



When considering planning applications to manage trees protected by Tree Preservation Orders or growing in Conservation Areas, Bristol Local Planning Authority will apply the same principles as those set out in Bristol City Council's [Tree Management Policy](#) for the management and protection of Council trees.

Save where there is evidence of an actionable nuisance<sup>1</sup>, the Local Planning Authority will not permit any application for tree works made pursuant to [Regulation 13 of the Town and Country Planning \(Tree Preservation\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) or [Section 211 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990](#) where the reason given for the application is:

- To remove overhanging branches or encroaching roots.
- To stop or reduce leaf or blossom fall or the release of pollen.
- To stop or reduce the fruit, berries, nuts, seeds, or foliage the tree bears. If evidence is produced that unsupervised young children or livestock are likely to be exposed to poisonous berries or foliage, this will be investigated, and appropriate measures considered.
- To remove or reduce honeydew or another sticky residue.
- To prevent roots entering a drain that is already broken or damaged.
- Because the tree is thought to be too big or too tall.
- To stop or reduce sucker growth.
- To stop or reduce bird, bat, or other animal droppings.
- To improve natural light.
- To improve a view.
- To improve the performance of solar panels or similar equipment.
- To stop or prevent interference with telephone wires.
- To stop or reduce interference with television, wireless, mobile telephone or satellite installations or with their reception.
- To stop or reduce the incidence of insect or animal infestation occurring.
- Because of a personal medical condition.

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<sup>1</sup> Perrin and Another v Northampton Borough Council [2007] EWCA C iv 1353) defined an actionable nuisance as one that 'must be actionable in law. There must be actual or imminent damage, not just the "pure encroachment" of roots or branches into or over the adjoining land.'