

## Why would a permit not be granted for removal/ pruning?

Issues which do not usually warrant removal/pruning of trees include the following:

- A tree is shedding leaves, fruit, bark, cones or twigs. During the natural process of a tree's growth leaves, flowers, fruit, seeds or small elements of deadwood will fall. This will not form the basis for permitting the removal of the tree(s)
- A tree is causing minor structural damage, such as footpaths or driveways.
- There are fears about healthy trees failing.
- A tree is causing minor shading.
- A tree is causing blockage to pipes, unless the damage is serious and recurring. Root pruning, replacement of old dilapidated pipes, or use of root barriers may solve the problem( evidence would need to be provided if the problem is serious)
- Pruning for amenity views.

*Trees play an important role in the 'greening' of our City. They make our surroundings pleasant, provide relief from summer heat and reduce glare from pavement. They also increase the value of real estate, reduce stormwater runoff and improve the quality of the air we breathe.*

*It is important to carefully manage this precious resource and to preserve the existing urban forest within our City.*