**In general, pruning or felling of trees in a Conservation Area requires consent (s.211 notice) unless the following exceptions apply:**

**Is a section 211 notice required for a tree of any size?**

People are [not required](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/605/regulation/15/made) to submit a section 211 notice to the local planning authority for:

* the cutting down, topping or lopping or uprooting of a tree whose diameter does not exceed 75 millimetres; or
* the cutting down or uprooting of a tree, whose diameter does not exceed 100 millimetres, for the sole purpose of improving the growth of other trees (eg thinning as part of forestry operations).

In either case, the diameter of the tree is to be measured over the bark of the tree at 1.5 metres above ground level. These exemptions do not apply in circumstances where a tree has more than one stem at a point 1.5 metres above the natural ground level if any stem when measured over its bark at that point exceeds the relevant minimum.

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**What other types of tree work do not require a section 211 notice?**

A section 211 notice is not required where the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree is permissible under [an exception to the requirement to apply for consent under a Tree Preservation Order](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-preservation-orders-and-trees-in-conservation-areas#limitations). Nor is a section 211 notice required for:

* the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree by, or on behalf of, the authority;
* the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree by or on behalf of the [Forestry Commission](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/fchomepages.nsf/hp/England) on land in which it has an interest; or
* cutting down a tree in accordance with a [felling licence](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6dfk86) or a plan of woodland operations agreed by the Forestry Commission.