

London Borough of Merton Tree Strategy Performance Reporting



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Tree Policy Code	Tree Policies	Policy Actions	Update
TR	Tree Research (TR 1 – TR2)	TR1 Detailed study of Merton’s Urban Forest TR2 Continued analysis of council owned tree	TR2: Accurate and up to date inventory of Highways and Parks held on councils' tree database all within 3 year inspection cycle.
TMM Page 26	Tree Management and Maintenance (TMM1 – TMM13)	TMM1 Presumption in favour of the tree TMM2 Tree Risk Management Strategy TMM3 Risk of Damage to Structures TMM4 Regular Inspections for general risks TMM5 Reactive Tree Inspections TMM6 Standards of Tree Works TMM7 Commensurate tree replacement TMM8 Processing and actioning tree enquiries TMM9 Management of tree related inconveniences and problems TMM10 Communication and advice of tree works TMM11 Prioritisation of tree works TMM12 Recording and maintaining tree data TMM13 Wildlife	TMM2: In line with Tree Risk Management Strategy all High Risk Trees highlighted in 22-23 Inspection program have been placed in a priority work package with all 300+ risk factor trees being worked through in 23-24 season. TMM4: From October 2023 the current 3 man arboriculture team 2no Highways and 1no Parks Arb Officer will each carry out 500 inspections per month to ensure the council remain compliant within the agreed SLA for tree re-inspections cycle of 3 years and prepare associated planned and re-active tree works packages TMM5: Resistograph Park Climbing Tree Inspections at Dundonald Recreation Ground Black Poplars and works actioned during this period and working with Park Friends of placing deadwood on site and replanting program TMM6: Standards of tree works are regularly monitored through the monthly KPI performance check on contractor performance. TMM10: Increased use of the planned tree works page listing all Traffic Order Works and using Social Media to post updates

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<p>TP</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 27</p>	<p>Tree Protection (TPR 1 – TPR8)</p>	<p>TP1 Tree preservation orders TP2 Trees in planning process TP3 Provision of External guidance and training TP4 Compensation for damaged or destroyed trees TP5 Protecting our trees from pests and pathogens TP6 Permitted development on council owned land TP7 Installation of verge and pavement crossovers TP8 Installing and maintaining infrastructure and other works near council trees</p>	<p>TP2: Working with councils Section 106 Officer councils arb officers supported the plotting of potential Park and Highways tree locations linked to Harris Academy Wimbledon School development working with local Friends of Parks Groups and Ward Councils to agree species, stock size and placement. Planting Planned Autumn 2024</p> <p>TP3: Councils arb officers hosted the LTOA London Tree Officers Conference in Merton Council Chambers in October 2023.</p> <p>TP6: Councils arb officers supported the community agreement for the placement of Network Rail Site Compound at Figges Marsh with a £35K bursary secured for Park Development post Station Works.</p>
<p>EO</p>	<p>Enhancement and Optimisation (EO1 – EO6)</p>	<p>EO1 Community and Stakeholder Involvement EO2 Education EO3 Planning for tree planting and establishment EO4 Tree planting specification EO5 Establishment and aftercare of newly planted trees EO6 Management Plans for key Arboricultural Features</p>	<p>EO1: During this period over 80 Tree Sponsorship requests were received for the Trees for Cities street tree sponsorship program.</p> <p>EO6: Linked to the creation and enhancement of Management Plans for key arboricultural features working with funds secured from DEFRA for Biodiversity Net Gain preparation rspb Ecology surveyed 3no Nature Resrves in Merton including Merton Green Walk, Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields Millenium Wood and Cherry Wood Nature reserves updating the Habitat Survey and management and maintenance plan.</p>

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