



Explanatory Notes

Referencing

Each tree is given a unique reference number and plotted on the attached plans for clear identity. Individual trees are referenced as T1, T2 etc, Groups G1, G2 etc Hedgerows H1, H2 etc and Woodlands W1, W2 etc

Species

All species are recorded using common names. Identification is made using experience and knowledge.

Tree dimensions

Tree height is measured and recorded in meters and taken from the base of the stem to the tip of the crown. Height is estimated using experience and knowledge.

Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) is measured at approximately 1.5m from the ground up the stem and is measured and recorded in millimetres. DBH is measured accurately using a diameter tape.

Crown spread is measured in meters from the stem to the extent of the crown spread to each compass point (NESW). Crown spread is estimated using experience and knowledge.

Crown clearance is the height from ground level to the lowest branch and is measured in meters. Crown clearance is estimated using experience and knowledge.

Age class

Age class falls in to 4 categories:

Y	Young
EM	Early Mature
M	Mature
OM	Over Mature

Observations

The biological condition of the tree is assessed and noted. Notable defects are recorded; fruiting bodies, cankers, die back, exudates, etc are recorded.

The mechanics of the tree are assessed and noted. Notable defects are recorded; buckling, rib formation, stresses, bulges, soil cracks, large cavities or wounds, tight branch junctions, etc are recorded.

Preliminary management recommendations

Tree management is recommended following the assessment of physiological and structural condition. Recommended works may include, no work required, crown reduction, crown lift, fell, crown thin, monitor etc.

Estimated remaining contribution in years

An estimate of remaining life expectancy recorded in years. Estimated remaining contribution is made using experience considering the structural and physiological condition of the tree, nuisance, previous management, etc.

Category grading and colour coding on plan

A (Green square) high quality and value

B (Blue square) moderate quality and value

C (Grey square) low quality and value

U (Red Square) those that cannot be retained as living trees



Sub categories

- 1 arboricultural values
- 2 landscape values
- 3 cultural values, including conservation

Works priority

- 1 Works required immediately to make the tree safe
- 2 Works required within 60 days
- 3 Works required as part of routine operations
- 0 no works required



Appendix 2 Tree survey and constraints plan