

SILVERTOWN

FEBRUARY 2021

1. When are the works taking place?

The removal of the trees will be taking place in February and should take no longer than four weeks. The trees need to be removed then to ensure no harm comes to birds whose nesting season starts in late February - March.

2. What hours of the day will the works be happening?

The hours of operation for the works shall be:

- Monday to Friday – 8am to 6pm
- Saturday – 8am to 1pm

3. How many trees are you removing and why?

There are circa 104 trees that need to be removed before land levelling and building works can start. Our Phase 1 will replace the existing banked area along the northern edge of North Woolwich Road with new buildings that will create an active street frontage and a safer pedestrian experience.

4. Will you be planting any more trees?

Absolutely! We will be planting over 300 trees within Phase 1 at Silvertown and providing new green spaces for locals, plus many more throughout the development of Silvertown. The existing trees, predominantly self-seeded London Plane, are of medium to poor quality. The new trees planted at Silvertown will include a diverse range of species that offer much greater biodiversity (including Willow Oak and Black Pine). In addition, the Royal Docks Team and Newham Council are also currently working on a number of projects to improve the quality and number of green spaces around the Royal Docks. These include traffic calming improvements along North Woolwich Road to create a more welcoming environment, and a Tree Planting Programme that will see many trees being planted around the Royal Docks starting from next year.

5. Why is this the first I have heard of this?

Apologies if this is the first time you have heard that these works are taking place. We consulted extensively with the Royal Docks community on the Phase 1 proposals during May, July and September 2019. The Phase 1 planning submission was submitted to the London Borough of Newham in September and approved in December 2019.

6. What will you be doing with the felled trees?

We are exploring possible re-use options for the trees that are being removed and hope to be able to use the wood for furniture items or used for other activities including children's play, carving workshops, bug hotels or sculpture projects and other conservation works. We have successfully reused timber in such ways on some of our other regeneration projects in London.

7. Will the works impact the North Woolwich Road and will the footpath be closed?

The footpath in the area of the tree felling works will be temporarily closed to ensure everyone's safety whilst the works take place. Pedestrians will be re-routed to the footpath on the opposite side of the road via the nearest crossing during this temporary closure, and appropriate signing will be put in place to direct those affected. There will also be a temporary closure to the lane on North Woolwich Road closest to the works for safety reasons. A plan showing the location of the trees that are being removed is shown below:



8. My bus stop is where the works are taking place – what will happen to this?

Unfortunately there will be a temporary closure of the Mill Road bus stop to ensure the safety of the public. This will be communicated by TfL via their live transport updates on their website. All details have been agreed with TfL and LB Newham.