

Tree Planting 2025-26 - Designer Risk Assessment

Severity of Risk

1. **Slightly harmful** (only minor injuries or minor damage to property /equipment will occur)
2. **Harmful** (injuries result in absence from work, damage to property/equipment)
3. **Extremely Harmful** (Death, Major injury, major loss to property/equipment)

Likelihood of Harm

1. **Highly Unlikely** (only a slight chance of it occurring)
2. **Unlikely** (it's possible but is still only a chance of it occurring)
3. **Likely** (Extreme possibility that it will happen)

	SLIGHTLY HARMFUL	HARMFUL	EXTREMELY HARMFUL
HIGHLY UNLIKELY	Trivial Risk	Tolerable Risk	Moderate Risk
UNLIKELY	Tolerable Risk	Moderate Risk	Substantial Risk
LIKELY	Moderate Risk	Substantial Risk	Intolerable Risk

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<p>ACTIONS</p> <p>Description / activity</p>	<p>Potential for Injury</p> <p>Likelihood Severity Total</p>			<p>PRECAUTIONS</p> <p>Description / activity</p>	<p>Re -assessed potential for Injury</p> <p>Likelihood Severity Total</p>		
<p>Potential injury from service strikes when excavating.</p>	<p>Unlikely</p>	<p>Extremely Harmful</p>	<p>Substantial Risk</p>	<p>Utility service plans to be reviewed at design stage to determine layout of trees and moved as necessary to be sited away from existing services.</p> <p>Contractor to scan works areas with Cat & Genny prior to breaking ground, with trees to be moved position if necessary to remove conflict with service., following agreement with the Contract Administrator</p> <p>Contractor to excavate by hand utilising insulated tools, wearing suitable PPE.</p> <p>All works to cease should a service be discovered and the works area secured with suitable fencing until the area is assessed by Contract</p>	<p>Highly Unlikely</p>	<p>Extremely Harmful</p>	<p>Moderate Risk</p>

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Potential injury of members of the public by Contractor staff from vehicle movements within the site.	Unlikely	Extremely Harmful	Substantial Risk	<p>Administrator.</p> <p>Contractor to be made aware that the sites will be open to the public throughout the works and to be vigilant of the public when transporting trees & materials and when planting.</p> <p>Contractor to utilise suitable signage to make members of the public aware of the works.</p> <p>Contractor to restrict their vehicle movements off-road to a maximum 5mph and to use vehicle hazard lights when on site.</p>	Highly Unlikely	Harmful	Tolerable Risk
Potential injury of Contractor staff from vehicle movements within the site.	Unlikely	Extremely Harmful	Substantial Risk	<p>Contractor to park in suitable locations and utilise banks person to allow safe access, egress and unloading.</p> <p>Contractor to keep footpaths clear from material storage and debris at all times.</p> <p>Contractor to pause works when necessary and safe to do so, to allow access for the public.</p> <p>Contractor to wear suitable PPE</p>	Highly Unlikely	Harmful	Tolerable Risk

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				based on their risk assessment.			
Potential injury from falling branches of existing trees.	Unlikely	Extremely Harmful	Moderate Risk	<p>Contractor to be made aware that works will occur around the canopy of existing trees.</p> <p>Contractor to delay works when storm conditions are predicted.</p> <p>Contractor to wear suitable PPE based on their risk assessment.</p>	Highly Unlikely	Harmful	Tolerable Risk
Potential injury from slips, trips and falls due to works on uneven ground and public in close proximity to works areas.	Unlikely	Harmful	Moderate Risk	<p>Contractor to be made aware that works will occur on a range of surfaces including mown grass, long grass, bare & stoney earth and around trees and on slopes.</p> <p>Contractor to utilise suitable signage to make members of the public aware of the works.</p> <p>Contractor to keep footpaths clear from material storage and debris at all times.</p> <p>Contractor to utilise suitable PPE for the entirety of the works.</p>	Unlikely	Slightly Harmful	Tolerable Risk



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