

Boston Mayflower Housing Association: Case Study - Tree Management in Lincolnshire



Landscape Planning Ltd can manage all tree related issues, from trees within residential gardens to those within communal land areas.

Boston Mayflower recognise their duty of care relating to trees under their control and wish to discharge these in a responsible and cost effective way.

Trees represent a potential liability in respect of their ability to cause trip and slip; and personal injury or damage to property. By managing these risks effectively, Boston Mayflower can potentially minimise the occurrence of personal injury or property damage. Furthermore, they will be seen to be managing such trees in line with Health & Safety Executive (HSE) guidance.



Landscape Planning Limited (LPL) were engaged to undertake a drive-by survey to identify the general location and condition of their tree stock. Where gross tree defects were noted, a closer inspection was to be undertaken for the purpose of identifying suitable remedial action.

Trees in the back gardens of properties were specifically excluded from LPL's survey scope. This is because the risk of harm associated with trees in back gardens will generally be substantially less than in highly frequented areas such as the public highway or public open space.

The survey identified:

1. 796 individual trees and 89 groups of trees.
2. 42 trees or groups of trees recommended for removal.
3. The need for pruning or other maintenance works to 79 trees or groups of trees.

Prioritisation of recommended works was undertaken based risk of harm as calculated using the Quantified Tree Risk Assessment™ (QTRA) methodology, for which Mr Oisín Kelly of LPL is a licensed user. The calculated risk of harm was then converted to a simple priority score of 1 to 5, priority 1 being the most urgent and priority 5 being the least urgent.

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Landscape Planning Limited recommended that Boston Mayflower take the following action as part of their tree management program:

- Priority 1 and 2 works should be addressed with the minimum of delay.
- Priority 3 works should then be undertaken at the earliest possible opportunity.
- Priority 4 and 5 works should also be undertaken at the earliest opportunity, but might reasonably be scheduled over a longer time period.
- Letting these works in a single tender package is likely to provide lower unit costs for works.
- Consideration should be given to a replanting programme, particularly in relation to those trees situated within highway verges, communal areas and public open space.



Martin Woods, of Boston Mayflower had the following to say about Landscape Planning Ltd's services:

"I was very happy with both the approach and action taken by Landscape Planning. Their manner and conduct was professional throughout, and the report clear and concise. I would have no hesitation in using and recommending Landscape Planning in the future".

Following our initial work with Boston Mayflower, we have provided an additional quotation to survey their tree stock on an annual basis.



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