

situation	current plan	comments on inspection	recommended plan following inspection
o/33	felling due yr3	Good condition - minor dead wood - no right of access	delay felling to yr5
opp Deeping Ave	felling due yr5	Fair condition - cavity at base - extent not known - crowded out by other trees	expedite felling to yr2
o/s 35	felling due yr3	Good condition - some minor dead wood retain as long as possible	delay felling beyond yr5
opp 35	felling due yr2	root damage by driveway work damage to trunk by epicormic growth removal poor crown condition and die back	remove as planned
opp 75a	felling due yr1	one of 2 trees removed and only replaced by one - plant more trees	already felled but not adequately replaced
o/s 77/79	felling due yr2	good condition - minor pavement damage - re-lay pavement, retain tree, minor dead wood	delay felling beyond yr5
opp 79a	felling due yr1	adjacent horse chestnuts may die from disease - plant more trees on street	already felled but not adequately replaced

General comments:

The timing of the removals means that blocks of trees will be removed in a relatively short time leaving the street bare of trees. Here a cluster of trees is due to be removed over 5 years leaving virtually no trees on the bulk of Russell Rd when combined with removals on Deeping Avenue. The previous replacement programme has only planted one spindly tree in the last year on this stretch of road.

Poor planning decisions together with tree removals expose an ugly property on the corner of Dudley and Russell Rd. The Ash tree in Deeping Avenue is in a good condition with a healthy crown. The roots do impede the footway and the bole leaves only a small passage. However pedestrian traffic is small and residents below the tree want to keep it. Minor repairs to the footway could solve any trip issues combined with root pruning. Alternate planting in the street (currently bare) could mitigate the tree's eventual removal. This tree has a continued lifespan and appears not to be in decline. Major crown reduction would leave the crown susceptible to brittle branch unions liable to fall in high winds and damage property.

Overall it seems more sensible to move the removal of trees and delay others. Some trees are clearly in decline whilst others appear to be relatively healthy. There is plenty of space for pre-planting before removal by up to 5-10 years in some cases.

Above is a sample inspection carried out by residents over a period of an hour on Sunday 5th December 2010. Conditions - cold, dull day.