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| **Report No.**  **Appendix:**  **Agenda Item:** | **Council: Full Council**  **Date of Meeting: 10 August 2022** |
| **OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL** | |
| **Report Author: Cllr Adam Lowe** | **Title: OAK TREES** |
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| **Applicable Strategy:**   1. Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play. 2. Improve and increase facilities within the town. 3. Maintain and improve OTC land and buildings for the benefit of the community. 4. Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay. | |

In 2012 a number Oaks were painted in Cutts Close.

These trees have established themselves with good growth and look to become mature substantial trees over the future decades.

Upon closer inspection it has become apparent that the original wire guards are now outgrown by the tree, there is also a concern that the trees may have grown with the guards being imbedded in the tree.

It may be that we need some guidance on the management of these future mighty oaks in regard to removing the wire guards and one large metal cage, pruning the lower branches if required and ensuring that these trees continue to thrive

* 1. Council decide to seek advice from RCC Tree Expert and obtain recommendations that may lead to expense in the management of these young oaks.

a. Removal of Wire Guards and Cage safely without damaging the trees.

b Suggested future works and when to best manage their development.

c. Allocate a budget of up to £500 for any works as a result of the advice.