

Tamar Valley Tree Service

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TREE REPORT

Location: Regent Square, Georgetown.

Species: *Populus alba*

Common Name: White poplar

Amount: Approximately 20 trees planted in an Avenue.

Specific Problems:

- Decay in main stems
- Broken top in one tree
- Inclusion and cracked co-dominant stems in one tree
- Some trees with heavy lean and exposed roots causing dangerous trip hazards.
- Leaf rust (a Pathogenic fungi which causes premature defoliation in summer)
- The trees have a history of dropping branches

Observations:

In my view, the bulk of the avenue are poor quality specimens and are not worth retaining.

The trees leaning with exposed roots and decayed stems are too dangerous to be in a public area.

Although 4 or 5 of the trees are sound and could be retained, their form is poor.

Because the trees were all planted at the same time, they have grown into shapes that would be unsuitable to grow on their own. They would be subject to wind forces likely to cause limb failure.

Conclusion Recommendations:

Given the problems listed and the close proximity to the footpath, this avenue of trees are beyond any reasonable level of remedial care.

I recommend removal and replacement.

Standard formal civic square plantings normally go from a corner to a central focal point, which this planting does not appear to do. If recommended works are undertaken, the new avenue could be lengthened and redirected.

An important statement is made at this point that all standing trees are inherently dangerous and require ongoing maintenance for their life span. Regular checks by a qualified arborist should be carried out on all trees to reduce risk.

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