

Date 12 January 2016

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Dear Local Resident

Following an inspection of Portobello Park a number of trees have been identified around the park that will need to be removed on health and safety grounds. It has been agreed that all should be made safe as quickly as possible and then removed during the February school break which starts on 10 February.

One tree at Hope Lane was made safe yesterday afternoon by the removal of its branches and works will begin today to make the others safe. Since this work is weather dependent and, following discussions with the school, it has been agreed that works should start with the trees nearest the school (Park Avenue). This will ensure that if works do go into early next week there will be no noise disruption to pupils sitting their prelims which start on Monday.

All trees will be removed during the February break when replanting will also take place. Portobello High School and Parks Officers are exploring the possibility of the trees being recycled by the school.

I apologise for any inconvenience this work may cause.

Yours sincerely



Paul Lawrence
Executive Director of Place