3.0 CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The London plane under assessment is in a good and vital physiological condition and currently in a good structural condition. The potential for unforeseen failure of the tree in part or in whole is currently assessed as low.

3.2 In order to proactively manage the development of the crown of the tree, which is yet to achieve its ultimate size, specific pruning work to reshape aspects of its crown to bring some extended growth back into a more uniformed rounded outline structure is recommended. This will reduce the risk for those parts of the extremities of the tree which have a more raised potential for failure becoming an increasing hazard as they develop, and will aim to bring the crown of the tree into a more uniform shape which is better able to successfully resist the impacts of high wind loading.

3.3 The following specific crown pruning work is recommended:

- Low extended lateral limb on north side- reduce by approximately 2m to suitable pruning points and crown raise to give better height clearance from ground level.
- Low extended lateral limb on west side- reduce by approximately 2m to suitable pruning points to bring back into outline of primary crown structure.
- Low extended lateral limb on south side- reduce by approximately 2m to suitable pruning points to bring back into outline of primary crown structure.
- Extended section of central crown (at half crown height) on western side- reduce by approximately 1.5m to suitable pruning points to bring back into outline of primary crown structure.
- Extended section of upper crown on south-west side- reduce by approximately 2m to suitable pruning points to bring back into outline of primary crown structure.
- Any deadwood (>2cm diameter at its point of attachment) in the crown to be removed.

The overall heigh of the tree is to be retained and height reduction is not recommended.

3.4 As the tree is within the city conservation area, the recommended work will require six-weeks prior notification to Wiltshire Council for works to trees in a conservation area.

3.5 It is recommended that the London plane is re-inspected within three years from the date of the recent inspection.