

85 High Street, Great Cheverell, Devizes, SN10 5XR

BS 5837: 2012

Arboricultural Survey Records

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PART 1 : TREES and HEDGES WITHIN SITE

PART 2 : TREES and HEDGES BEYOND SITE CURTILAGE

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PART 1 : TREES and HEDGES WITHIN SITE

Trees: T1 –T6, T8 – T11, T13 and T14

Hedge sections: H1/1 –H1/3

See also:

Tree Survey/Tree Constraints Plan

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TREES:

R e f	Species	Ht m	Trunk Diam at 1.5m ht mm	a. Crown Spread m. b Canopy fringe ht m. c. 1 st branch ht m. d. 1 st branch diam mm.	Notes	BS 5837 Cats.
T1	Wild cherry	9	300 + 250 +200 BS 5837 Agg dbh 440	N a)6 b) 2.5 c) 4 d) 175 S a) 4 b) 2 c) 4 d) 200 W a) 4 b) 2 c) 4 d) 200 E a)6 b) <1 c) 4 d) 125	Position: Neglected garden area E of drive alongside existing bungalow 1. Arb Quality: Medium-sized mature tree in poor condition with short life-expectancy. Dense ivy prevents close view of much of base & lower trunk. Twin main stems arise from ca. 1m ht (NW & E). Considerable stag-heading inc some fairly heavy dead wood up to ca 200mm diam about upper half of tree; Lower parts of crown appear more vigorous though with a large, dead witches broom at ca 4m ht (N). Live, heavy witches broom about the end part of low branch to E- liable to cause branch breakage 2.Landscape Currently, moderately prominent from nearby part of High Street – prominence likely short-lived owing to poor condition of tree 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with fruiting tree, dead wood and ivy; no specific high worth features noted	U
T1 Root Protection Area (RPA) N/A : 'U' quality tree						
T2	Apple	5	170 + 150 + 100 BS 5837 Agg dbh 275	N a) 1 b) 3 c) 3 d) 50 S a) 5 b) <2 c) 1.2 d) 100 W a) 3 b) <2 c) 2.3 d) 75 E a)2 b) 2.3 c) 3 d) 50	Position: Neglected garden area E of drive, alongside overgrown roadside hedge 1. Arb Quality: Vigorous small, low mature fruit-tree with pronounced lean to/over roadside hedge ; triple-stemmed from low forks. Crown unbalanced – dense low canopy overreaches roadside hedge to S ; crown suppressed to N by T1 . 2.Landscape T2 makes modest contribution to density of roadside woody vegetation; negligible individual landscape contribution 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with small fruiting tree; no specific high worth features noted	C1
T2 Root Protection Area (RPA) Radius: 3.3m Area : 34sqm						
T3	Plum	7	240	No remaining crown structure	Position: Mid-region of neglected garden area E of drive 1. Arb Quality: Densely ivy-clad, small, drawn-up, long-dead tree liable to collapse in near future. 2.Landscape No features of notable landscape value identified 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with small dead tree ; no specific high worth features noted	U
T3 Root Protection Area (RPA) N/A : 'U' quality tree						

R e f	Species	Ht m	Trunk Diam at 1.5m ht mm	a .Crown Spread m. b Canopy fringe ht m. c. 1 st branch ht m. d. 1 st branch diam mm.	Notes	BS 5837 Cats.
T4	Plum	9	180 + 150 + 100 BS 5837 Agg dbh: 255	N a) 3 b) 5 c) 5 d) 25 S a) 4 b) 4 c) 4 d) 25 W a) 4 b) 5 c) 1 d) 100* E a) 3.5 b) 5 c) 5 d) 75 *Tightly upswept	Position: Neglected garden area E of drive, alongside overgrown roadside hedge 1. Arb Quality: Small multi-stemmed tree with short life expectancy. Tight basal forks & osculation of lower stem regions. Two additional dead, truncated lower stems (100mm and 175 mm diam). Fruiting bodies of decay fungi near base & above (mid-height) on dead truncated remnant stem. Crown grows over /into Apple T2 and also over-reaches neglected roadside hedge 2.Landscape Modest contribution to density of roadside woody vegetation; negligible individual landscape contribution 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with small fruiting tree with dead wood and decay; no specific high worth features noted	U
<u>T4 Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>N/A : 'U' quality tree</u>						
T5	Plum	7	120 + 100 x2+ 50 x 3 BS 5837 Agg dbh: 205	N - SE a) 4 b)4 c) 2.5 d) 100 W - E a) 1 b) 5 c) 5 d) <50	Position: Neglected garden are E of drive alongside of overgrown hedge at top of roadside bank ca. 3m from edge of road; next to low wire-netting fence (SE corner of site) 1. Arb Quality: Small poor quality drawn-up, tightly multi-stemmed tree, leaning over roadside hedge to E, tangentially towards road. Very dense ivy cover. Marked crown dieback and dead wood; overall poor condition. Short life expectancy 2.Landscape: Negligible landscape contribution 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with small fruiting tree; no specific high worth features noted	U
<u>T5 Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>N/A : 'U' quality tree</u>						
T6	Apple	4.5	150 + 80 x 2 BS 5837 Agg dbh: 190	N - S a) 4.5 b)1.3 c) 2.5 d) 100 W a) 1 b) 1 c) 1 d) <25 E a)2 b) 2 c) 2 d) 50	Position: Neglected garden area E of drive near road (SE corner of site) 1. Arb Quality: Small, multi-stemmed tree leaning to SE; low, one-sided crown, principally to S, suppressed to N (NE and NW). Dense small canopy and suckers .Previous rough lower branch removal(E & SE : 100mm & 150mm diam) leaving < 1m length stumps 2.Landscape Modest contribution to density of roadside woody vegetation; negligible individual landscape contribution 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with small fruiting tree; no specific high worth features noted	C1
<u>T6 Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>Radius: 2.3m Area : 17sqm</u>						
T7 : Hawthorn : Tree stands outside site – See Part 2 Records below						

R e f	Species	Ht m	Trunk Diam at 1.5m ht mm	a .Crown Spread m. b Canopy fringe ht m. c. 1 st branch ht m. d. 1 st branch diam mm.	M at	Vi g	E R C	Notes	BS 5837 Cats.
G8	Plum	5 - 6	180 + 180 + 180 BS5837 Agg dbh: 310	N a)2.5 b) 3 c) 2.5 d) 50 S a) 3 b) 3 c) 3 d) <20 W a) <2 b) 3 c) 3 d) <20 E a) 3 b) 2.5 c) 2.5 d) 50	EM- MM	M	>10	Position: Neglected garden area E of drive towards NE site boundary , alongside overgrown hedge and associated dense bushy vegetation 1. Arb Quality: G8 is densely ivy-clad & embedded in dense thicket (prevented clear view of lower parts) Three stems rise, (approx N –S) apparently as fairly young regrowth from parts of what looks to be a much older low-truncated remnant base that likely houses decay . Regrowth has healthy-looking small canopy. 2.Landscape G8 contributes to density of woody vegetation along site's side boundary ; negligible individual landscape contribution 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with small fruiting tree with dead wood and decay; no specific high worth features noted	C1
<u>G8 Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>Radius: 3.7m Area : 43sqm</u>									
T9	Ash	11	350	N a) 4 b) 5 c) 3.5 d) 75 S a) 4 b) 2 c) 3 d) 50 W a) 4 b) 2 c) 2 d) 50 E a) 5 b) 5 c) 2 d) 100	EM/ MM	M	Ash dieback ERC uncertain due to risk from	Position: NE corner part of site directly next to post & rail side-boundary fence with neighbour's bushy vegetation (mostly hazel) alongside and end of neighbour's parking area beyond, ca est 5m to E/SE at base of low bank 1. Arb Quality: Medium-sized young ash tree with generally well-proportioned crown. Single, upright main stem with side branches from ca. 2m ht . A few dead shoot tips about parts of upper outer crown & occasional dead wood <50mm diam about lower crown- features characteristic (though not exclusively) of light early stage Ash dieback infection. Symptoms are currently not pronounced. Canopy generally healthy-looking with density est 85 – 90% of nominal full healthy norm. High rates of ash die back infection in much of locality 2.Landscape: Medium- sized tree contributes to cover alongside boundary with neighbouring property. Contribution may be short-lived if dieback symptoms become more advanced 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with medium-sized native ash; no specific high worth features noted. Likely high risk of dieback in future	?? B1 B2 ?? Risk from Ash die back
<u>T9 Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>Radius: 4.2m Area : 55sqm</u>									
T10	Holly	8	300 + 200 BS 5837 Agg dbh: 360	N a) 4 b) 2 c) 2 d) 50 S a) 4.5 b) 3 c) 3 d) 50 W a) 5 b) 2 c) 2 d) <50 E a) 5 b) 2.5 c) 3 d) <50	FM	MH	>40	Position: NE corner part of site directly next to wire boundary fence ; neighbour's shed alongside to N/NE 1. Arb Quality: Medium-sized generally healthy-looking tree-form holly with low, broadly rounded pyramidal crown ; two main stems from nr base, multiple ascending stems (75 – 150mm diam) from ca. 3m ht.; lower parts closely surrounded by dense holly suckers . Occasional ingrown brambles. Part of crown reaches low over neighbour's shed 2.Landscape: Medium-sized evergreen tree alongside boundary with neighbour's meadow 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with medium-sized native evergreen tree; no specific high worth features noted	B1 B2
<u>T10 Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>Radius: 4.3m Area : 58sqm</u>									

R e f	Species	Ht m	Trunk Diam at 1.5m ht mm	a .Crown Spread m. b Canopy fringe ht m. c. 1 st branch ht m. d. 1 st branch diam mm.	M at	Vi g	E R C	Notes	BS 5837 Cats.
T11	Holly	6.5	220 + 120 +75 BS 5837 Agg dbh: 260	N a) 3 b) 1 c) 3 d) <50 S a) 3 b) 1.2 c) 3 d)< 50 W a) 2.5 b) <1 c) 3 d) <50 E a) 3 b) 1.5 c) 3 d) <50	FM	MH	>40	Position: NE quarter of site approx 1m from wire boundary fence ; neighbour's land beyond to N /NE 1. Arb Quality: Medium-sized generally healthy-looking tree-form holly with low, broadly rounded crown ; triple ascending stems from nr base, tight basal fork & osculating lower stem sections. Light ivy on main stems. Parts of outer crown reach low over neighbour's meadow ; outer canopy to W is intergrown with nearby cherries (G12) 2.Landscape: Medium-sized evergreen tree alongside boundary with neighbour's meadow 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with medium-sized native evergreen tree; no specific high worth features noted	B1 B2
<u>T11 Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>Radius: 3.1m Area : 30sqm</u>									
G12 : Wild cherry (x 2) : Trees stand outside site – See Part 2 Records below									
T13	Irish yew	5	100 + 100 x ca 3 + 75 x ca 5 + 50 x ca 15 BS 5837 Agg dbh: 325	N, S, W & E a) 2 b) <1 c) base d) 50-100	MM	M	>40	Position: Elevated ground mid-W half of site; Holly T14 alongside to NW 1. Arb Quality: Medium-small tree with broadly fastigiate, upswept, multi-stemmed, squat, 'top'-shaped form. Crown intergrown with ivy and some brambles Part of outer crown to NW is lightly in contact with crown of nearby Holly T14. Generally healthy-looking. Not yet fully grown A few lighter outer stems to E are showing signs of beginning to splay 2.Landscape: Medium-small evergreen tree – not particularly attractive but fairly prominent from nearby road and neighbour to NW 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with medium-small, young yew cultivar ; no specific high worth features noted	B1 B2
<u>T13 Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>Radius: 3.9m Area : 48sqm</u>									
T14	Holly	7	300	N a) 3 b) Ground c) <1 d) <50 S a) 3 b) Ground c) <1 d) <50 W a) 3 b) Ground c) <1 d) <50 E a) 3 b) Ground c) <1 d) <50	FM	M	>400	Position: Elevated ground mid-W half of site; Irish Yew T13 alongside to SE 1. Arb Quality: Medium-small sized tree-form holly with single upright main stem and generally well-proportioned broad, pyramidal crown. Lower canopy has been cut back in places Part of outer crown to SE is in light contact with crown of nearby Yew T13. T14 is heavily intergrown with brambles 2.Landscape: Medium-small evergreen tree – not particularly attractive but fairly prominent from nearby road and neighbour to NW 3.Conservation: General conservation value associated with native holly ; no specific high worth features noted	B1 B2
<u>T14 Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>Radius: 3.6m Area : 41sqm</u>									

R e f	Species	Ht m	Trunk Diam at 1.5m ht mm	a .Crown Spread m. b Canopy fringe ht m. c. 1 st branch ht m. d. 1 st branch diam mm.	M at	Vi g	E R C	Notes	BS 5837 Cats.
T15: Holly: Tree stands outside site – See Part 2 Records below									
T16 : N/A (Small young Rowan outside site alongside T17 : RPA and crownsread clear of site)									
T17: Silver Birch : Tree stands outside site – See Part 2 Records below									

HEDGES

Ref	Species	Approx. trunk Diam at 1.5m ht	Approx. Length x height x width	Maturity	Vigour	Notes
H1/1	<i>Lonicera nitida</i> Bramble	Est <50mm -	L : 42m Ht : 1.5 -2m W : 1.5 - 2m	FM	High	Broad, somewhat sprawling healthy, vigorous roadside hedge, reaching from SW corner of site to W side of driveway entrance to property Evergreen species (other than in extremely cold winters). Centre-line of hedge not readily obvious Until recently, flanks and top of H1/1 section look to have been trimmed to contain excessive growth
H1/2 & H1/3	<i>Lonicera nitida</i> Elder Damson Ivy Bramble	Est <50mm Est <100mm -	L : 18m+ 10m Ht : 2m -5m W : 2 - 4m	FM	High - Mod	H1/2 is a neglected overgrown roadside hedge section , reaching from E side of driveway entrance to SE corner of site ; then becoming increasingly overgrown and broader, extending northwards as shown on plan as H1/3 partway (est 10m) alongside boundary with neighbouring property to E Lonicera nitida formed the original hedge many years ago. Over time it has become intergrown with other species - principally root suckers from nearby plum trees along with considerable bramble and ivy Centre-line of hedge not obvious

PART 2 : TREES and HEDGES BEYOND SITE CURTILAGE

i.e. Tree and hedges arising from neighbouring land close to boundary , where the site lies within or abuts RPA &/or crown spread

Trees: T7, G12 x 2, T15 and T17

Hedge sections: H2/1 and H2/2

See also:

Tree Survey/Tree Constraints Plan

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R e f	Species	Ht m	Trunk Diam at 1.5m ht mm	a. Crown Spread m. b. Canopy fringe ht m. c. 1 st branch ht m. d. 1 st branch diam mm	M at	Vi g	E R C	Notes	BS 5837 Cats.
T7	Hawthorn	9	Est 400	N a) 3 b) <2 c) 2 d) 50 S a) 4 b) 5 c) 5 d) 100 W a) 3 b) 3 c) 3 d) 50 E a) 5 b) 4 c) 4 d) 75	FM	M	>20	Position: Roadside tree standing on neighbouring land outside curtilage of No 85, within dense shrubby thicket shortly beyond SE corner of site on low roadside bank alongside speed-limit sign & neighbour's driveway entrance. No direct access made to tree 1. Arb Quality: Medium-sized mature hawthorn with full crown. Very dense ivy cover present throughout. This and surrounding dense thicket considerably limited inspection & assessment of T7. Parts of crown reach over road by <3m. Occasional dead wood noted mostly in lower crown (<50mm diam) but as far as ivy permitted view, canopy generally healthy-looking 2. Landscape: Medium-sized roadside tree – prominent from road view 3. Conservation: General conservation value associated with medium-sized mature native tree and ivy; no specific high worth features noted	C1 B2
<u>T7 Est. Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>Radius: 4.8m Area : 72sqm</u>									
G 12	Wild cherry (x 2)	9	SW tree : 200 NE tree : 150 + 100 +100 NE stem BS5837 Agg dbh: 210	Group: N a) 4 b) 2 c) 2.5 d) <50 S a) 4 b) 1.5 c) 2 d) 100 W a) 3 b) 1.5 c) 2.5 d) 50 E a) <3 b) 2-4 c) 3 d) <25	EM	MH/ H	<40	Position: G12 trees(x 2) stand on neighbour's land outside curtilage of No 85; aligned SW- NE, 1.3m apart & directly alongside wire boundary-fence 1. Arb Quality: Medium-small generally healthy-looking young trees with upright stems and lightweight, mostly radial branching. SW tree is single stemmed; NE tree is triple stemmed. Canopies are lightly intergrown with one another & also (esp. NE tree) with Holly T11. Canopies reach over neighbour's meadow and edge of No 85 site. G12 cherries are not yet fully grown 2. Landscape: Medium-small pair of cherries (with blossom in spring) in neighbour's meadow, alongside part of site boundary 3. Conservation: General conservation value associated with medium small, young native trees with blossom and fruit ; no specific high worth features noted	B1 B2
<u>G12 Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>SW tree -Radius: 2.4m Area : 18sqm</u> <u>NE tree -Radius: 2.5m Area : 20sqm</u>									
T15	Holly	5	Estimated 150 + 100 BS 5837 Agg dbh: 180	Estimated N, S W, E a) 2m b) 1.5m c) 1.5m c) 50	MM	M	>20	Position: Tree stands in neighbouring yard/garden outside curtilage of No 85; at rear of neighbour's dwelling, alongside NW corner of site; est 1m from W -facing profile of boundary hedge. No close access made to tree for assessment 1. Arb Quality: Small generally healthy-looking twin-stemmed tree with small, lightly-branched, open crown. Crown reaches partway over boundary hedge – does not over-reach site 2. Landscape: Small evergreen tree close to boundary, near neighbour's dwelling 3. Conservation: General conservation value associated with native holly ; no specific high worth features noted	C1 B2
<u>T15 Root Protection Area (RPA)</u> <u>Radius: 2.2m Area : 15sqm</u>									

R e f	Species	Ht m	Trunk Diam at 1.5m ht mm	a .Crown Spread m. b Canopy fringe ht m. c. 1 st branch ht m. d. 1 st branch diam mm.	M at	Vi g	E R C	Notes	BS 5837 Cats.
T17	Silver birch	13	Estimated 280	Estimated N, S W, E a) 4 -5m b) 1 - 2m c) 2m c) 50 - 75	MM	H	<40	Position: Neighbouring front garden outside curtilage of No 85 site , nr .road frontage, alongside SW corner of site; est 1.5m from W-facing profile of boundary hedge. No close access made to tree for assessment. (Young planted drawn-up, lightly branched Rowan (6mht x est 100mmdbh) nearby in neighbour's garden est 5m to NNW of T17 & est 1.5m from W face of hedge H2/1- site lies beyond crown-spread and BS 5837 RPA range) 1. Arb Quality: Medium-sized generally healthy-looking attractive, tall, high quality, young tree; not fully grown; upright, single main stem; lightly-branched, columnar, full crown; occ. canopy tips to E over-reach boundary hedge by <1m . 2. Landscape: Attractive, medium-sized boundary tree; prominent from road 3. Conservation General conservation value associated with native birch ; no specific high worth features noted	A1 A2

HEDGES

Ref	Species	Approx. trunk Diam at 1.5m ht	Approx. Length x height x width	Maturity	Vigour	Notes
H2/1	Hawthorn Ivy	Est ≤75mm -	L : 30m Ht : 1.2m -2m W : est. 2-2.5 m	MM	High	Healthy-looking apparently vigorous, single species (Hawthorn) hedge considerably infiltrated by ivy Until recently, flanks and top of H2/1 section look to have been routinely trimmed Stem-line of H2/1 not readily obvious H2/1 stands alongside boundary of neighbouring garden, on land outside curtilage of No 85 site
H2/2	Purple foliated Berberis Variegated japanese privet, Escallonia	Est <50mm	L : 5m Ht : 2 – 4m W : 3-4m	MM	Mod –High	Small free-growing cluster of ornamental shrubs in neighbour's garden outside curtilage of No 85 site at S end of H2/1, near road frontage

BS 5837: 2012 Cascade chart for assessment of tree quality

Table 1 Cascade chart for tree quality assessment

Category and definition	Criteria (including subcategories where appropriate)			Identification on plan
Trees unsuitable for retention (see Note)				
Category U Those in such a condition that they cannot realistically be retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years	- Trees that have a serious, irremediable, structural defect, such that their early loss is expected due to collapse, including those that will become unviable after removal of other category U trees (e.g. where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning) - Trees that are dead or are showing signs of significant, immediate, and irreversible overall decline - Trees infected with pathogens of significance to the health and/or safety of other trees nearby, or very low quality trees suppressing adjacent trees of better quality <i>NOTE Category U trees can have existing or potential conservation value which it might be desirable to preserve; see 4.5.7.</i>			See Table 2
	1 Mainly arboricultural qualities	2 Mainly landscape qualities	3 Mainly cultural values, including conservation	
Trees to be considered for retention				
Category A Trees of high quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years	Trees that are particularly good examples of their species, especially if rare or unusual; or those that are essential components of groups or formal or semi-formal arboricultural features (e.g. the dominant and/or principal trees within an avenue)	Trees, groups or woodlands of particular visual importance as arboricultural and/or landscape features	Trees, groups or woodlands of significant conservation, historical, commemorative or other value (e.g. veteran trees or wood-pasture)	See Table 2
Category B Trees of moderate quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years	Trees that might be included in category A, but are downgraded because of impaired condition (e.g. presence of significant though remediable defects, including unsympathetic past management and storm damage), such that they are unlikely to be suitable for retention for beyond 40 years; or trees lacking the special quality necessary to merit the category A designation	Trees present in numbers, usually growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals; or trees occurring as collectives but situated so as to make little visual contribution to the wider locality	Trees with material conservation or other cultural value	See Table 2
Category C Trees of low quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150 mm	Unremarkable trees of very limited merit or such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories	Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on them significantly greater collective landscape value; and/or trees offering low or only temporary/transient landscape benefits	Trees with no material conservation or other cultural value	See Table 2

Tree Survey and Assessment method - Explanatory Notes

1. External features of the specified trees have been carefully inspected from ground level and data have been recorded.
2. The Root Protection Area (RPA) figures (standard radius and area for circular configuration) for individual trees have been calculated in accordance with BS 5837: 2012 criteria (BS 5837:2012 Item 4.6) and are included within the tree assessment record. RPA radius is measured from centre of base of the trunk, at ground level. Root Protection Areas provided within the report and on accompanying plans are based on calculations from trunk dbh as measured at the time of inspection.
3. The recorded tree assessment data comprise:

a. Species

Common English name is given

b. Tree Height

Approximate tree height in metres, estimated by eye

c. Trunk Diameter at 1.5m height

Trunk diameter at 1.5m ht (also referred to as Trunk diameter at Breast Height (DBH)) is a mean figure calculated from accurate measurement of trunk girth at 1.5m height above ground at base of tree; measured according to established tree-measuring conventions. Where trees are multi-stemmed from below 1.5m height, the cross sectional area of the stems at approx. 1.5m ht is amassed and a notional stem diameter is calculated from this aggregated total, in keeping with BS 5837 guidance. Where dense ivy is present about a trunk at breast height, tape measurements have been adjusted on a tree-by-tree basis to make what is intended to be reasonable allowance for ivy thickness.

d(i) Radial Crown Spread

The approximate spread of the crown from trunk to canopy drip-line is recorded to approx N, S, W and E.

d (ii) Canopy fringe height

The approximate height above ground of the lower outer fringe of the crown of the tree, is recorded to approx N, S, W and E.

d(iii) and d(iv) Lowest branch height and diameter

Approximate height and orientation of lowest significant branch & respective approximate branch diameter shortly beyond union with trunk /parent stem are noted

e. Maturity

Tree maturity is banded as Juvenile, Early Mature, Mid-mature, Fully mature, Late mature, Veteran; abbreviated respectively as JUV, EM, MM, FM, LM.

f. Vitality

Tree vitality is assessed according to commonly used indicators about the trees. The overall outward expression of tree health is considered by reference to a range of features, including the quality of foliage and young shoots, canopy density, bark condition, and incidence of disease, dead wood and die-back.

Vitality is banded as High, Moderate-high, Moderate, Moderate-low, Low; respectively abbreviated to H, MH, M, ML and L. A tree may also be classed as Moribund or Dead.

g. Estimated Remaining Contribution (ERC)

This is intended as a very broad guide to indicate – estimated in bands of years (e.g. 0, < 5, <10, <20, >20, >40 yrs) – the approximate likely period, that the tree might be expected to make a ‘useful’ contribution to its current surroundings, based on the present impression of tree health, landscape contribution and cultural and/or habitat qualities, in current circumstances. It assumes reasonable tree management will take place and takes into account the maturity of the individual

tree and the typical life expectancy of the species, along with other species' characteristics. ERC assessment emphatically should not be considered to be a tree safety assessment.

h. Notes

A brief account of the inspection notes regarding salient features of the trees. This is not intended to provide a thorough account of tree condition or a safety assessment and is not a substitute for such. With regard to tree safety issues, only clearly obvious risks of imminent structural tree failure that might result in serious harm in the current site context at time of inspection are noted and, as judged appropriate, recommendations are made for their treatment. Unless stated otherwise, here and elsewhere in the main Report, distance from tree relates to distance from estimated centre of base of trunk at ground level.

i. Tree Quality Categorisation

Tree quality categorization is intended to help inform decisions in the planning stages of a development proposal, with regard to the treatment of existing trees within a scheme. It is not definitive and is bound by the criteria provided within the BS 5837 guidance. Quality categorisation is current as at the time of inspection and liable to change with time and circumstance. Quality categorisation is not a safety assessment and is not a substitute for such.

Definitions, categories and criteria for quality categorisation are reproduced from BS 5837: 2012 on a preceding page of this Report

Limitations

- a) Only those trees that have been identified with a survey number (e.g. T1 , T2 etc) in the survey records & on the accompanying Tree Survey /Tree Constraints Plan have been considered.
- b) The tree survey has been undertaken only from within the site and the adjacent public highway verge; only from ground level and only where there has been ready, easy access to the respective trees/hedges at the time of the survey visit. No access has been made to other property outside the site
- c) Trees have not been subject to assessment by means of climbing or other aerial inspection. External features of the trees have been assessed visually. No technical devices have been used to assess the condition of the trees; no attempt has been made to gain access to hidden tree parts or to inner tissue. No investigations have been undertaken below ground. Where there are obstacles to clear view of external tree parts (e.g. ivy, hedging, undergrowth, debris, structures), tree defects and other features may have been inadequately recorded and not given due weight in the assessment; or may have passed unrecorded and not been taken into account
- d) The survey records the size, condition and circumstances of the trees and their surroundings, as observed on the day of the inspection (5th June 2025). Tree growth and/or changes in condition and surrounding circumstances are liable to variously affect the assessment and its reliability over time.
- e) The survey is not a tree safety assessment.
- f) The survey does not include assessment of soil type, drainage, habitat, biodiversity or tree-related shade.
- g) No account has been taken of possible past, present or future influence upon ground conditions of the removal, or continued growth of woody vegetation, whether pruned or otherwise. Below-ground Impacts, associated with influence of woody plants, upon current or future structures, including drains, may be significant (e.g. variously through influencing or causing subsidence or heave, or by direct root and stem pressure or root infiltration) but their consideration does not form part of this assessment.
- h) All dimensions, proportions, calculations, estimates of age and reference to compass orientation provided by Wessex Tree Consultancy are

approximate. Site plans and drawings provided by the client or his agent, showing existing site features including tree positions have been assumed to be adequate. Any plans provided by Wessex Tree Consultancy are approximate- including any additions made by Wessex Tree Consultancy to plans provided by the client. Plan dimensions should be verified on site.

- i) The client should ensure before undertaking any work to trees, including treatments arising as a consequence of information set out in the report, that all relevant permissions, verifications and safeguards that are required for the work to proceed in accordance with statutory regulations and other legal constraints, have been properly investigated and discharged by the client and are effective at the time of operations.