

QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS
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Question Number	Question asked by Councillor:	Subject
CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABLE CROYDON Councillor Muhammad Ali		
CQ030-20	Councillor Robert Canning	Notifying residents on the removal of trees

CQ030-20 from Councillor Canning**Councillor Muhammad Ali**

“What steps does Croydon Council take to notify local residents of proposals to remove trees on council-owned land or the public highway and to explain the reason for the removal of the trees?”

Reply

Highway or Park trees are inspected as part of the ongoing maintenance plan by qualified tree inspectors and the removal of the risk is part of the Authorities Duty of Care and often require immediate intervention.

Notification to local residents would place too much of an administrative burden on the Authority and delay in making hazardous trees safe.

No healthy trees are felled unless they pose a risk to life or have been identified through the Insurance process to be causing subsidence.

Woodland biodiversity works require healthy trees to be removed as part of healthy woodland management for longevity and biodiversity. In these instances signs are put up at all site entrances/exits and letters posted locally stating the reason for the felling works to help inform and reduce complaints.