



**MAYOR OF LONDON**

# **Tackling the threats to London's Trees**

24<sup>th</sup> January 2013 10am – 4pm at the Livery Hall, Guildhall, City of London

The capital's trees are under attack from an increasing variety of pests and diseases, with Ash dieback the latest in a recent surge of new threats. To ensure the capital's iconic trees and wooded heritage continue to provide multifunctional benefits now and into the future, we need to understand the threats to them and what we can collectively do to avoid or mitigate the potential impact.

## **This free event is targeted at those:**

- involved in the protection, management and planting of London's trees
- who make policy, decisions and manage budgets that affect London's trees and greenspace
- who need the latest scientific information and advice
- who can help tackle the threats to London's trees

## **The aim of the event is to:**

- give attendees an update on the latest situation regarding key threats affecting the capital's main tree species
- highlight the practical action we can take to address these threats
- discuss how we can improve our response through information sharing, cross sector collaborative action, involving the public and resilience planning
- discuss the particular issues and opportunities that arise in the urban forest environment

## **Key speakers at the event include:**

- Sir Harry Studholme, Forestry Commission Commissioner
- Dr Joan Webber, Principal Pathologist, Forestry Commission
- Tony Kirkham, Head of Arboretum, Kew Gardens
- Dr Martin Ward, Chief Plant Health Officer, DEFRA
- Nigel Straw, Entomologist, Forest Research
- Mark Boleat, Chairman of Policy & Resources, City of London
- Sue Ireland, Director of Open Spaces, City of London
- Linda Davis, Imperial College
- Jago Keen, Ian Keen Associates
- Peter Massini, Greater London Authority

## Outline Programme for the day:

### Morning

Opening addresses

An overview of the current & potential threats to Britain's trees

Key threats to London's trees (biology, distribution & impact, control):

- a. Threats to London plane - Massaria
- b. Threats to Oak – Oak Processionary Moth, Acute Oak Decline
- c. Threats to Ash – Chalara fraxinea ash dieback

### Lunch

### Afternoon

Chalara fraxinea – control plan

Cross cutting plant health issues:

- a. Biosecurity
- b. Collaborative working across the sector
- c. Resilience planning
- d. Involving the public in plant health issues

As well as presentations, the event will include opportunities for Q&As and wider discussions

## Confirming attendance

Places will be limited, so if you would like to attend this event, please provide details in the yellow boxes below and send them to [Andrew.hoppit@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.hoppit@forestry.gsi.gov.uk). We will send confirmation of attendance (or otherwise) with more event details in January

Name	Organisation	Position	Email address	Telephone no.	Any special dietary requirements? (if yes, please specify)

I really hope you can make this event



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