

Table 1: Linear Park tree survey

Tree species	Suitability for retention	Reason for removal
5 x Common Lime	Condition: 3 x poor 2 x fair Classification: U	These trees have been poorly planted behind a brick retaining wall which is in poor condition and could pose a danger to road users. The wall will be removed as part of the scheme to improve the footway and create a cycle track.
1 x Common Lime	Condition: Fair Classification: U	The removal of this tree will help to improve the safety of the crossing area and avoid obstruction to pedestrians and cyclists when the new layout is introduced.
1 x London Plane	Condition: Good Classification: B	The tree is retainable, however removing it would reduce the overcrowding for the other 3 London Plane trees planted very close by. This would help to ensure the health and longevity of the neighbouring trees, by providing more space, light, water, nutrients etc. for the trees to thrive.
1 x Common Lime	Condition: Poor Classification: U	This tree will be removed due to the existing level difference around the tree base and the introduction of the new layout. It is also in poor condition.
5 x Common Lime	Condition: 2 x poor 3 x fair Classification: U	These trees have been poorly planted behind a brick retaining wall which is in poor condition and would be removed by the scheme. Years of over-management has reduced their ability to establish.
1 x Common Lime	Condition: Fair Classification: C	This tree is planted close to a brick retaining wall, and as such the changing levels and removal of the wall prevent the tree from being retained.
5 x Common Lime	Condition: 1 x fair 4 x poor Classification: U	These trees have been over-managed and poorly planted in a raised brick planter which is in poor condition. The planter will be removed as part of the scheme for reasons of safety as well as to allow the new layout. 4 of the trees have less than 5 years of contributing life left.
1 x Common Lime	Condition: Poor Classification: U	The tree has been over managed and is considered to have less than 5 years of healthy life left.
4 x Common Lime	Condition: 3 x fair 1 x poor Classification: 3 x C 1 x U	The removal of these trees will enable the new layout (footway and cycle track) to be introduced and help to ensure clear sight lines through the space. Clear sightlines help to deter anti-social behaviour.
2 x Common Lime	Condition: 2 x fair Classification: U	The removal of these trees will help to open up the area on the Boundary Road corner and remove obstructions to the new shared pedestrian and cycle crossing.

Trees classed as 'U' includes those that are dead, dying or diseased, pose a danger, or their loss is deemed to be inevitable in the short term due to structural defect.

In the standard methodology trees are classed either: A (Excellent), B (20 year remaining life), C (10 years remaining life), or U (dying, infected, or structurally unsafe).