

Emerson Park Matters



Railway Line Tree Removals.

Julia Lopez MP and your Emerson Park Conservative Team have received many complaints about Network Rail's felling of trees alongside the Upminster to Romford Railway line.

While it is necessary to keep the railway safe, we are concerned about the failure to consult with residents, your MP or Local Councillors.

The concerns raised:

- Loss of privacy
- Noise pollution (railside trees can provide up to 15dB noise reduction).
- The use of pesticides may harm domestic animals, particularly if done without prior notification.
- Removing trees will make ground basements more susceptible to flooding and subsidence.
- Loss of wildlife habitat, including protected species, (railbanks are a key resource for nature).

Julia and other local conservatives have raised these issues with Network Rail. Network Rail attended a zoom call. Dominic Swan, Chairman of Hornchurch and Upminster Conservatives, and Emerson Park Councillor Roger Ramsey both attended.

At that meeting, Network Rail

- Apologised for the lack of consultation, and promised to halt removals until this can be carried out.
- Promised that trees would be pruned rather than removed where possible.

This is good, but not enough. Hornchurch & Upminster Conservatives are therefore calling on Network Rail to:

1. **Consult with residents in each street**, reaching agreement as to which **individual trees** need to be removed, before taking any further action. A "consultation" that simply says that they are going cut some trees down, without specifying which ones and why, is not sufficient.
2. **Publish their original aerial survey** identifying which particular trees needed to be cut down, so that residents can comment, and check that only those ones have been taken.
3. **Replace any removals** with species whose leaves do not cause issues for trains, to restore privacy and sound-proofing.

If you back our requests, or want to provide any additional feedback, please sign the petition on our website. Or use this QR code.

Julia and her team will be updating those residents who have been in touch with her office directly.

You can also contact Julia, Roger or Dominic. Details are below.



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