjunction with SQA-0099 (*Removal of Green Estate from the TLRN*) and is designed to act as a checklist when applying for permission to remove any Green Estate element from the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN). This form applies to all instances of Green Estate removal. **Supporting photographs/maps should be added to Appendix I at the end of this form.**

Policy

There is a general presumption against the removal of Green Estate, supported by Proposal 41 of the Mayor's Transport Strategy (2017) which says: *"The Mayor, through TfL and the boroughs, will retain existing trees and plant new ones on the TfL Road Network and borough roads to protect tree canopy cover. Street tree numbers on the TLRN will be increased by 1 per cent every year between 2016 and 2025; and the Mayor will encourage boroughs to increase the numbers of street trees along their streets."*

Emergencies

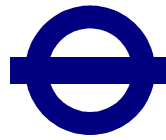
If, after confirmation from a suitably qualified and experienced arboricultural specialist, the AOM feels that the tree in question poses an immediate risk to health and safety then it is not necessary to submit this form prior to action being taken. Photographs must be taken to support the decision in the event of a later challenge. The Head of Asset Operations/Area Manager must be informed as soon as is reasonably practicable and the removal recorded.

APPLICANT/LOCATION DETAILS

	LoHAC area:	Central - Islington
	Road name/number:	Isledon Road
	Location:	TOLLINGTON ROAD,SB OS 127
	Project title (if relevant):	
2	Name of Applicant:	Charlie Hale
	Title:	Asset Operations Officer
	Date:	24/02/2021

GREEN ESTATE DETAILS: JUSTIFICATION

3	1x Ash Common		
4	Causing possible damage to adjacent building and reducing width of f/w.		
5	Record reason for removal (mark with a cross or enter number of trees):		
	Highway safety		Project/Scheme
	Natural causes		Developer
	Self-set trees		3rd Party Claim



GREEN ESTATE DETAILS: MITIGATION

6	CAVAT value according to NAMS:	0-Requires Correction
7	No replacement	

LEGAL & CONSULTATION

8	Are the trees in a Conservation Area?	YES	NO
	Are the trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order?	YES	NO
9	Is the tree subject to a 3rd party claim?	YES	NO
	If YES, does TfL Group Insurance recommend removal?	YES	NO
	Cost of options from TfL Loss adjuster:	Retention:	
		Removal:	
10	Are there likely to be any local/political concerns or sensitivities?	YES	NO
	Will a tree removal notice be used as per SQA-0099?	YES	NO
	Has there been/will there be any additional consultation/engagement?	YES	NO
	If YES, please provide details:		

ARBORICULTURE & LANDSCAPE MANAGER - RECOMMENDATIONS

11	Do you recommend that this removal request be approved?	YES	NO
	Please provide comments if appropriate: Having review the reports relating to independent investigations, there are allegations that ash trees are contributing to damage of the adjacent property. Further investigations would be required to determine if the allegations of damage are sufficient to justify the removal of the tree however there are a number of other considerations in this specific location. The footway width provided to pedestrians as a result of the trees stem and neighbouring boundary is below 1.2m width and this species of ash tree (Raywood ash) is an arboricultural known species not to react positively to significant pruning works. I accept that in this instance the appropriate course of action is to remove this tree without prejudice and improve the footway for all users.		
	Name:	Grayham Tindal	
	Date:	25/02/21	

HEAD OF ASSET OPERATIONS/AREA MANAGER - DECISION

12	Do you consent to the proposed Green Estate removal?	YES	NO
	Please provide comments if appropriate:		
	Name/Signature:		
	Date:		

APPENDIX I

Please insert relevant supporting information (photographs, maps etc.) below:

