

## Chiswick Back Common

### Site description

The site is a large formal park in residential Chiswick near Turnham Green underground station. There is a railway line running along the northern boundary of the park and the park is well used by residents and customers from the nearby high street shops and as a cut through by commuters. There are avenues of Poplars along the main footpath from Turnham Green station to Fishers Lane and around the boundary with Chiswick Common Road.

A team of arboriculturalists inspected 50 trees and identified 18 needed to be removed as a matter of urgency as they were found to rotting from the inside with significant levels of decay, making them a real hazard for residents and users of the park.

Works start on the 28<sup>th</sup> September to fell the trees identified in Table 1.

**Table 1**

Seq	Species	DBH (cm)	Height	Spread	Cond'	Comments/Problems	Works
2	Prunus avium	50	6	5	Poor	Sparse canopy + Dieback	Fell to GL
3	Pinus sylvestris	5	3	1	Dead	Dead Tree	Fell & Grub out stump
11	Populus canadensis	112	13	6	Poor	Basal decay & cavity, fungi @ base, root decay	Fell & grind stump
12	Populus canadensis	121	11	6	Poor	Basal decay & cavity, leaning, root decay	Fell & grind stump
19	Aesculus x carnea	39	3	4	Dead	Dead Tree	Fell & grind stump
21	Acer platanoides	41	8	6	Fair	Basal decay, leaning, root decay, fungi, fracture @ base	Fell & grind stump
32	Populus canadensis	120	15	8	Poor	Fungi, bleeding canker, basal decay, sounding hollow.	Fell & grind stump
34	Populus canadensis	116	16	7	Poor	Crown decay & cavity	Fell & grind stump
35	Populus canadensis	122	17	8	Poor	Trunk decay & cavity, fruiting body, bottle butt, sounds hollow	Fell & grind stump
39	Populus canadensis	82	18	8	Poor	Crown decay & cavity, horizontal fractures on trunk	Fell & grind stump
40	Populus canadensis	96	18	7	Poor	Crown decay & cavity, fungi	Fell & grind stump
41	Populus canadensis	92	13	5	Poor	Trunk cavity, hanging branch, hollow sound	Fell & grind stump

2	Populus canadensis	116	12	5	Fair	Old pollard, Severe decay or hollow	Fell & grind stump
7	Populus canadensis	119	12	6	Fair	Old pollard, Basal decay/ trunk sound	Reduce to old pollard points
8	Populus canadensis	96	12	7	Fair	Old pollard, Fungi (Small), ants, leaning, significant decay or cavity)	Fell & grind stump
10	Populus canadensis	101	10	6	Poor	Old pollard, Trunk decay, basal decay, cavity , Significant decay or cavity)	Fell & grind stump