

Kennington Parish Council

Policy regarding Trees in the village Agreed and adopted by Council on 12 January 2012 Last reviewed 11 January 2024 (minute no: 404.23)

Kennington Parish Council adopts the Tree Policy and conditions of Oxfordshire County Council with the following caveats:

1. To monitor and report to the County Council any damage or disease to trees on the County Council register within the parish of Kennington.
2. To lobby for any tree removed by damage or disease to be replaced by the County Council at their cost.

Notes for guidance from Oxfordshire County Council – planting on the public highway

“We will consider planting on the public highway provided that:

The proposals meet with our requirements as stated below and area approved by the council. The type and siting of the planting does not differ from the approved scheme without our written consent.

Recommended planting distances from the road edge of a minimum of three metres for shrubs and small trees and five metres for large forest trees are adhered to. Allowance may be made for some variation in specific situations e.g. use of ground cover material, urban areas, avenue planting.

You consult the utility companies listed and pay for any alterations, or damage, caused to services during planting.

You consult adjoining landowner(s) concerning the proposals.

You agree to maintain the planting, e.g. trimming and pruning, so that it does not interfere with the highway visibility or in any other way become a source of nuisance or danger to users of the highway.

You hold a Public Liability Policy which indemnifies Oxfordshire County Council for at least £10m in case of any claim connected with the planting.

Copies of the correspondence with utility companies and adjoining landowners are sent with the proposal.

Planting will be approved either by Agreement (Highways Act 1980 – Section 98) or by Licence (Highways Act 1980 – Section 142):

Depending on the type of agreement, ownership and maintenance of the planting will transfer to the county, district, town or parish council (Section 96) or the frontage (Section 142) who will be responsible for maintenance.

The planting shall be removed at any time if so required by the Highway Authority, or any other organisation with statutory powers within the planted area.”

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy will be reviewed every three years unless there is any specific change in between.