



Dodington Parish Council

Request for Quotation for Tree Surgery and Felling during Autumn/Winter 2023

Dodington Parish Council are requesting quotations for work to be carried out this Autumn/Winter 2023 in Wapley Bushes Nature Reserve, Yate.

Outline Summary

Dodington Parish Council are responsible for the management of the Wapley Bushes Nature Reserve. The reserve is a mix of ancient woodland, a woodland area planted in the mid-20th century, an area of common land and an area of open meadow.

All the woodland has been affected by Ash Dieback Disease, first identified prior to an extensive felling programme in 2020.

As a result of a survey undertaken last Autumn, some additional Ash trees have been identified as requiring felling or monolithing.

Brief for works 2023

25 ash trees have been identified as needing work or felling in 2023, to reduce the risk to public safety:

Area 2 (ancient woodland) – adjacent to lower footpath – 17 mature ash trees. Five to be monolith-cut to a maximum of 5 metres, with the tops coronet cut, and the remainder to be clear-felled and stumps ground down;

Area 6 (woodland) – total of six mature/semi-mature ash trees to be clear-felled. We will consider leaving the stumps.

Two additional trees located in the common area (area 7) of the reserve to be pollard-cut.

Trees requiring work have been marked with red paint. Attached to this brief is a map of the area with trees plotted by hand- so this may not be an exact representation of where the trees are situated.

All brush to be chipped and moved to convenient areas for path laying at a future date.

The existing timber to be disposed of subject to negotiation based on value for firewood, although some wood will be required to be left on site.

Additional considerations

The Parish Council is gaining permission to fell the trees in Area 2 from our local authority, as a Tree Preservation Order is in place for this area of the woodland.

We have a Felling Licence in place for the required tree works – details of this are available on request.

All required site welfare, power, safety signage, barriers to be provided by company carrying out works. Water is available on site if required via outside tap.

Vehicular access is via Besom Lane, Wapley (keys will be provided for access).

Site address: Wapley Bushes Nature Reserve, Besom Lane, Bristol, BS37 8RP

Contact: Dodington Parish Council – Liz Hazelby or Ken Thomas – 01454 866546 / clerk@dodingtonpc.org.uk. We would be happy to meet any interested companies to discuss these works further and show the site.

Wapley Bushes Nature Reserve – Required Ash Dieback Disease Works in 2023

