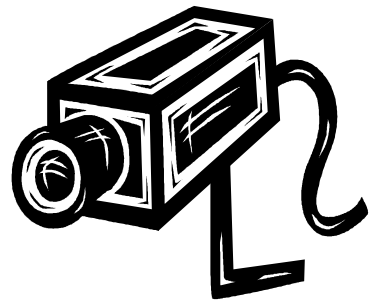


CCTV CAMERA TREE OBSCURATION PLAN

Trees are living organisms and are constantly growing and changing. The relationship between CCTV cameras and trees in urban areas requires careful management. Trees adjacent to CCTV cameras or within the field of view being covered must be controlled to ensure that public security is not compromised.



Trees can obstruct essential Council monitored CCTV surveillance. In order for cameras to be utilised to their full potential tree management should include regular inspections and programmed maintenance work. Once agreed this management approach needs to be gradually phased into operation and should reduce the numbers of individual camera footage problems and requests for tree work.



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The purpose of any CCTV tree maintenance programme is to preserve the health and appearance of the Borough's tree inventory, but also to ensure that trees do not constitute a hindrance to its work safeguarding the public or property. The current tree work is prioritised based on the level of obscuration the tree presents to public safety.

CCTV needs an ongoing cyclic maintenance programme where the Operators revisit known tree problem camera images every two years. Trees will then be pruned as required as a result of this exercise.

All tree work must be undertaken adhering to BS 3998 Tree Work 2010.