

AGENDA ITEM NO 8.1

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to me

Good evening Ann,

The following report is the tree survey for the green in Lyneham,

Myself and a colleague inspected the trees on the Lyneham green on Sunday 10th November 2019.

There is some dead wood that needs to be removed from a selection of the trees but others will need further attention, such as lifting above the pavements, driveways, signposts/ street lighting and telegraph wires that are up in trees. This is all normal maintenance.

There are two trees that need to be felled and a beech tree, which has lost the large limb, needs a 2 metre reduction to help its recovery. We also advise that most of the trees are lifted to the normal 2.4 metres above paths, this will generally lighten the area. We will also lift around 5.4 metres above driveways, this is to keep the trees from hindering pedestrians and movement of vehicles.

The Fraxinus (Ash) trees have to be monitored over a period of time as hymenoxypus Fraxineus, also known as "Ash Die Back" has now been reclassified at a 98% mortality rate and only 1-2% will survive. The trees which do show signs of this disease, will show dark, diamond shaped lesions on the tips of the branches. Once the trees become even 25% infected, they become unstable and dangerous to fell. This weakness then makes the tree more susceptible to other diseases such as "Armillaria mellea", also known as honey fungus, which can be easily passed to other trees by contaminating the soil.

We advise felling the tree when the disease is below 25% percent, so they can still be felled with low risk and before other infections begin to take hold. You currently have 11 Ash trees in prominent positions and many more around the edges of the green and in the pond area. All these trees will need will to be observed again next summer.

The following report represents the current condition of each tree monitored on the green and any required work is mentioned within the comments. If after viewing the report, you have any queries regarding the work assigned, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will happily discuss this in further detail.

Kind regards,

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