

1 Shaftesbury Drove, Salisbury
– Aerial tree inspection findings (23.06.26).



Photo 1



Photo 2

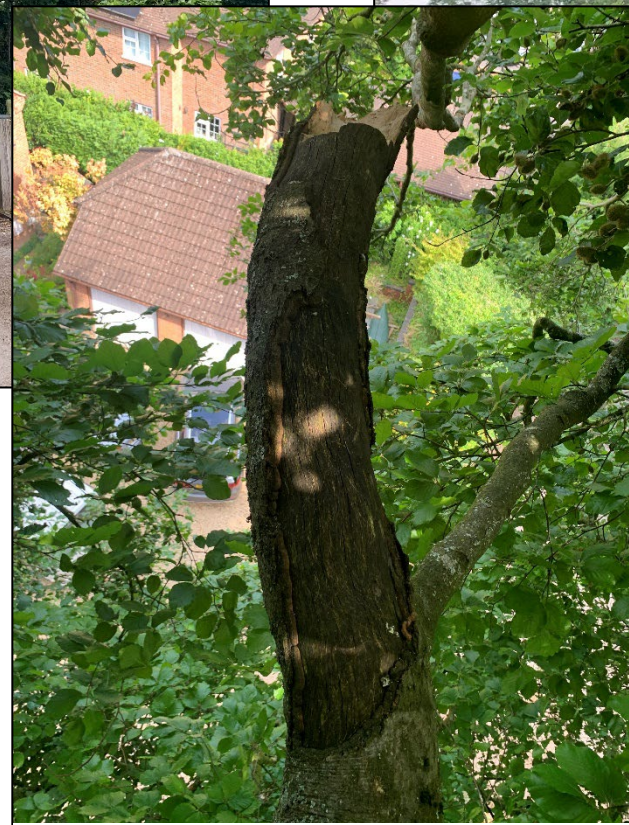


Photo 3

Recommendation:

Crown reduction to reduce sail area of upper canopy by 2-4m, tapering into the lower branches (lower branches can be retained with little pruning). An approximate pruning line is outlined in yellow on the above photo.

Reason:

This tree has a history of branch failures. Historically, a large stem failed into the nearby footpath (see photo 10) and in recent years smaller branches have failed onto the driveway below. The reason for the recent failures is squirrel damage as seen in Photo 3. After conducting a climbing inspection, many more squirrel damaged branches have been found (Photos 4-9 on next page all show squirrel damage). Reducing the upper portion of the tree (where the damaged branches are) will significantly reduce the likelihood of future branch failure. The tree shows good vigour, and it is expected to tolerate the pruning.

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Photo 4

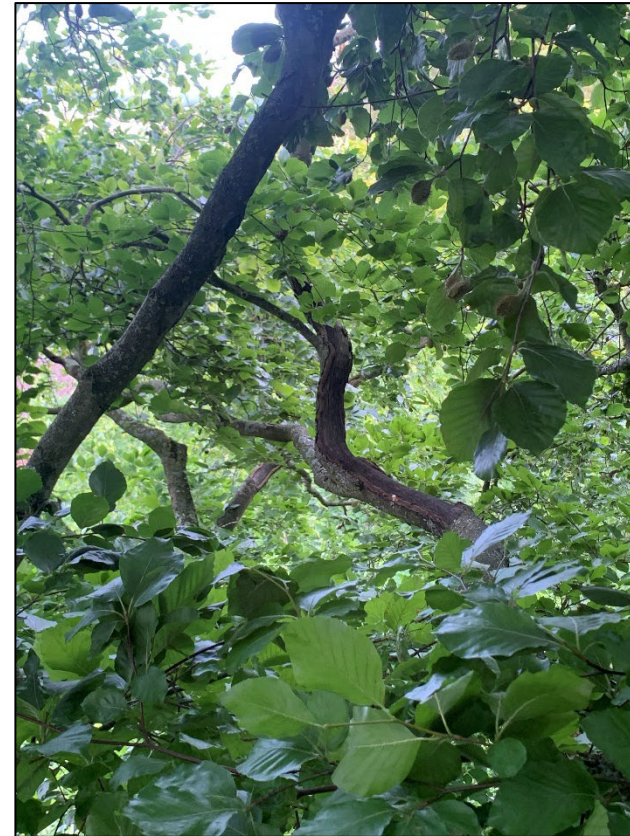


Photo 5



Photo 6

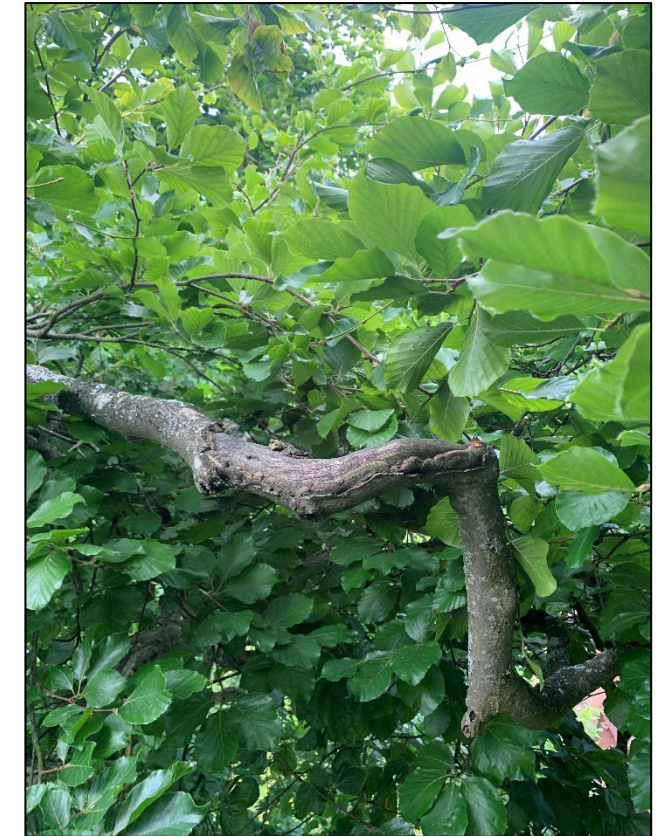


Photo 7

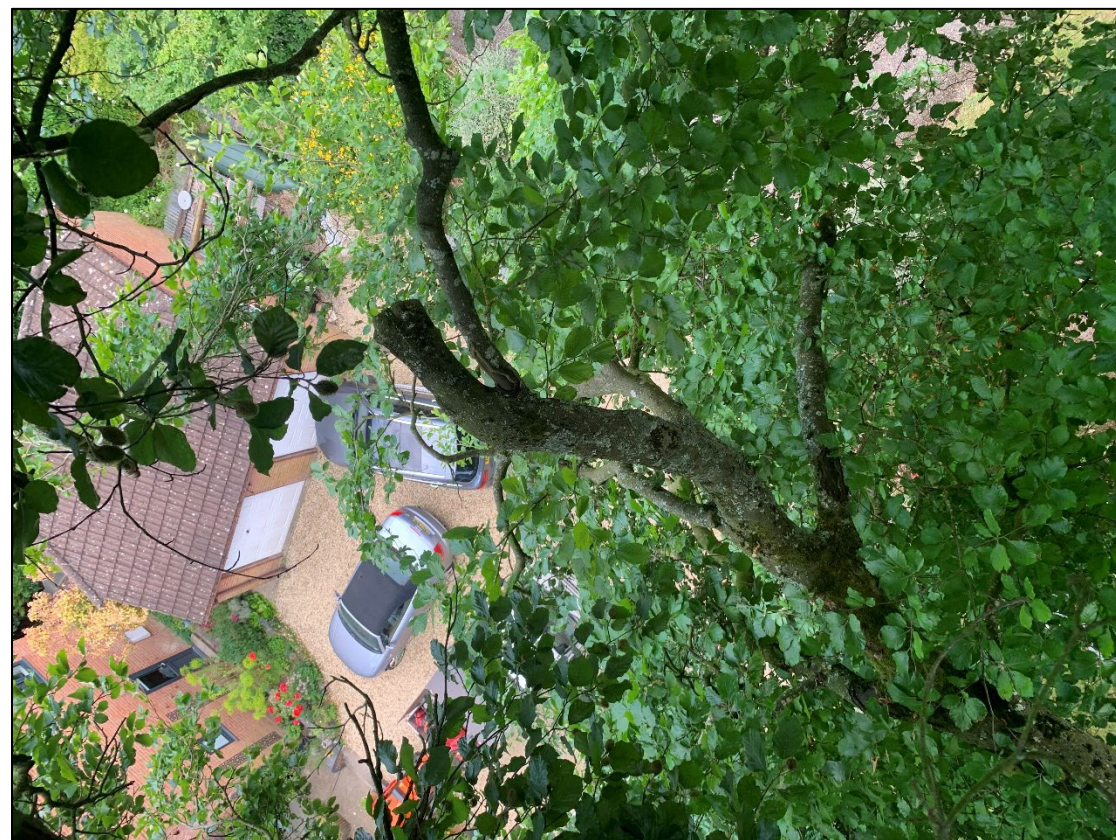


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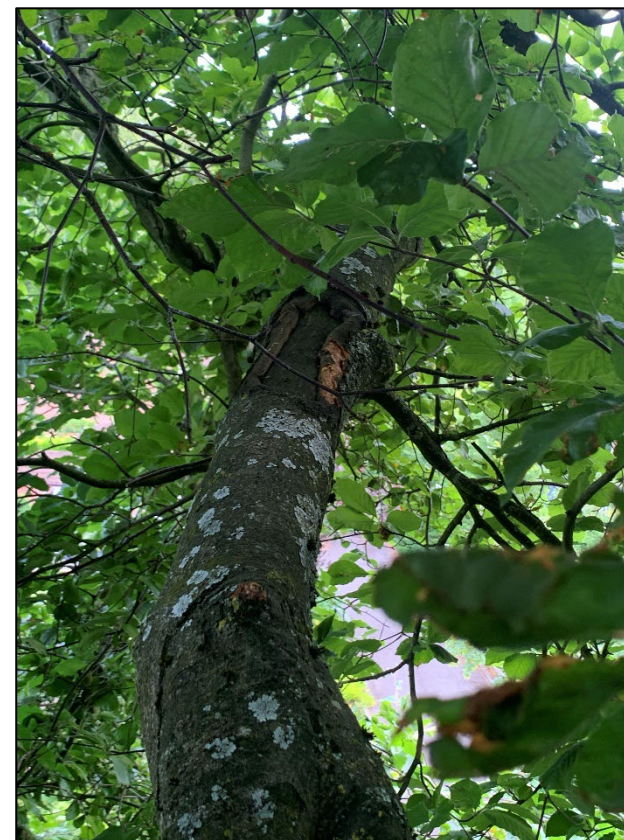


Photo 9



Photo 10

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Photo 11 – T2 Overview



Photo 12 – Decayed wound

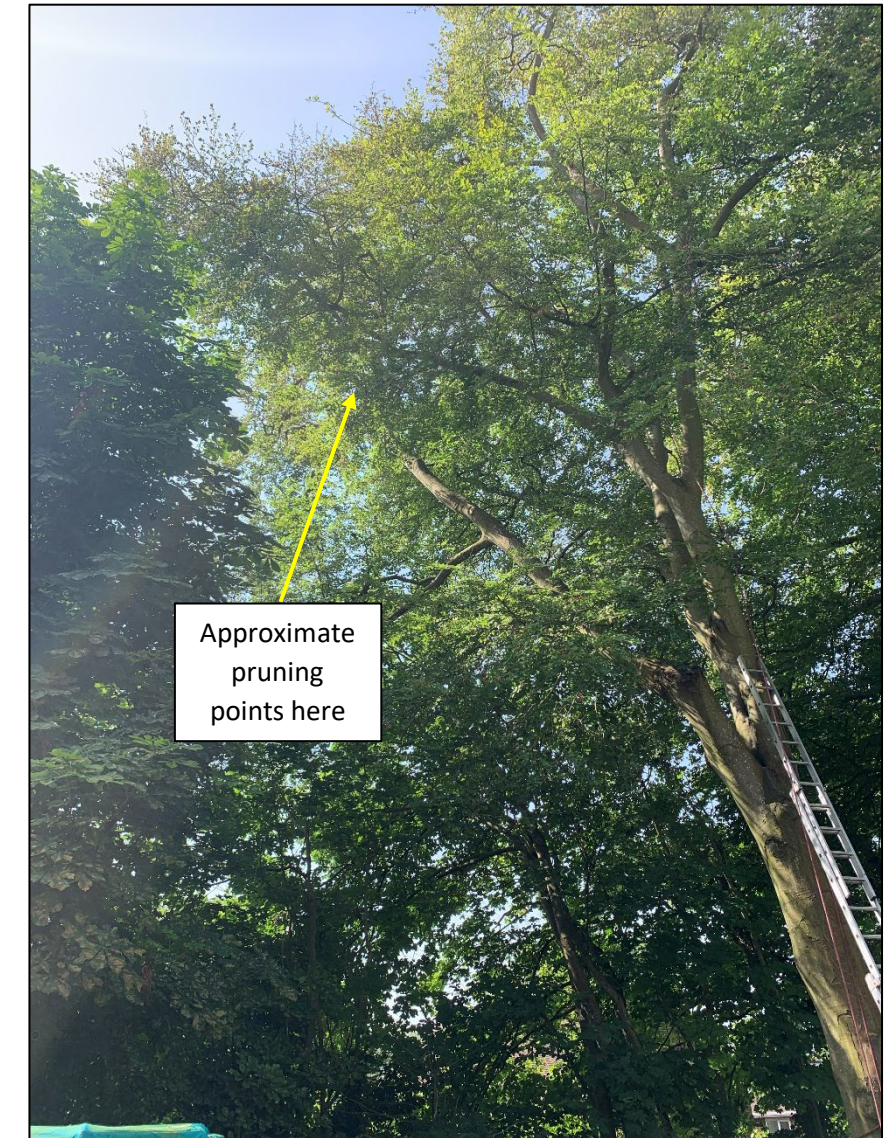


Photo 13 – Proposed approximate pruning point

Recommendation:

Selectively prune co-dominant stem by 2-3m to suitable growth points.

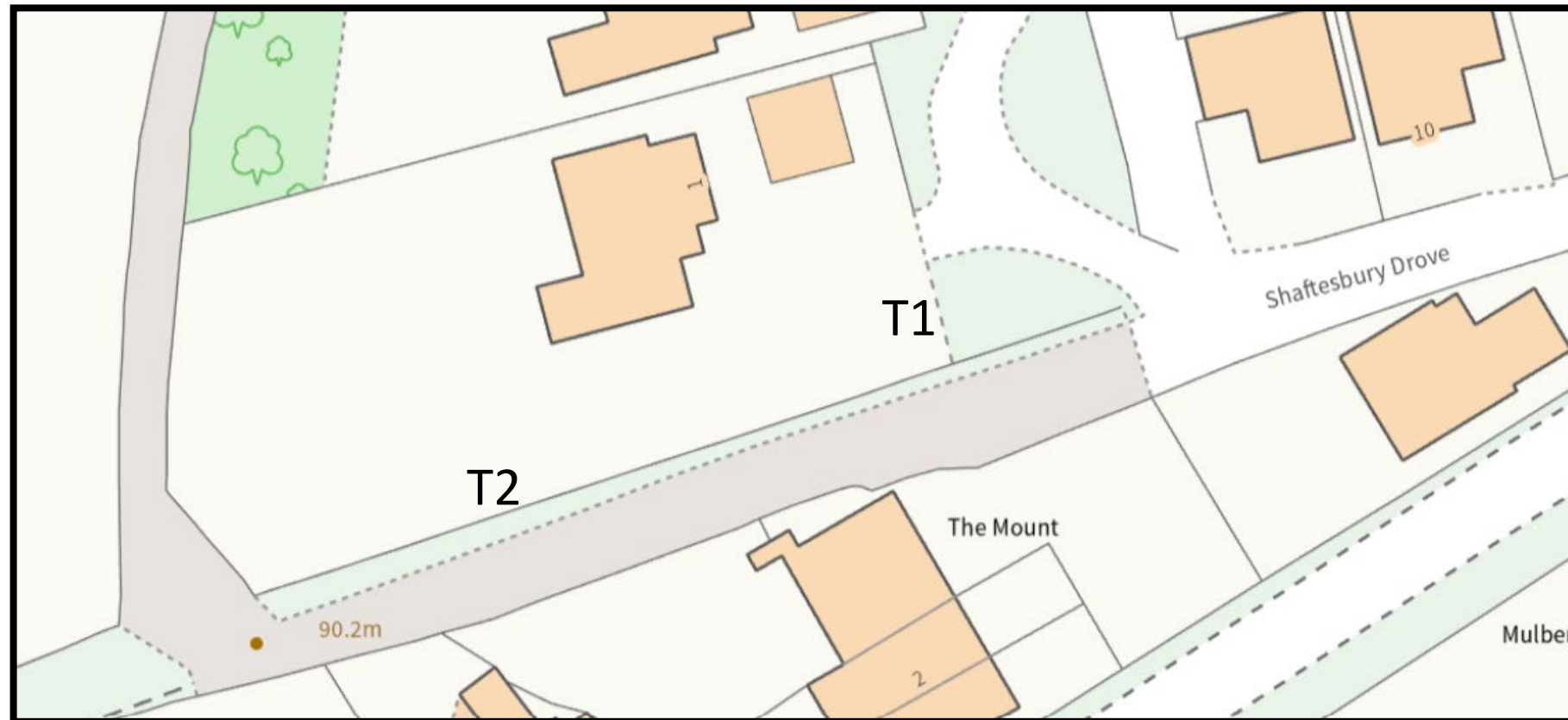
Reason:

A large wound can be seen at 8m (photo 12) near the source of the co-dominant stem. Decay is evident and the area creates a weak point on the stem. Minor pruning work to alleviate the wind stresses on this stem is proposed to prevent its failure.

Harder pruning has been considered but is not recommended as further decay areas are present on the adjacent dominant stem and greater works would expose the rest of the canopy to wind forces that would otherwise have been dampened by the co-dominant stem branches.

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