

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Decision Taken By: Leisure Services Manager (Outdoors)	Decision No: D260004OFF
Delegated Authority (under which decision taken): Authority delegated to the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services under Part 3 of the Constitution and set out in the Scheme of Functions delegated to Officers.	
Decision Type:	Non-Key
Date of Decision:	10 March 2026

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

**PARTIAL CLOSURE OF ROCFORT ROAD CAR PARK, SNODLAND -
31 MARCH 2026**

The partial closure of Rocfort Road car park on **31 March 2026** between the hours of **8.00am and 12:00pm** to enable essential Health & Safety works to fell trees causing damage to the surface of the car park to be completed. This work was identified during a routine car park safety inspection. This work has been approved by the Councils Engineering Team.

Reason:

Essential tree works are required for Health & Safety reasons. The roots of these trees have resulted in a kerbstone and surrounding surface lifting at the edge of the car park. The trees, known as tree of heaven, are listed as an invasive non-native species. The part closure of this car park is necessary to ensure the safety of operatives and car park users during works, and to avoid damage to property, as machinery will be in use.

Details of any Alternatives Considered:

Consideration was given to carrying out the work without a partial car park closure.

Reason(s) why rejected:	There is insufficient space available for a safe work area to be created when bays are in use, and proceeding without a partial closure would increase the risk of damage to cars, and could lead to insurance claims against the Council.
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Conflicts of Interest/Dispensations Granted:
There were no conflicts of interest declared or dispensations granted by or to any Member who was consulted in respect of this decision.
Background Papers (if any):
None

Signed Director of Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services:	R Styles
Date of publication:	11 March 2026

This decision will come into force immediately as 'call in' does not apply to operational non-key officer decisions.