

MRN 577 - felled on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**Statement from WBC Trees and Landscape Department**

A tree survey was carried out in 2009 by Redwood Tree Services, which noted the presence of cavities and decay pockets. Recently a large limb failed causing a rip wound from which excessive amounts of slime flux exuded. Notice was given under section 198 to the Borough Council for the removal of the tree due to its deterioration in condition and the risk that it posed to the public given its location.

In assessing the application, the Council's tree officer took into account the information contained in the 2009 report as well as assessing the tree on site. Slime flux is indicative of internal decay and with the number of other cavities in the tree plus the wound left from the limb failure, the Council raised no objections to the trees removal. As the tree was removed under Section 198, legislation dictates that a replacement tree must be planted and that this new tree will be subject to the provisions of the Tree Preservation Order.