



STRATFIELD MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Specification for Quotation

Windmill Common Tree Works

Decision Ref: 23/018 1.3
Roads, Footpaths & Commons Committee

Background

Following a ground level survey of the trees on Windmill Common, undertaken by Sapling Arboriculture on 24th April 2023, the Roads, Footpaths & Commons Committee of Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council resolved to have the recommended tree works carried out.

Windmill Common is to the north of Mortimer Common settlement with Longmoor Lane to the east, Windmill Hill to the south, Spring Lane to the west and fields to the north. There are a number of public rights of way across the public open space. There is a tree protection order on Windmill Common and the parish council have obtained consent from West Berkshire Council (see Decision Notice 23/01866/TPW).

Schedule of works

Tree works should be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998:2010 Recommendations for Tree Works and in particular biosecurity / avoidance of transmission of disease and pathogens (4.3), extent of pruning works (7.2.4), and natural target pruning (7.2.5).

Reference document attached: J719 05 TCS Windmill Hill 20230424; WBC map extracts showing public footpaths, area of TPO and SMPC land ownership; and map of location of tagged trees on the common.

Item	Ref.	Description
1	T1873	Scots pine <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> - mature Second minor stem dead. To northwest of rear garden to 15 Longmoor Lane. Dead twin stemmed tree. Works: Remove dead minor stem.
2	Arisings	Arisings can be used to create habitat. Stack all foliage from tree works in 1.5m wide by 1m high for c7m 'dead hedges' for wildlife habitat (for instance https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/nature-on-your-doorstep/garden-activities/build-a-dead-hedge-for-wildlife/)



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1	T801	Oak <i>Quercus robur</i> - mature Single large deadwood (more than 100mm dia) over the carriageway. Frontage adjacent to 15 Longmoor Lane. Works: <i>Remove deadwood more than 25mm diameter</i>
2	T802	Beech <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> – middle aged Vandalism causing bark loss on lower stem. Adjacent to woodland access adjacent to 15 Longmoor Lane Works: <i>Remove</i>
3	T813	Scots pine <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> - mature Canker on lower stem: potential for decay and stem failure. Northern part of the common to east of footpath to the north. Works: <i>Remove</i>
4	T823	Scots pine <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> - mature Twin stemmed. Works: <i>Remove dead stem</i>
5	T1879	Scots pine <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> - mature Dead. To the north west of Windmill Court Works: <i>Remove</i>
6	T1880	Scots pine <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> - mature Dead. To the north west of Windmill Court Works: <i>Remove</i>
1	Holly	Holly: invasive and suppresses the herbaceous layer and mid canopy Works: Remove 1/10th of all holly throughout the common. Holly removal to commence from the centre towards the perimeter of the site to leave a 7m buffer around the perimeter of the site. Stumps of cut holly to be treated to prevent regrowth with appropriate herbicide (see HSE Pesticides Guide, for instance https://www.progreen.co.uk/ecoplug-max-100-plugs-prevent-tree-stump-regrowth/).
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Condition placed on Application no. 23/01866/TPW:

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8	Replace three trees removed	Oak or Beech: 10-12cm Nursery stock size, supplied and planted in accordance with BS8545:2014 (to be undertaken within the next 24 months)



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Quotation

Please supply your estimate for the above specified items.

Should you envisage additional costs, please list these items separately.

IMPORTANT: Please comply

For information about contracting terms with SMPC:

<https://www.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk/contracting-with-us>

Together with our quotation, the Parish Council will also require:

- details of staff qualifications (NPTC certification)
- confirmation of your employers and public liability insurance
- a method statement of how the works would be carried out in a safe manner, considering the nature of the site
- confirmation that the works would be complete within a three-month period following instruction (or within an agreed timeframe)
- relevant experience and references from people in the local area would be useful.

Quotations to be sent to: admin@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk

Queries can be directed to email above or calling the office on 0118 933 1955