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31<sup>st</sup> May 2016

Mr Simon Lovel  
17 Beechcroft  
Washington  
Tyne & Wear  
NE37 1QL

Dear Mr Lovel

Acting on your instructions I have now inspected the trees at the above property.

I have based this report on my site observations and the information provided. All my observations were from ground level without detailed investigation.

This report is concerned with the species, age class and condition of the trees. Recommendations are also made where appropriate to establish acceptable levels of safety for the site and also to establish a higher level of arboricultural management.

The information is recorded in the appraisal section of this report. Trees are living organisms whose health and condition may change rapidly and my observations are based on the status of the tree at the time of inspection.

### **Site Visit**

I carried out an unaccompanied site visit on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
The weather that day was overcast but with no visibility restraints.

### **Site Description**

Beechcroft is a housing estate in Washington, north of Peareth Hall Road. The mature trees on site are covered by a tree preservation order, likely placed to protect the trees as the housing estate was built. Trees T1-T3 are relatively recently planted trees which may have been replacements for trees that have been removed in the past.

The trees T5 to T24 have been given the same reference number as per City of Sunderland Tree Preservation Order No. 119.

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**Age key:** Y-Young, EM-Early-mature, SM-Semi-mature, M-Mature, OM-Over Mature, V-Veteran

**Condition key:** D-Dead, P-Poor, M-Moderate, F-Fair, G-Good

**Priority key:** A-as soon as possible, B-within 12 months, within 2 years

No.	Species	Age	Condition	Comments	Action required	Priority
T1.	Whitebeam	Y	F	This is a young staked tree that may have been a replacement for a TPO'd tree. The stake on this tree should be removed once the tree is firmly established.	No work required	-
T2.	Cherry	Y	F	This is a young staked tree that may have been a replacement for a TPO'd tree. The stake on this tree should be removed once the tree is firmly established.	No work required	-
T3.	Silver Birch	Y	F	This is a young staked tree that may have been a replacement for a TPO'd tree. The stake on this tree should be removed once the tree is firmly established.	No work required	-
T5.	Beech	M	M	This tree has a large cavity on the northern side of the main stem at the point of a historically removed limb There is deadwood within the crown overhanging the road and branches encroach on the adjacent streetlight. Roadside work on this tree will require traffic management	Aerially inspect the crown to assess cavities. Prune to clear streetlight by 2m. Remove significant deadwood.	C
T7.	Beech	M	F	This tree has a large low roadside limb removed in the past. A large limb grows over the road towards a powerline on the opposite side of the road, this should be considered for removal. Roadside work on this tree will require traffic management	Reduce the limb over the road to the branch closest to the stem	C
T8.	Beech	M	F	This tree has a sparse high crown due to light suppression from the adjacent larger trees	No work required	-
T9.	Beech	M	F	This tree has a low crown over the road, has low branches over the neighbouring garden and encroaches the adjacent streetlight. Roadside work on this tree will require traffic management	Remove 2 lowest limbs to clear the road and streetlight. Crown lift over the neighbour's garden to 4m	C
T11.	Sycamore	M	M	This tree is twin stemmed from 5m, grows 1m from boundary wall. There is deadwood in the crown	Remove significant deadwood	B
T13.	Sycamore	M	F	This tree has a dense low crown and Ivy growing on the stem upto 3m	No work required	-
T14.	Sycamore	M	F	This tree has a high crown and no other visual defects	No work required	-
T16.	Sycamore	M	F	This tree over neighbouring garden as it has an asymmetrical form due to light suppression. It has thick Ivy growth that may mask defects and has a low canopy	Crown lift to 3m. Sever a 30cm strip of Ivy at the base	C

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T18.	Sycamore	M	M	This tree has a historic wound at 1m, has epicormic growth at 3m – this is callusing over well and has put on supportive reaction growth	No work required	-
T19.	Sycamore	M	F	This tree has a sparse canopy due to light suppression from adjacent trees	No work required	-
T20.	Sycamore	M	F	This tree has a historic wound at 7m that is callusing over, the crown of this tree is currently clear of the adjacent garage	No work required	-
T21.	Ash	M	P	This tree is suffering from the pathogen <i>Inanotus hispidus</i> and a recent aerial inspection of the tree was carried out as the crown of the tree was being pruned. There was excessive dieback/deadwood within the canopy, branches/limbs that were removed were hollow in the centre. A large cavity was found at 5m. As this tree is within falling distance of 17 Beechcroft and the tensile strength of the tree has been reduced this tree should be removed.	Fell to ground level	B
T24.	Sycamore	M	F	This tree is twin stemmed from 2m and has been recently pruned to clear the adjacent extension project to a good standard	No work required	-

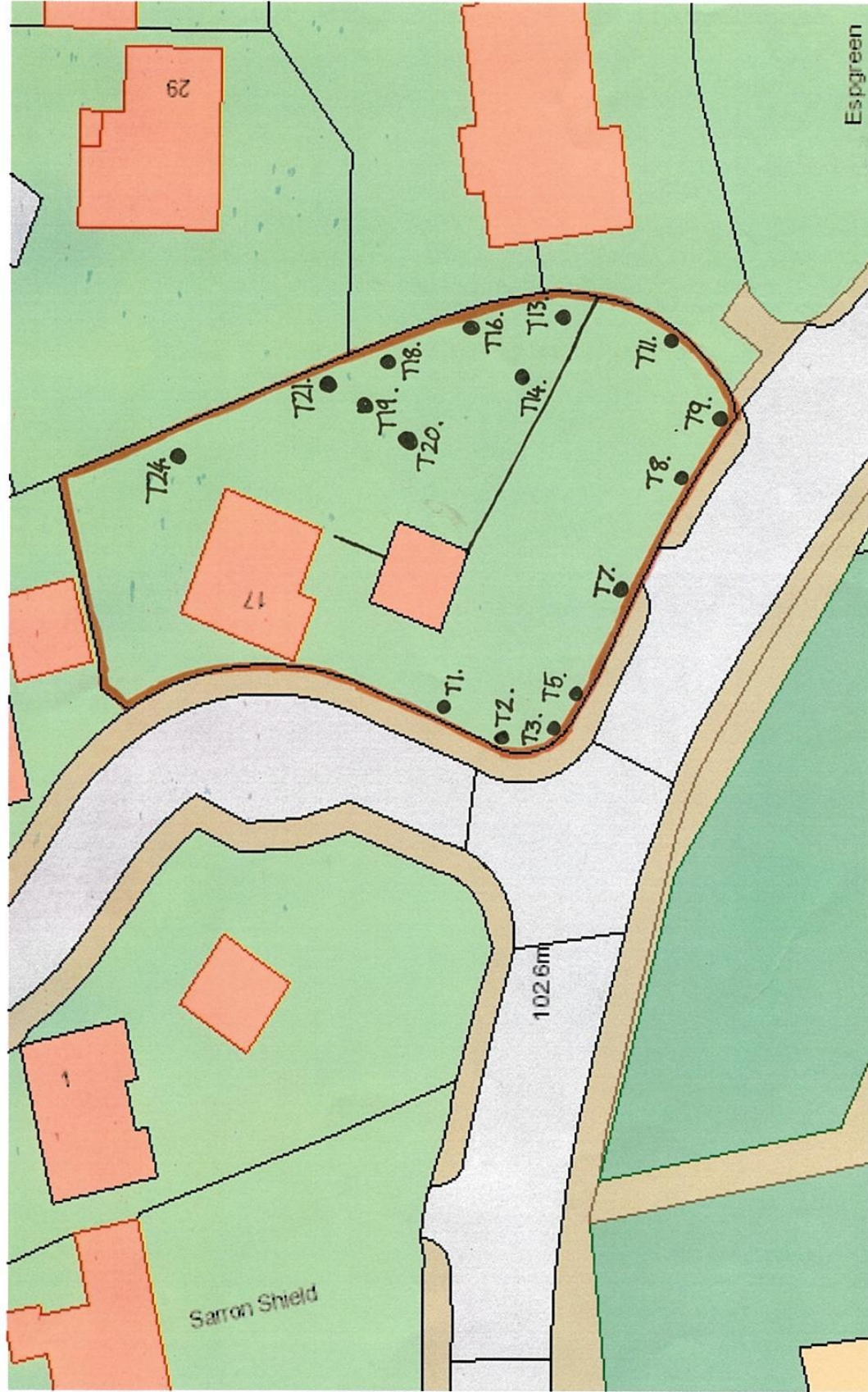
This group of trees that are covered by a tree preservation order are in various states of health. The management recommendations represent the best course of action to keep these trees safe over the next 2-3years.

I trust that you find the above satisfactory, but should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Keene HNC Arb.



**Olivers Tree Services Ltd.**

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