

Tree Works at 19 Garden Fields, Kimpton Village Conservation Area

This document sets out the proposed tree works at 19 Garden Fields, Kimpton, which lies within the Kimpton Village Conservation Area. It includes both the formal notification required under Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the method statement describing how the works will be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010.

The works relate to the vegetation shown on the accompanying garden sketch, including the removal of bamboo, selected shrubs, a crab apple tree, and other trees marked for removal, while retaining and protecting the Acer and Hawthorn trees.

Conservation Area Notification

I am writing to notify the Local Planning Authority of my intention to carry out tree works at 19 Garden Fields, Kimpton, which is located within the Kimpton Village Conservation Area.

The proposed works include the removal of a crab apple tree, the removal of a bamboo stand including its rhizomes, and the removal of several shrubs and a bush as indicated on the garden sketch. Additional trees marked "Remove" on the plan are also proposed for removal. The Acer and Hawthorn trees marked "Keep" will be retained and protected throughout the works.

These works are required to support general garden improvement, remove vegetation in poor or declining condition, and allow for a safe and sustainable redesign of the outdoor space. None of the trees proposed for removal are considered to have significant public amenity value, and their removal will not materially affect the character or appearance of the Kimpton Village Conservation Area.

All works will be carried out by qualified arborists in accordance with BS3998:2010, using appropriate techniques to avoid damage to retained trees, neighbouring properties, and garden structures. All arisings will be removed from site and disposed of responsibly.

Method Statement

Before work begins, confirmation will be obtained that the Conservation Area notification period has expired or that written consent has been granted. A site briefing will be held to review access, safety measures, and the protection of retained trees. All operatives will be competent and appropriately qualified, and personal protective equipment will be worn at all times.

The Acer and Hawthorn trees, which are to be retained, will be protected using temporary barriers or ground protection where necessary. No machinery, materials, or fuel will be stored within their root protection areas.

The bamboo will be cut back to ground level and its rhizomes excavated to prevent regrowth. All green waste will be chipped or removed from site.

The crab apple tree will be dismantled in a controlled manner, with branches removed progressively to avoid damage to surrounding structures and planting. The stump will be ground out or treated with an approved herbicide.

Any additional trees marked for removal will be assessed individually. Where space allows, directional felling will be used; otherwise, sectional dismantling will be undertaken to ensure safe removal without impact on nearby structures.

All works will be carried out during suitable weather conditions. Prior to removal, all trees and shrubs will be checked for nesting birds. If active nests are found, works will be postponed in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

On completion, the site will be left clean and level. Retained trees will be inspected to ensure no accidental damage has occurred. Recommendations for ongoing maintenance, such as watering, mulching, or formative pruning, will be provided to support long-term tree health.