



# NORTHAW & CUFFLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING	Full Council
MEETING DATE	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
SUBJECT	Required Safety Works following Tree Survey
AGENDA ITEM NO.	26/27-10b
REPORT BY	Sally Griffiths, Office Manager, Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council

## 01 BACKGROUND:

Following the tree survey completed by Maydencroft in January 2025, all critical and high priority works have been carried out.

We have now requested a quotation from the Councils preferred Arborist for all remaining medium priority items to be completed. This is a total of 16 trees requiring works, which has been quoted at a total of £8,580.00. 10 trees are noted to be dead, and are required to be felled to ground level, with the others listed as being in poor condition with a requirement to remove any dead wood and/or monolith the tree as required. Where possible the requirement is to cut and stack the resulting wood on site, to provide a habitat for wildlife. Where this is not possible, costs are included to remove and dispose of the arisings.

In addition, the tree survey includes a recommendation for 4 trees in Home Wood to have a level 2 ecologist carry out an inspection of what may be potential bat roosts prior to any works being carried out. The tree survey requested a ladder survey of these 4 trees to be carried out, but with further investigation a ladder survey can usually only be carried out on trees up to 4-5m in height and the heights quoted in the tree survey are from 6m to 8.5m. Therefore, additional access equipment may be required to carry out this work, however, due to the topography of the land, and the condition of the ground underfoot, the use of an MEWP may not be possible. Following a consultation with the arbourist, who carried out an interim inspection prior to quoting, he believes that all trees should be able to be accessed using climbing equipment, therefore either the ecologist can use their own climbing equipment, or he has agreed to climb the trees and take images, as required, to allow an assessment to be carried out at ground level.

As the trees in Home Wood are covered by a Tree Protection Order, permission has been sought from the ecology dept at WHBC for these safety works to be carried out. We are currently waiting for permission to be granted. There is a possibility that additional planning permissions may be required.

## 02 PROPOSALS FOR ECOLOGY SURVEY:

### **Contractor 1: £500 plus VAT**

*Based in Cambridgeshire, contractor 1 specialises in Aerial Tree Roost Inspections and their Class 2 Licenced surveyors cater to sites nationwide for this type of survey.*

Quotation provided for an initial ladder survey of the 4 trees specified. The quote does not include the use of additional MEWP access equipment, however, assuming the trees are deemed safe following a visual inspection, they will use climbing equipment to reach the required height.



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## **Contractor 2: £1,899.00 plus VAT**

*Based in Bedfordshire, contractor 2 is a leading environmental consulting firm, committed to protecting the environment, promoting sustainability, and ensuring compliance with Biodiversity Net Gain requirements through comprehensive ecological appraisals.*

Quotation provided to carry out a climbed tree bat survey (with endoscope check) of trees identified in the provided report (2 two tree climbers, one safety, and one climber, one ecologist).

## **Contractor 3: £1,475.61 plus VAT**

*Based in Staffordshire, contractor 3 specializes in a wide range of ecological, arboricultural and horticultural services, underpinned by over 30 years of experience.*

Quotation provided to inspect 4 trees using ladders by a Level 2 Licensed Bat Surveyor. WOULD REQUIRE PAYMENT IN ADVANCE.

## **Contractor 4: £1,439 plus VAT**

*Based in Chester, contractor 4 states: Our friendly arboriculturalists and ecologists provide tree surveys, biodiversity surveys, bat surveys and more. With over 150 staff, we cover the whole of the UK.*

Quotation provided for a level 2 licenced ecologist to undertake endoscope inspections of 4 trees.

The quote does not include the use of access equipment, however they have agreed to our arborist taking images, as required, to be assessed from the ground.

2 of the contractors approached declined to provide a quotation, and 3 others did not provide a response.

## **02 DECISION REQUIRED FROM COUNCIL:**

**MOTION:** Council resolves to proceed with the quotation provided, from the Council's Arborist, for the recommended tree safety works at the amount of £8,580.00, and that delegated authority be given to the Clerk to manage and oversee the project.

**MOTION:** Council resolves to proceed with the recommended inspection of potential bat roosts at Home Wood, provided by their selected contractor, and that delegated authority be given to the Clerk to manage and oversee the project.

**MOTION:** Council resolves to proceed with any planning applications required to allow the above tree works be completed, and that delegated authority be given to the Clerk to manage and oversee the project.



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Implications (completed by the Clerk)	
Staffing Implications	Co-ordination, arrangement of works and overseeing, will be completed in normal working hours
Council objectives	Meets objectives
Equalities and human rights	There are no equality or human rights issues
Crime & Disorder	Crime and disorder have been considered
Biodiversity	Biodiversity issues have been reviewed as part of this work and review
Financial	Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure from ear marked reserves
Legal	Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1980, ptII s45; Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b);
Risk Management	Material risks exist and these will be assessed prior to works carried out. Insurances and all other documents from contractors will be retained