

SQA-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

1	LoHAC area:	Central
	Road name/number:	Farringdon Road
	Location:	S/B OS 114, j/w Rosebery Avenue
	Project title (if relevant):	
2	Name of Applicant:	Rob Cummings
	Title:	Asset Operations Manager
	Date:	22/10/2020

GREEN ESTATE DETAILS: JUSTIFICATION

3	Summary of removal (e.g. number/species of trees, m ² of shrubs etc.):		
	Plane (200100053570)		
4	Justification for removal (why does the Green Estate need to be removed?):		
	Large cavity in trunk, tree unsafe if struck.		
5	Record reason for removal (mark with a cross or enter number of trees):		
	Highway safety	x	Project/Scheme
	Natural causes		Developer
	Self-set trees		3rd Party Claim



GREEN ESTATE DETAILS: MITIGATION

6	CAVAT value according to NAMS:	£72,039
7	Give details of proposed mitigation (replacement planting, CAVAT payment etc.): Replacement tree not viable due to location on kerb edge / junction.	

LEGAL & CONSULTATION

8	Are the trees in a Conservation Area?		NO
	Are the trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order?		NO
9	Is the tree subject to a 3rd party claim?		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?		NO
	Will a tree removal notice be used as per SQA-0099?	YES	
	Has there been/will there be any additional consultation/engagement?	YES	
	If YES, please provide details: LB of Islington		

ARBORICULTURE & LANDSCAPE MANAGER - RECOMMENDATIONS

11	Do you recommend that this removal request be approved?	YES	
	Please provide comments if appropriate: Tree assessed by GT and found to be in unsuitable condition for retention. Engineering/ highway adjustment solutions not appropriate for location.		
	Name:	Michelle Ryan, Senior Arb & Landscape Specialist	
	Date:	22.10.2020	

HEAD OF ASSET OPERATIONS/AREA MANAGER - DECISION

12	Do you consent to the proposed Green Estate removal?	YES	NO
	Please provide comments if appropriate: It is with a very heavy heart that I consent to this removal.		
	Name/Signature:	Alan Davidson	
	Date:	18/2/2021	

APPENDIX I

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



Farringdon Road
and Roseberry Aven