

# CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL WANTS TO CHOP DOWN THESE MAGNIFICENT TREES IN CARLYLE ROAD

## The problem

These beautiful 105-year old London plane trees in Alexandra Gardens are being blamed by an insurance company for causing structural damage to one property. The Council is proposing to chop down up to three of these trees and severely prune the others. Should insurance companies decide the fate of a magnificent row of trees, planted with great care for future generations of residents? They are likely to last, if left alone, for another 100 years or more. Find out more details here;



<http://www.rtaylor.co.uk/london-planes-alexandra-gardens-carlyle-road.html>

## The Council's proposals

The Council claims that felling or reducing these trees by 90% and substantial pruning to two other trees, in line with the house owners' insurer's request, will solve the problem. This will alter the road and the park substantially. It will ruin a beautiful park. These trees are in very good condition. The council has stalled a request for the relevant details of their report to be published until AFTER the deadline for consultation. It will be too late then to mount a defence.

## What are the alternatives?

There are alternatives such as root cutting within the property or Helical bar insertion or simple allowance of some movement, as is common with old houses on clay.

## What can I do?

- Please email the Director of Environment and Planning at this address immediately; [simon.payne@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:simon.payne@cambridge.gov.uk) and cc to [diana.oviat-ham@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:diana.oviat-ham@cambridge.gov.uk). Please tell them that you object to this proposed felling.
- Attend the meeting of the Council Planning Committee at 9:30am on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September (**THIS WEEK!**) at the Guildhall which will decide whether to recommend the felling.
- Andy (07831 535982) and Liz (07812 579907) would welcome the opportunity to meet other concerned residents to discuss strategy. Monday night 7pm? Or, contact Bruria Shachar-Hill ([bsh1@cam.ac.uk](mailto:bsh1@cam.ac.uk)) of Save Our Open Spaces ([www.sosc.cambridge.co.uk](http://www.sosc.cambridge.co.uk)) who would be interested in any comments to help her mount a defence at the Planning meeting. Please get in touch

**The damage to the locality would be unquantifiable. These trees contribute to the fabric and beauty of our local environment. Please oppose the felling. There are alternatives.**