



Winchester
City Council

COUNCIL MEETING – 2 November 2005

Question under Council Procedure Rule 14(2)b

QUESTION 9

From: Councillor Tait

To: The Portfolio Holder for Planning

“Can I be advised as to what procedures the Council follows when major work is required on a Council owned tree in the Conservation Area and whether the Council is treated differently to other parties?”

It would help if details of the tree recently felled in Abbey Gardens could be referred to.”

Reply

“The same rules apply to the Council as to the public and applications/notifications need to be submitted and agreed in exactly the same way according to the provisions of the relevant legislation.

Trees do sometimes become dangerous unexpectedly and it may be necessary to seek approval to carry out work as an emergency. Section 198(6) of the Planning Act 1990 makes provision for such circumstances.

The tree in the Abbey Grounds had split almost to the ground and was dealt with under Section 198(6).”