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Tree Survey & Report - West Lancashire Borough Council

Pathways Blackpool Road Newton

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Tree Survey Report

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Pathways, Blackpool Road, Newton.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 A request for a Tree Survey and Report was made by Mr N Robinson in support of a potential application for development at the site: Pathways, Blackpool Road, Newton. This report is only concerned with a preliminary visual walkover assessment of the trees and hedges that are situated on, or adjacent to, the land within the site. The site visit was carried out on the 2nd October 2018.

2.0 Comments and Observations

2.1 The site for the proposed development is an area of mixed use including a residential property, equine stables and yard as well as an open space at the front used for car parking. In terms of trees, there are very few across the site that are of any merit. Some self-seeded scrub dominates on the western side of the residential property and there is a scattering of low grade trees within the garden area.

2.2 Apart from the trees around the residential property there is just a few scattered low grade trees in various locations. In terms of the BS 5837 Tree Quality Assessment, there is none of any merit and there is nothing to suggest that any of the trees on the site should be retained as part of any future development. Generally speaking, the vegetation across the site offers little or no amenity value for the surrounding area.

2.3 The only other vegetation of any note is the hedgerow along the southern boundary of the site. This is a mixed hedgerow mainly made up of Hawthorn and Blackthorn with some Elder and Sycamore that will provide a good landscape buffer zone if the site is to be developed.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Any tree surgery to be carried out should be to the standard as set out within BS 3998 Tree Work - Recommendations. If vegetation removal is deemed necessary during the bird nesting season, March – August, there should be an ecology survey produced that covers any possibility of nesting birds on the site.

4.0 Limitations of the Survey/Report

4.1 All tree surveys are undertaken from ground level and no trees are climbed as part of the inspection.

4.2 No internal examination of trees was undertaken.

4.3 Recommendations are made on the basis of tree health and condition at the time of the inspection, as well as the required details for pruning works in relation to BS 3998 Tree Work – Recommendations.

4.4 Trees are living growing things that can not be guaranteed safe. It is recommended that trees are inspected on a regular basis.

4.5 At no time has the issue of subsidence been considered as part of this report.

Pathways Blackpool Road Newton

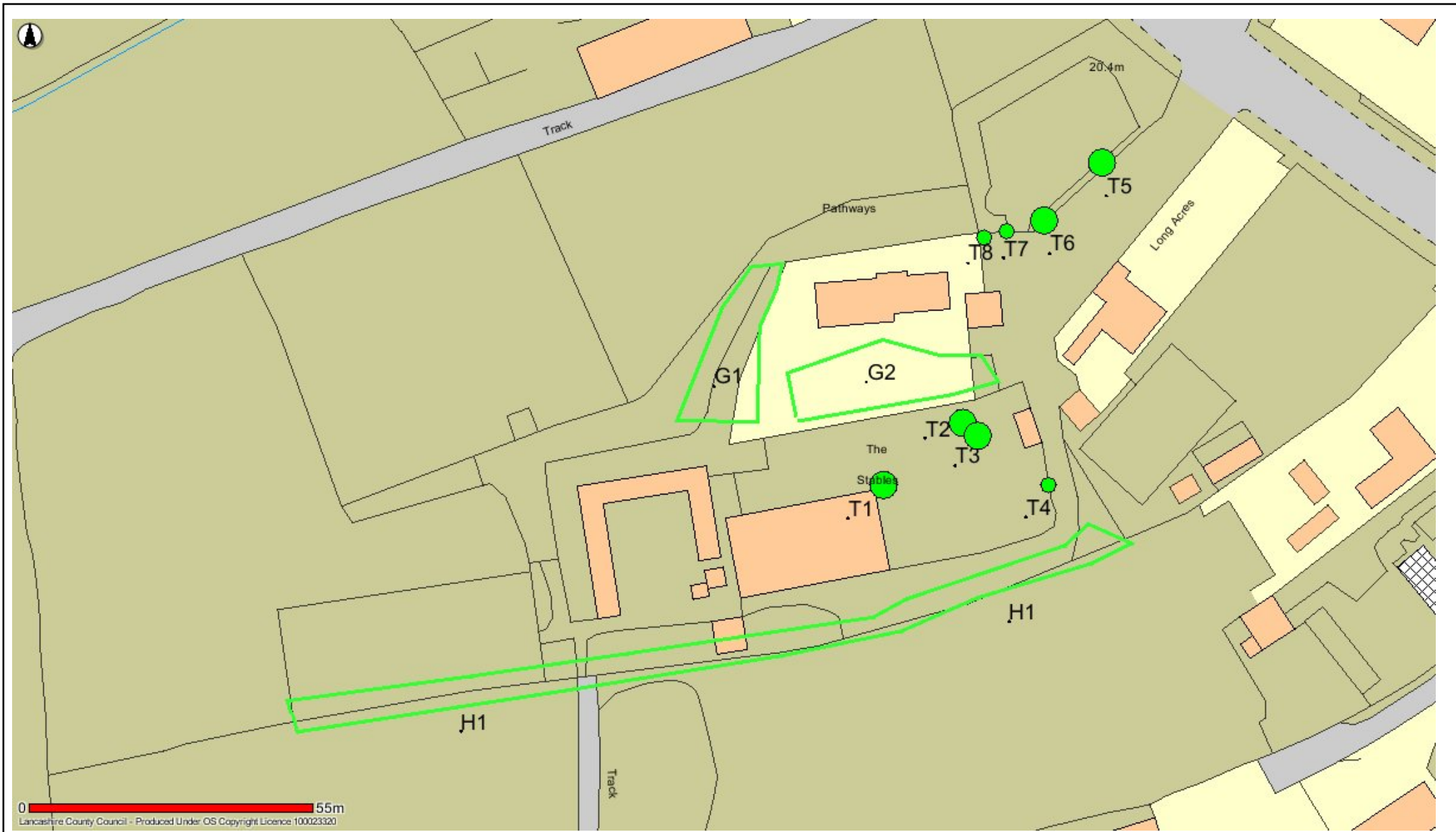
Tree No.	Species	Height (m)	Stem DBH (cm)	Crown Spread (m)	Condition	Age Class	Structural Conditions	BS 5837 CAT
T1	Pine	8	35	4	G	EM	Typical of species	C1
T2	Birch	7	30	2	F	YT	Good form	B1
T3	Birch	7	20	2	P	YT	Poor vitality & form	C1
T4	Ash	6	20	2	P	YT	Multi-stemmed self-seeded	C1
T5	Alder	5	20	2	P	YT	Poor vitality & form	C1
T6	Alder	6	25	3	F	YT	Typical of species	B1
T7	Crab Apple	3	10	1	F	YT	Typical of species	C1
T8	Beech	5	10	1	P	YT	Self-seeded poor form	C1
G1	Willow Poplar Alder Birch Ornamental Conifers	9	15	3	P	YT	Low grade self-seeded scrub	C2
G2	Pine Birch Laburnum Various Shrubs	10	15	3	F	YT	Typical low grade garden planting	C2

Key to Headings Abbreviations

Tree Number: T (Tree) G (Group)

Condition: F (Fair) G (Good) P (Poor)

Age Class: M (Mature) OM (Over Mature) EM (Early Mature) YT (Young Tree) D (Dead)



Tree Survey - Pathways, Blackpool Road, Newton



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