

The Regulatory Role of a Tree Officer

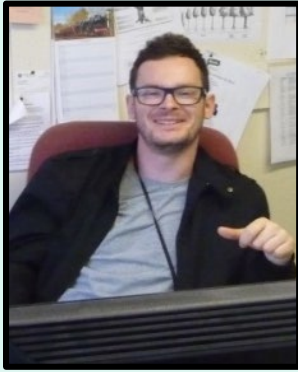
BROMLEY

A stylized illustration of a residential street scene. In the foreground, the word 'BROMLEY' is written in large, light-colored, block letters. Behind it, there are several houses with different architectural styles, including a prominent two-story house with a gabled roof and dormer windows. There are also trees with green foliage, a street sign on a pole, and a car parked on the street. The overall style is a soft, painterly illustration with a light green and yellow color palette.

Presented by Chris Ryder



Planning



Chris Ryder

Principal Tree Officer



Paul Smith

Tree Officer

Vanessa Cooper

Technical Officer



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Ian Dalton
(Arb Officer)



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(Arb Officer)

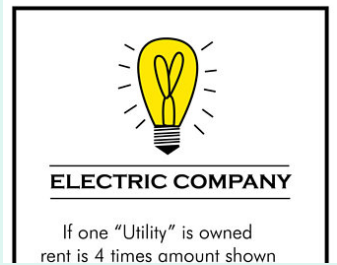
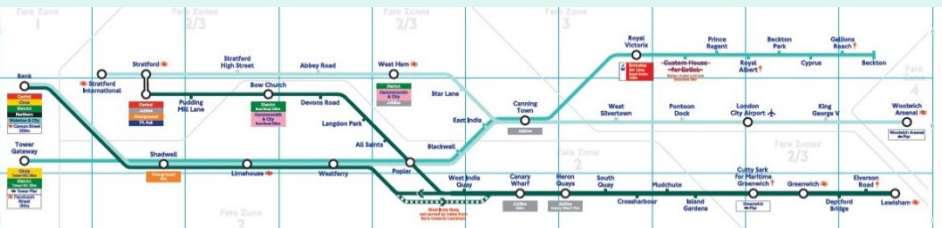


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Town & Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012

- Lists exceptions to the requirement for consent
- Available to statutory undertakers for the undertaking





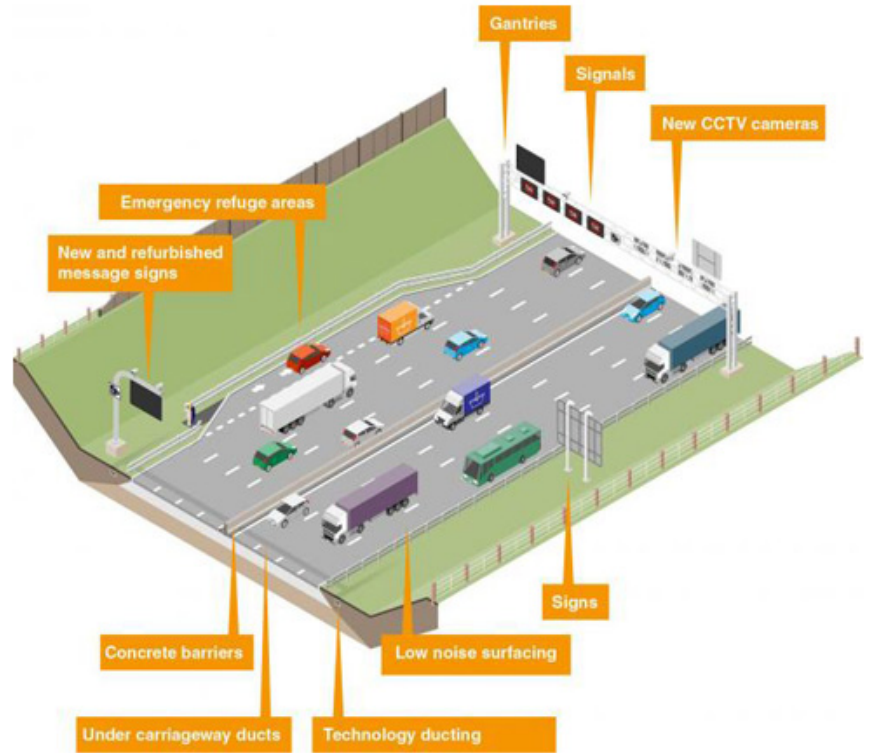
**What does this look like in
practice?**

Elizabeth line



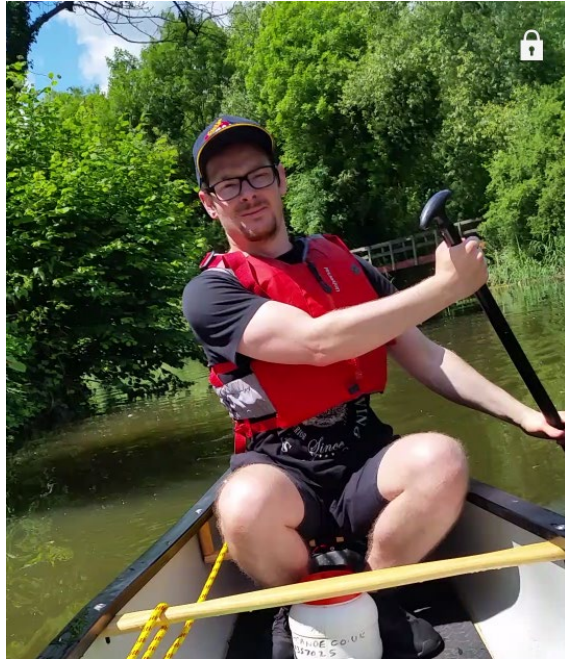



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River Enhancement



London Area Map  Canal & River Trust

-  Managed by Canal & River Trust (except River Thames)
-  Tunnel
-  Lock & Lock Name
-  Parks & Green Spaces
-  National Rail Station
-  London Underground Station
-  Docklands Light Railway Station
-  Inset Map
-  Wetland

Additional icons for inset maps (please see over page)

-  Cycle Route
-  Footpath

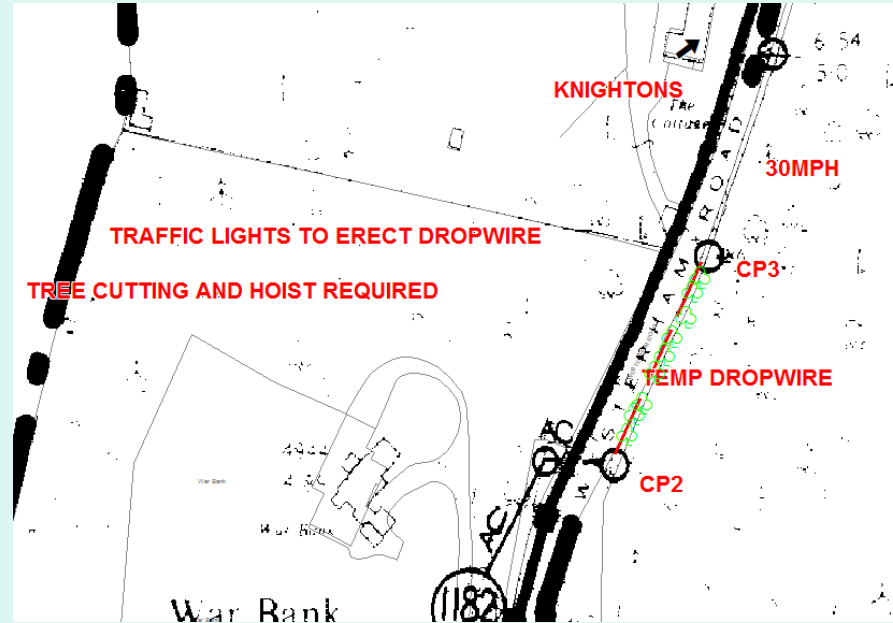


Maps by www.bekerdoodle.co.uk

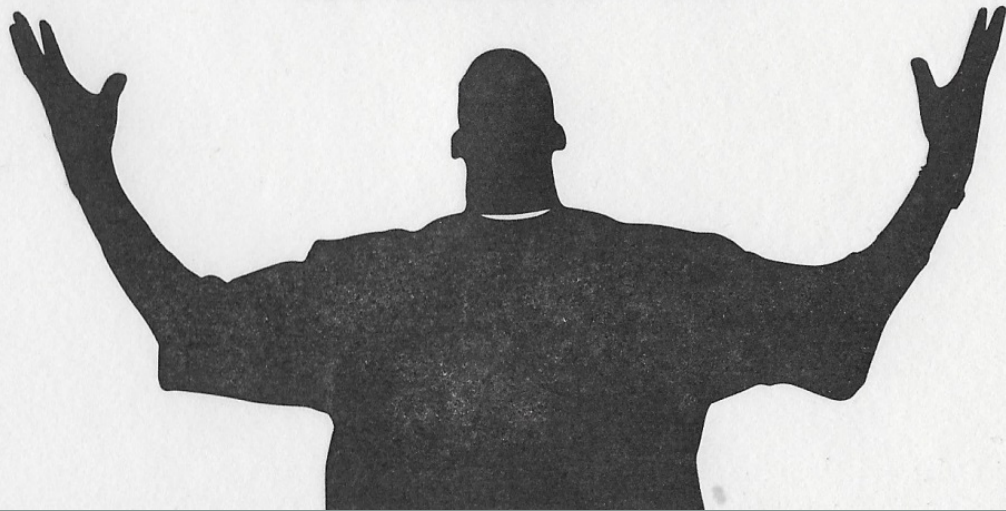
Please see over for more information and inset maps.



Phone line renewal



REGULATORS
MOUNT UP



- Statutory Undertakers must have regard to conserving biodiversity (Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006).
- Should not be irresponsible with regard to management.
- Should be adopting a code of practice, method statements, NJUG principles etc.
- Necessary, not desirable management.

Case Study:



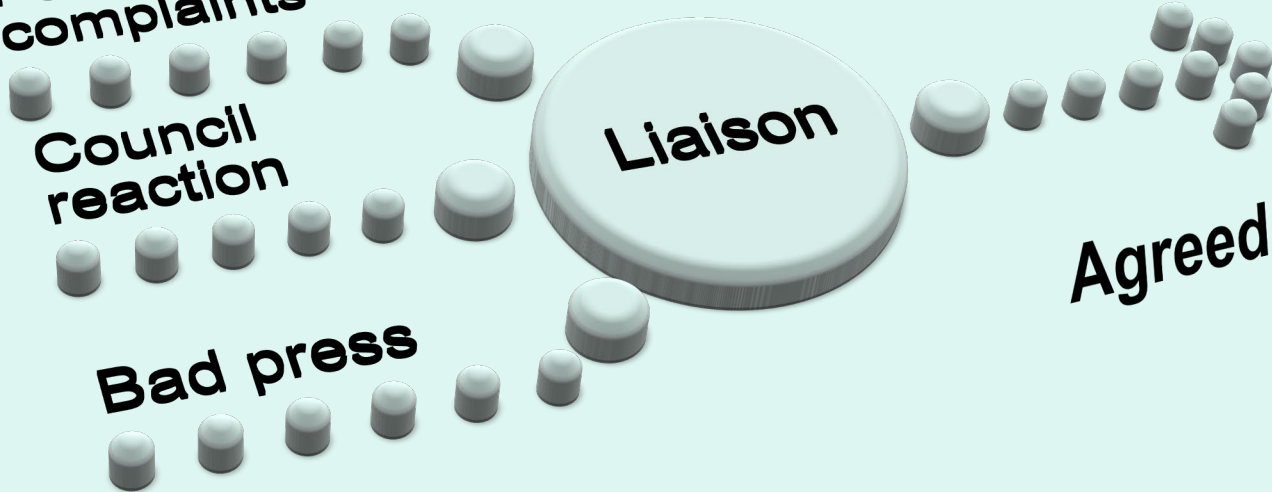
**Public
complaints**

**Council
reaction**

Bad press

Liaison

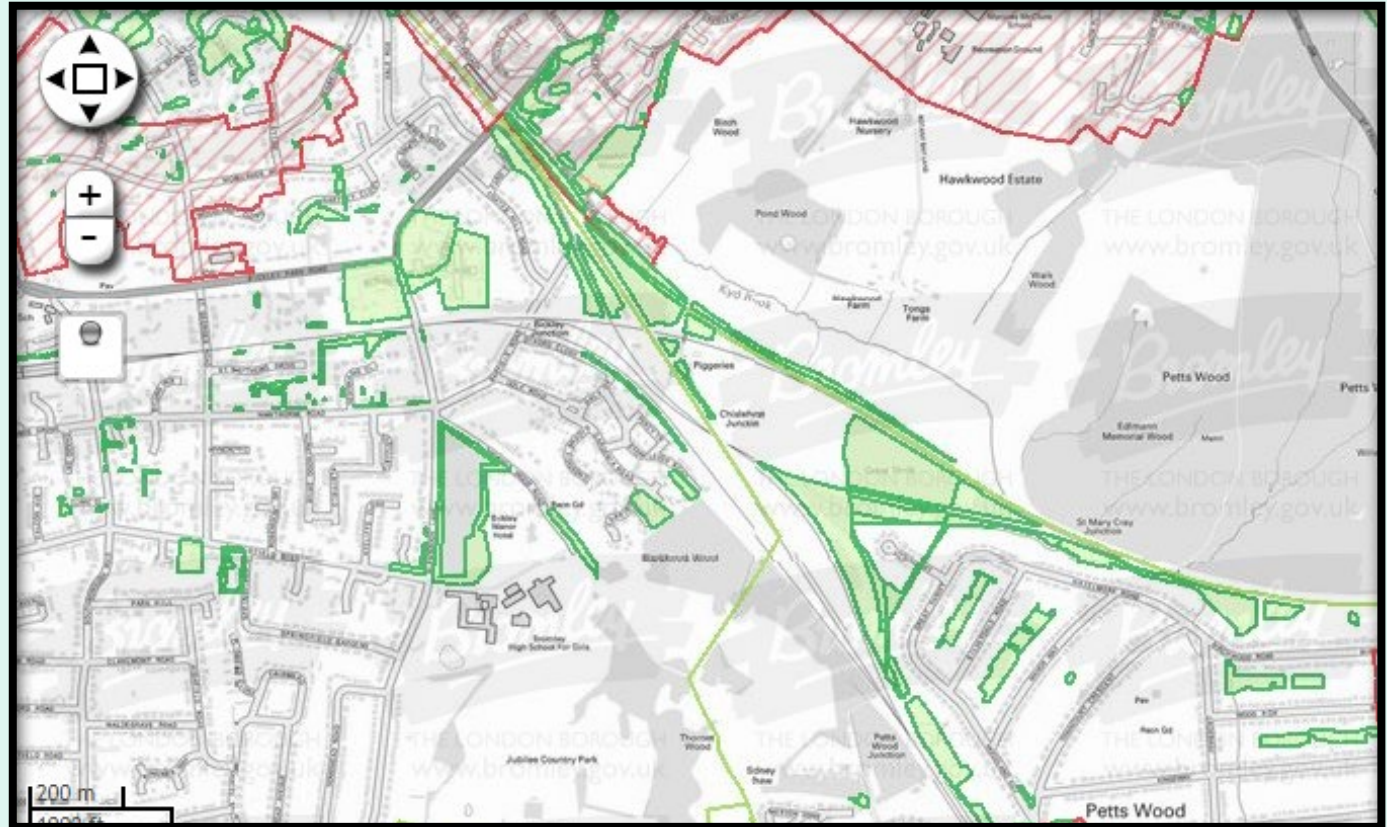
Agreed procedure



TPO 2632



Protected Trees Map



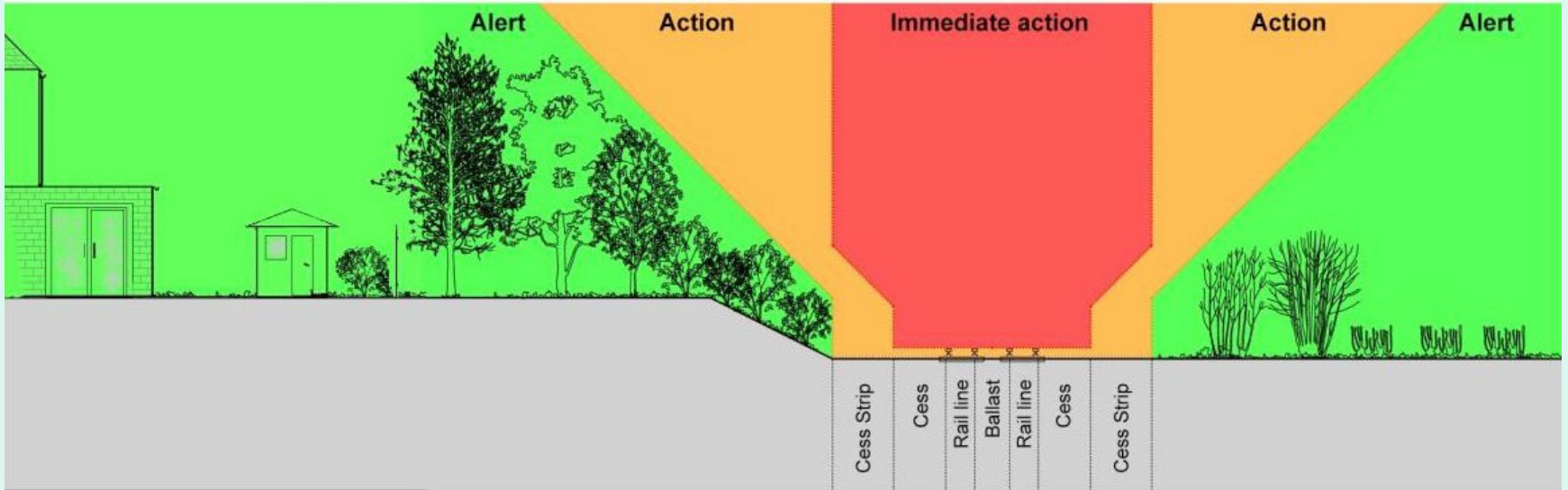
Spotlight On Bromley

Bromley Council has taken steps to protect a group of mature trackside trees that are likely to be targeted in the rail operator's plans to fell all 'leaf-fall' species



▲ Bromley borough reputedly has the largest tree stock of any borough in the capital, with many growing alongside railway lines. Photograph: UrbanImages/Alamy Stock Photo

1. Safety critical works
2. Leaf fall
3. Clearance within 7m of running rail





Valuing nature – a railway for people and wildlife...

The Network Rail Vegetation Management Review



www.gov.uk/government/publications

1. The Government must set out a policy position for Network Rail in terms of delivering for the environment.
2. Governance must be put in place at organisation, route and project level.
3. Network Rail must value and manage its lineside estate as an asset.
4. Network Rail must improve its communication with communities and key stakeholders.

Getting Back On Track



NEWS

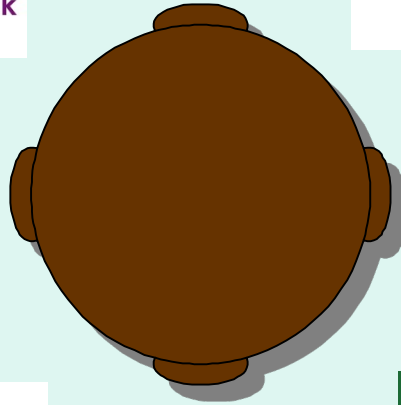
Line reopens but delays remain after two trains hit a fallen tree near Beaconsfield station



Terrified passenger tells of 'petrifying' moment she thought train had derailed after it hit a fallen tree on Saturday



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Notice

**Accept/
Reject**

**Proceed/
Apply**



Does Network Rail need permission to fell trees?

As the management of trees is generally on Network Rail land, permission is not usually needed. Where there is a Tree Preservation Order or the location is within a Conservation Area, we work with the Local Planning Authority.

Where Network Rail land has been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, or has other statutory protection, we work with the regulators to make sure that our work is in accordance with the legislation.

TPO Applications

- History of TPO applications submitted on behalf of Network Rail.
- Decisions subject to appeal procedure.



Communication is key!

- Insist on consultation/notification/notice
- **K**eeP a directory/contact list
- **E**stablish contact with the responsible people
- **A**gree a procedure

Thank You.

Enjoy the rest of the conference.....