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Tree Report

1. Introduction

This report has been produced for Dr Reid regarding the trees at the front of their property at 6 Crofts Park, Hepscott, NE61 6LJ

The tree has been assessed from ground level using industry best practice Visual Tree Assessment Techniques.

Visual assessment conducted on 16/01/23 during the afternoon, conditions were clear, frozen and approximately 2 degrees centigrade.

2. Summary

There are several mature trees located on the front garden at No 6 Crofts Park and the garden is open plan, leading onto a pedestrian footpath and access road into the estate. These trees have been monitored over several years but now three are in a state of decline and there is concern for their viability and stability.

T1 Horse Chestnut is a mature tree standing at approximately 18m. A bleeding canker was observed at approximately 1.5m. This can be a bacterial infection however, fungal decay was also detected at the base of the tree and possible evidence of Honey Fungus. The base of the tree is decayed and whole tree failure is likely.

T2 Corsican Pine is 20m and located directly behind T3. This tree has suffered from previous storm damage which snapped out a large section of the crown. The tree is now heavily weighted to one side and Ivy clad, which prevents a fuller inspection of the tree. A crown reduction is not possible on this tree and the removal of T1 and T3 will make the tree vulnerable to further wind sail.

T3 is a mature Beech, standing at approximately 19m. This tree is also heavily decayed at the base and has a basal cavity and canker on the main stem. As with T1 and T2, this tree is likely to fail at the base which would pose a high risk to persons and property.

The trees should be removed to British Standards (BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations) and replaced with smaller, appropriate species eg. Cherry, Birch, Rowan.

The trees are covered by statutory protection and permission for removal will need to be sought from the local authority.

3. Table Data and Recommendations

Tree number	T1
Species	Horse Chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)
Age	Mature
Height (m)	18m
Diameter (mm)	Not measured
Canopy (m)	Not measures
Condition	Poor
Observations	Bleeding canker on stem, basal decay, fungal decay
Recommendations	Fell

Tree number	T2
Species	Corsican Pine (<i>Pinus nigra</i>)
Age	Mature
Height (m)	20m
Diameter (mm)	Not measured
Canopy (m)	Not measured
Condition	Poor
Observations	Previous storm damage, unbalanced crown, ivy clad
Recommendations	Fell

Tree number	T3
Species	Beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>)
Age	Mature
Height (m)	19m
Diameter (mm)	Not measured
Canopy (m)	Not measured
Condition	Poor
Observations	Basal decay, basal cavity, canker
Recommendations	Fell

4. Photographs



Fig 1. T1 Horse Chestnut



Fig 2. Canker and basal decay



Fig 3. Evidence of fungal decay



Fig 4. T2 Corsican Pine, snapped and unbalanced crown



Fig 5. T3 Beech



Figs 6 & 7. T3 Beech, evidence of basal decay and cavity

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