



**SWANDON WAY – Tree Preservation Orders  
A request by Wandle Valley Forum to London Borough of Wandsworth  
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*Wandle Valley Forum was established in 2005 and is the primary consultative forum on Wandle Valley issues for the Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust; the London Boroughs of Wandsworth, Merton, Sutton and Croydon; Greater London Authority and other statutory bodies*

1. Wandle Valley Forum has reviewed the proposals put forward by Wandsworth Society and Wandsworth Tree Wardens Network to protect all the trees along Swandon Way with Tree Preservation Orders. We support these proposals.
2. Swandon Way provides an important and well used approach to the River Wandle and is a key access point to the Wandle Trail. Its splendid avenue of trees provides welcome relief to the otherwise uncompromising townscape and it warrants protection because of its significant amenity value in a highly visible location. Wandsworth town centre is notable for the lack of mature trees, including where the river passes under the High Street.
3. We are also aware that future development plans in the area will require very careful treatment and protection of these trees should be a starting point for any proposals. It is imperative to avoid plans which would involve removal of these trees. Replanting plans would damage local amenity for a generation and provide inadequate compensation. We would also support obligations being placed on any development of sites along Swandon Way to contribute to further planting and maintenance, including extending the avenue south west so it goes under the railway bridge.

About Wandle Valley Forum

Wandle Valley Forum brings together people and organisations that care for the River Wandle and its diverse network of open spaces. We provide support and an independent voice for over 100 community groups & voluntary organisations and for everyone who shares a passion for the Wandle. Wandle Valley Forum monitors planning applications for developments which impact on the special qualities and character of the Wandle Valley. We make representations on developments which raise Valley-wide issues by reason of their strategic significance or potential to set a precedent.

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