



PRESS RELEASE

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Newbury Town Council tree works in Victoria Park

Newbury Town Council are removing a further three Beech trees in Victoria Park adjacent to Carlton Place and the A339 during the week commencing 15 June.

The Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Tree Works Notification (Section 211 Notice) requires the Town Council to apply to West Berkshire Council for consent to carry out proposed tree works on any trees within a Conservation area or which are covered by a Tree Preservation Order and have received written consent to do so.

The three Beech trees are suffering from a fungal disease called *Meripilus giganteus* (Giant Polypore). This is also an area colonised by *Ustulina deutsa* which is also a root decaying fungi. These particular fungi diseases can cause the trees to become very unstable with time.

Newbury Town Council received expert advice that the trees should be taken down as soon as is practicably possible. The trees are adjacent to an area of high public use in Charlton Place, and this added to the fact that the flats / houses are in the fall zone of the trees if they are blown / fall over.

Newbury Town Council has plans in place to replant 7 Hornbeam trees to replace the Beech trees. This work will be carried out in the autumn, which is the best time for the trees to establish themselves before the winter months. Three to four meter high trees will be used for better effect.

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Councillor Arthur Johnson said - "This is all part of Newbury Town Councils commitment to ensure public safety and protecting our open spaces for the future".

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