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**TREE INSPECTION
&
ARBORICULTURAL REPORT**

Relating to

**Dumbrells Court
North End
Ditchling
West Sussex
BN6 8TG**



APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

Tree Inspection Schedule with recommended works

APPENDIX 2

Tree Inspection Plans (not to scale)

APPENDIX 3

Firstport Retirement Property Services Instruction Letter

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Brief. We have been instructed by Mr Mark Madden as the House Manager on behalf of Firstport Retirement Property Services to carry out a Tree Inspection of all the trees on site in accordance with the specification set out in their letter, appendix 3. The Tree Inspection was carried out for Health & Safety purposes and in order to make recommendations for appropriate tree work.
- 1.2 The purpose of this Report is to ensure that the owners of the site have taken reasonable steps to prevent injury to residents/staff/visitors or damage to property by the subject trees. The Owners' & Occupiers' Liability Acts 1957 and 1984 state the person responsible for trees has a 'Duty of Care' to carry out regular tree inspections in order that sufficient care is taken to avoid foreseeable harm or damage by the trees under the individual's control.

2.0 TREE INSPECTION METHOD

- 2.1 The trees within the specified areas which could cause injury or damage to people or property due to structural instability were inspected on Friday 04th February and the weather conditions were Overcast, cold with fair visibility. Each tree has been assessed from ground level in line with Visual Tree Assessment guidance (VTA). A nylon sounding mallet was used when decay was suspected combined with a metal probe to aid diagnosis.
- 2.2 The height, stem diameter and crown spread of the trees were estimated as the accuracy of these measurements is generally not critical to the decision-making process when recommending necessary tree works.
- 2.3 Trees that require assessing in accordance with the instruction have been tagged with tree tags (900 – 947) and marked on a Tree Inspection Plan. All tree tags are attached to the trees at approx. 1.5m from ground level and are facing the main building. Details of the tree works are provided in the Tree Inspection Schedule with recommended tree works.
- 2.4 Each tree is given a Zone classification as High, Moderate or Low based on its location and the likelihood and consequence of any potential damage. This should be used as guidance in the prioritisation of any works.

3.0 LEGAL STATUS

- 3.1 Prior to any tree work being undertaken, your contractor should verify whether there are any Tree Preservation orders, Conservation Area status or Planning Restrictions affecting the works. Should any or all of these be the case, formal Local Authority Planning Consent should be obtained in writing unless the works are deemed to be of an exempt nature where a separate notice may apply. For further information please visit <https://www.treeline.co.uk/legislation>

4.0 GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION

- 4.1 The site in question is situated within the administrative jurisdiction of Lewes District Council. www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

5.0 TREE APPRAISAL

All trees on site within the scope of our instruction have been indicated on the Tree Survey Schedule with recommended tree works as Appendix 1 and the Tree Inspection Plan as Appendix 2.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 As shown on Appendix 1, there are no trees considered (Category U) under the British Standards Grade column, therefore, no urgent works are considered necessary at this time. However, the Cherry T904 has been recommended for felling to near ground level due to the extent of the decay in the main stems of this tree. As this tree overhangs the main pathway to the site office it would therefore be considered a high target area due to the volume of pedestrians.
The Plum T910 has been recommended for the split hung up stem to be cut out and the storm damaged split bifurcated union on the stem below to be reduced to the point of origin as this will fail and cause more damage to the crown if not removed.
The Sycamore T913 has been recommended for the large hanging branch to be removed from the upper crown and the basal growth removed to enable future clear inspections of the main stem.
The Robinia T94 has been recommended for the deadwood to be removed as this is the main green space in the centre of the site with a multitude of pedestrian pathways hard stands and a drive running under the crown. This tree has also been recommended to have the east facing lateral branches reduced to arrest the suppression on the Silver Birch and reduce the need for the birch to lean towards the dwellings.
The Hawthorn T746 has been recommended for the low-level lateral branches to be removed to give a 3m clearance from the ground level to reduce the risk of residential injury from the low-level vegetation.
The remainder of the tree works from the previous survey have been completed to a high level and all up to date.
- 6.2 It is recommended that the work is undertaken by an Arboricultural Association Approved Contractor. All works should conform to British Standards (BS) 3998:2010 Recommendations for Tree Work and to current Arboricultural best practice.
- 6.3 Recommended inspection re-visits from a Health & Safety perspective are shown in Appendix 1, the inspection frequency is set in accordance with the instruction letter appendix 3, as every two years unless we feel it necessary to revisit more frequently.
- 6.4 The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by The Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000) and The Habitat Regulations 1994 place a legal obligation on the owners and Arboricultural Contractors working on their behalf to protect wildlife species and their habitats. In particular, care should be taken to avoid disturbing all wild birds, bats and badgers (including nests, roosting sites, and setts). This normally dictates that pruning and felling should not be carried out during bird nesting season (from March to October) unless safety is an issue. This may have a significant impact on the timing and methodology of the tree works and the client will be made aware of this.

7.0 THIRD PARTY TREES

- 7.1 In the event that work is recommended to a third party owned tree (off site), the persons requiring the work to be carried out has a legal responsibility to offer the arising's from any cutting operations back to the owner prior to any works being carried out, the above applies to cutting back third party trees working from within your own property. If access is required onto third party land to carry out work over your own property or pruning is required beyond the boundary then written permission for access and working on third party trees would be required from the owner prior to any work being carried out.

8.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 8.1 The agreed areas have been Inspections and recommendations have been made for appropriate works. These works should be carried out in full in accordance with the given timeframes. It is advised that this Inspection should be reviewed at intervals of two years.

9.0 LIMITATION

- 9.1 The assessments are based on professional experience and expert observation at the time of the inspection. No liability can be assumed to rest with Treeline Services limited should site conditions or features alter after our inspection.

9.2 **Validity Period:**

The conclusions and recommendations in this report are valid for a period of one year from the date of survey. Trees are living organisms subject to change: this validity period may be reduced should changes in condition occur to the subject(s) of the report or surrounding area. All recommendations are given in the context of the site's current usage; any change would dictate a re-inspection.

10.0 GLOSSARY

- 10.1 **Definitions:** In the context of tree management services, the following meanings apply:

Survey: A general assessment of trees from ground level as specified by the instructing party and plotting of trees individually or in groups on a Tree Schedule and recording of observations on a tabulated schedule (Appendix. 1). Trees are surveyed and assessed only from land in the clients ownership, management or public land, access from neighbouring private land is not sought other than by special arrangement with the instructing party.

Inspection: A detailed examination of a tree or trees to determine the state of their health or mechanical integrity or both as might be specified by the instructing party, or to determine the cause of an effect such as damage to a structure in relation to a tree or trees. Trees will be surveyed, assessed and inspected only from land in the client's ownership or public land, access from neighbouring private land will not be sought other than by special arrangement with the instructing party.

Target: A target is anything of value (persons or property), which could be harmed in the event of tree failure.

EXPLANATION OF MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS

Management Prescription	Explanation
Bracing Work Required	Installation of modern, industry standard tree bracing system (e.g., Cobra System) to mitigate risk of union failure. Steel Bracing may also be recommended in certain circumstances.
Coppice	Felling of the main stem(s) (usually of a previously coppiced tree or species that is commonly coppiced) to ground level, promoting regrowth of fresh shoots.
Crown Lift	Removal of the lowest branches or parts of these branches (secondary growth) which extend below a particular height, usually to necessitate access. Removal of branches greater in diameter than one third the diameter of the stem from which they are removed should be avoided.
Crown Reduce	A crown reduction is a very common arboricultural operation performed to reduce the height and/or spread of a tree by selectively cutting back smaller/secondary branches. This can be done to help prevent damage to the tree caused by 'wind-loading', but more commonly is performed when a tree is outgrowing its confines, or for purely cosmetic reasons. Crown reductions are specified as a reduction of a specific meterage both in height & lateral spread. Reductions of greater than 30% of crown volume should be avoided except in exceptional circumstances as this can be detrimental to the health of the tree. The branch removed should not leave a wound diameter greater than 1/3 of the diameter of the parent branch from which it has been cut at the pruning point.
Crown Thin	Crown thinning involves the removal of some of the branches and leaf area of the tree with the intention of creating an even and balanced tree structure. This may include the removal of damaged, crossing, and crowded branches. As with reductions, removal of more than 30% of the leaf area should be avoided and the branch removed should not leave a wound diameter greater than a 1/3 of the diameter of the parent branch from which it has been cut, at the pruning point.
Decay Detection	Decay detection by invasive or non-invasive measures is recommended if it is suspected that the tree is afflicted by decay fungi and may be structurally unsound.

Epicormic Growth Removal	Epicormic growth is the proliferation of young shoots around the stem and branches from adventitious buds present beneath the bark.
Acoustic Test	The trunk is sounded with a non-damaging instrument, such as a broad-headed mallet made of nylon. The tree risk assessor strikes the tree trunk in multiple places and listens for tone variations that may indicate hollows or dead bark.
Fell To Near Ground Level	Complete removal of the tree leaving a stump near to ground level
Fell Tree and Treat Stump	Complete removal of the tree leaving a stump, which is then poisoned to prevent regrowth.
Formative Prune	Formative pruning is an operation usually completed early in the life of a tree to promote good form and reduce the possibility of defects forming in later life.
Hanger Removal	Removal of a partially or completely loose branch which presents a hazard, especially in high wind.
Sever Ivy	Severing ivy at the base of the tree to kill off growth in the canopy. A section of ivy approximately 100cm should be removed to prevent ivy from re-grafting together and continuing to grow. This should be carried out using hand tools only.
Ivy Removal	Complete removal of ivy.
Monolith to Safe Level	Removal of all side branches and treetop leaving a standing trunk at a given height which may then be left to decay and fall apart usually for ecological reasons.
Pollard to Original Points	Pollarding involves cutting back the crown of the tree back to the trunk and allowing new branches to sprout from the cuts and is, strictly speaking, the correct term only when a tree has been previously pollard and there are already pollard points present. Pollarding to original points is to make a new series of cuts at the same position as the cuts of the previous cycle.

Remove Basal Growth	Removal of shoots from around the base of the stem of a tree
Removal of Deadwood	Removal of all or a specified diameter of dead or dying and damaged branches.
Stub Removal	Pruning cuts should be made in accordance with the recommendations in BS3998 2010 – cuts should be made at the appropriate place neither flush cutting, nor leaving stubs.
Stump Removal	Removal of the stump either through excavation by hand, or by grinding out with a mechanical stump grinder.
Undertake Climbing Inspection	A climbing inspection may be deemed necessary to inspect features in the crown which are not sufficiently visible from the ground. A written report of the relevant findings should be produced.

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TREE INSPECTION REPORT

QUOTATION NO:

41887

SITE ADDRESS:

Dumbrells Court, North End, Ditchling, West Sussex, BN6 8TG

DATE & WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Friday 04th February 2022 **Weather:** Overcast, cold with fair visibility.

Tree No. on Plan	Species	Age Class	Height (Ms)	Spread (Ms)	Stem Diameter mm	Vigour	Life Expectancy	B.S. grade	Physiological Condition/ Remarks	Recommendations	Informed by Risk Rating			Estimated Cost
											Risk Zone	Work Priority	Inspection Frequency	
900	Crab Apple	M	5	2	150	A	20 – 40	B	Good screening tree from main driveway, Crown reduced recently, Good amenity value tree for site, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Decay in primary branches, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No work required.	2	0	2	0.00
901	Cherry	SM	2	2	80	A	20 – 40	B	Crown reduced in past, Good amenity value tree for site, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Elongated laterals touching ground level, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No works required.	2	0	2	0.00
902	Variegated Maple	M	5	2	150	A	40+	B	90% of crown reverted to original state, Crown reduced in past, Old decayed pruning points remain in crown, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No works required.	2	0	2	0.00

903	Cherry	M	6	2	350	A	20 – 40	B	Good screening from main driveway, Crown reduced recently, Good amenity value tree for site, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No work required.	2	0	2	0.00
904	Cherry	M	5	2	4x 80	L	10 – 20	C	Crown reduced recently, heavily decayed main central stems at 1m – 1.5m, Split bark on stems, Dead stems in upper central crown in range of 25 – 60mm in diameter, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Carefully fell to near ground level.	2	3	2	90.00
905	Crab Apple	EM	4	3	80	A	20 – 40	B	Side of driveway tree, Good crop of fruit, Good screening tree from public foot path, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 1m.	2	4	2	70.00
906	Crab Apple	EM	3	2	30	A	20 – 40	B	Side of driveway tree, Good screening tree from public foot path, Good crop of fruit, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 1m.	2	4	2	50.00
907	Cherry	EM	4	2	40	A	20 – 40	B	Side of driveway tree, Good screening tree from public foot path, Good crop of fruit, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Decayed upper main stem, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No work required.	2	0	2	0.00

908	Variegated Maple	SM	5	2	80	L	10 – 20	C	Heavily damaged main stem at 0.2 - 1m, Crown reduced in past, Reverted foliage in upper and lower crown, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No works required.	2	0	2	0.00
909	Crab Apple	M	8	3	200	A	20 – 40	B	Good amenity value tree for site, Reduced recently, Small cavity on main stem at 1.5m, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No works required.	2	0	2	0.00
910	Plum	M	11	4	350	L	20 – 40	C	Located at start of Woodland strip, Suppressed by Yew group 915, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, upper stem failed hung up in crown, Split bifurcated branch union at 3m, Lateral branches encroaching on lawn area, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Cut out and remove failed upper branch at 6m, remove split bifurcated branch to point of origin.	2	3	2	140.00
911	Sycamore	M	16	4	400	L	10 – 20	C	Twin stemmed tree at 3m, Elongated laterals overhanging Private land, Reduced in past, Situated on edge of woodland strip, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, basal growth on main stem, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Remove basal growth.	2	4	2	30.00

912	Sycamore	M	16	4	400	L	10 – 20	C	Elongated laterals overhanging Private land, Reduced in past, Situated on edge of woodland strip, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, basal growth on main stem, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Remove basal growth.	2	4	2	30.00
913	Sycamore	M	17	4	600	A	20 – 40	B	Large cavities on main stem at 1m and 3m, Painted main stem to a height of 1.5m, Elongated laterals overhanging Private land, Reduced in past, Situated on edge of woodland strip, Large failed dead branch in Crown at 11m over field, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Remove basal growth, remove hanging branch at 11m over field.	2	3	2	90.00
914	Sycamore	M	19	5	650	L	20 – 40	C	Tight bifurcated union at 2.5m from ground level, Weak Lateral branch overhanging Yew group 915, Signs of sycamore tar spot, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, basal growth on main stem, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No works required.	2	0	2	0.00
915	Yew Group (3x trees)	M	9	5	200 - 450	A	40+	B	Good amenity value group for site, reduced in height and lateral branches towards dwellings in past, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Elongated higher laterals overhanging garden area, Residents concerned as limited lawn area remains between trees and dwelling, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No works required	2	0	2	0.00

916	Sycamore Group (7x trees)	SM	16	4	100 - 300	A	20 – 40	B	Good boundary group, Heavily decayed stump with extensive growth on top, woodland trees group, Squirrel damage present in crowns, Failed top in First tree in group, Deceased upper and main stem on twin stemmed tree, Deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and greater, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Remove hanging branch and deadwood 25mm and greater from group, Fell deceased twin stem tree, reduce group to live growth inside of squirrel damage.	3	4	2	960.00
917	Silver Birch	SM	14	2	200	A	20 – 40	B	Heavy lean over Yew group 915, Slight damage to surface roots, Small cavity on main stem at 0.5m, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No work required.	2	0	2	0.00
918	Crimson Maple	EM	11	3	150	A	20 – 40	B	Edge of woodland tree between adjacent to dwelling, Squirrel damage in upper crown, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, One-sided crown due to suppression, Low lateral branches overhanging garden area, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Reduce laterals towards dwelling by 2m to balance crown.	2	4	2	140.00
919	Sycamore	M	16	5	400	A	20 – 40	B	Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Minor squirrel damage in crown, Extensive surface roots creating trip hazard, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No work required.	2	0	2	0.00

920	Hawthorn	M	12	4	350	A	20 – 40	B	Woodland tree, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Slight suppression due to surrounding trees, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No work required.	2	0	2	0.00
921	Sycamore	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	Felled and removed from site.	/	/	/	/	/
922	Sycamore	M	16	4	400	L	20 – 40	C	Deadwood present in lower crown, Reduced in past, Low latera branches overhanging neighbouring woodland area, Basal growth present, Squirrel damage in crown, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Remove deadwood.	2	4	2	240.00
923	Sycamore Group (6 trees)	EM	14 - 17	3	100 – 300	A	20 – 40	B	Multi stemmed tree group, Deadwood present in group in range of 25mm and Greater, Suppressed crowns within group, Minor squirrel damage in group, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Remove deadwood 25mm and greater from group, reduce crowns inside of squirrel damage.	3	4	2	640.00
924	Plum	M	2	0	400	/	/	/	Reduced to a standing pole hosting a bird feeder.	No work required.	2	0	2	0.00

925	Pine	M	17	5	600	A	40+	B	Dead Stems on suppressed side of canopy overhanging laurel hedge, Low lateral branches overhanging garden area, Two low dead stems towards dwelling, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Remove deadwood 25mm and greater.	2	4	2	140.00
926	Beech	M	17	4	350	A	20 – 40	B	Good amenity value tree for site, woodland tree, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No work required.	2	0	2	0.00
927	Yew	M	14	5	400	L	20 – 40	C	Suppressed woodland tree, Deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and greater, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No work required.	2	0	2	0.00
928	Yew Group (13 x trees)	SM - M	9	3	50 - 150	A	40+	B	Woodland tree group, Badgers sets at base of group, Originally hedge row trees, Cut back in past to create more compact area, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No work required.	2	0	2	0.00
929	Sycamore	EM	14	3	300	A	20 – 40	B	Heavily reduced tree in past, casting large amounts of shading over dwellings, Epicormic growth on main stem, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 2.5m to previous Pollard points, remove epicormics growth and remove deadwood.	2	4	2	240.00

930	Sycamore	EM	16	4	300	A	20 – 40	B	Heavily reduced tree in past, casting large amounts of shading over dwellings, Epicormic growth on main stem, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 2.5 - 3m to previous pollard points, remove epicormics growth and remove deadwood.	2	4	2	320.00
931	Sycamore	EM	16	4	300	A	20 – 40	B	Heavily reduced tree in past, casting large amounts of shading over dwellings, Epicormic growth on main stem, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Failed branch over lawn area, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 2.5m to previous pollard points, Remove hanging branch, epicormics growth and remove deadwood 25mm and greater.	2	4	2	320.00
932	Oak	M	19	7	1150	A	20 – 40	B	Good amenity value tree for site, Situated on raised bank, Deadwood present in upper crown in range of 25mm and greater, Overhanging neighbouring field, Bird box on main stem, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Remove deadwood 25mm and greater over site only.	2	4	2	240.00
933	Sycamore	EM	16	4	300	A	20 – 40	B	Heavily reduced tree in past, casting large amounts of shading over dwellings, Epicormic growth on main stem, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 2.5m to previous Pollard points, remove epicormics growth and remove deadwood.	2	4	2	210.00

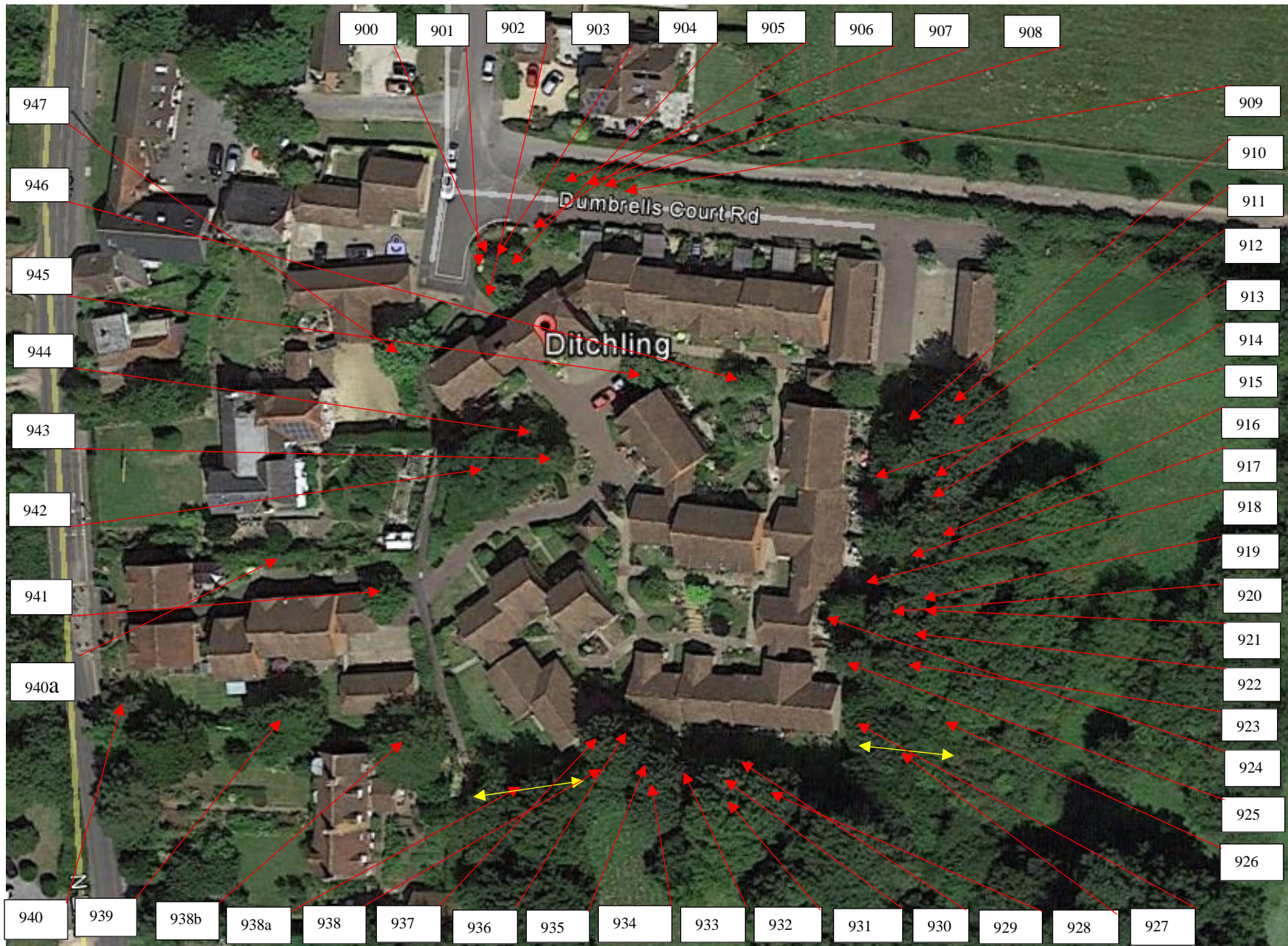
934	Sycamore	EM	16	4	350	A	20 – 40	B	Heavily reduced tree in past, casting large amounts of shading over dwellings, Hanging branch over lawn area, Epicormic growth on main stem, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 2.5 - 3m to previous pollard points, remove hanging branch, epicormics growth and remove deadwood.	2	4	2	320.00
935	Sycamore	EM	17	5	450	A	20 – 40	B	Heavily reduced tree in past, casting large amounts of shading over dwellings, Epicormic growth on main stem, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 2.5 - 3m to previous pollard points, remove epicormics growth and remove deadwood, sever, and remove a 1m section of ivy from ground level.	2	4	2	460.00
936	Sycamore	EM	17	4	400	A	20 – 40	B	Heavily reduced tree in past, casting large amounts of shading over dwellings, Epicormic growth on main stem, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 2.5m to previous 'pollard points, remove epicormics growth and remove deadwood. Or Carefully fell to near ground level.	2	4	2	140.00 490.00
937	Sycamore	EM	18	4	450	A	20 – 40	B	Heavily reduced tree in past, casting large amounts of shading over dwellings, Epicormic growth on main stem, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 2.5m to previous pollard points, remove epicormics growth and remove deadwood. Or Carefully fell to near ground level.	2	4	2	140.00 490.00
938	Sycamore	EM	17	4	350	A	20 – 40	B	Heavily reduced tree in past, casting large amounts of shading over dwellings, Epicormic growth on main stem, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 2.5m to previous pollard points, remove epicormics growth and remove deadwood. Or Carefully fell to near ground level.	2	4	2	180.00 490.00

938a	Holly & Plum Group	EM	11	3	20 - 150	A	20 - 40	B	Offsite tree group, Laterals overhanging lawn area, Laterals overhanging lawn area of site garden, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Reduce back laterals overhanging lawn area by 1.5m to formalise.	2	5	2	320.00
938b	Yew	M	14	7	500	A	40+	B	Offsite tree in neighbouring garden area, Crown overhanging boundary wall, Elongated laterals encroaching on garage block cut back and lived in past, No basal inspection carried out due to location.	No works required.	2	0	2	0.00
939	Yew	M	14	7	800	A	40+	B	Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Cut back in past, Low laterals overhanging lawn area, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No works required.	2	0	2	0.00
940	Variegated Holly Group (3 x trees)	EM	5	2	50	A	20 - 40	B	Good amenity value tree group, Low lateral branches overhanging garden and neighbouring wall, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Now work required	2	0	2	0.00
940a	Pleached Hornbeam Group	EM	4	2	100	A	40+	B	Offsite tree group, Good screening from neighbouring dwelling, Lateral growth overhanging shrub area, Laterals rubbing on fence, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Inspection impeded by location.	Now work required	2	0	2	0.00
941	Maple	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	Felled and removed from site.	/	/	/	/	/

942	Robinia	M	19	9	1100	A	10 – 20	B	Large sections of deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and greater, Long low lateral branches overhanging shrub garden, Encroaching laterals on birch 943 and smaller Robinia 944, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Remove deadwood 25mm and greater, Crown lift to a height of 3m, reduce lateral branch on east encroaching on Birch.	2	3	2	490.00
943	Birch	M	15	3	300	A	10 – 20	B	Slight lean towards dwellings, Suppressed by Robinia 942, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Reduced in past, Low lateral branches overhanging garden, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Reduce height by 3m to suitable growth points.	2	4	2	140.00
944	Robinia	EM	11	3	250	A	10 – 20	B	Slight lean towards dwellings, Suppressed by Robinia 942, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Reduced in past, Low canopy overhanging garden, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	No works required.	2	0	2	0.00
945	Sycamore	M	16	3	2x 400	A	20 – 40	B	Twinned stem tree at ground level, Crown reduced in past, Decayed old reduction points in crowns, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Laterals encroaching on dwelling, Casting shaded areas over dwellings and moss on roof No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 2.5 – 3m to previous pollard points. Or Carefully fell to near ground level	1	4	2	640.00 960.00

946	Hawthorn	M	11	3	450	A	20 – 40	B	Low epicormics growth overhanging garden area, Bird box installed on main stem, Basal growth at base of main stems, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown lift to a height of 3m from ground level.	2	3	2	40.00
947	Tulip	M	16	4	500	A	40+	B	Low lateral branches lifted over neighbouring driveway in past, Long laterals encroaching on dwelling reduced in past, Dense crown blocking light to dwelling, located within Holly hedge, Minor deadwood present in crown in range of 25mm and smaller, Ivy growing on main stem, Good screening tree from neighbouring dwelling, No fruiting bodies present at time of inspection, Acoustic test OK.	Crown reduce by 1.5 – 2m, cut back from dwelling to give 3m clearance, sever and remove a section if ivy from ground level.	2	4	2	640.00

Age Class: Y = Young EM= Early Mature SM = Semi-mature M = Mature OM = Over-mature V = Veteran	Additional Comments:	Vigour G = Good A = Average L = Low D = Dead	Life Expectancy Less than10 10 - 20 20 - 40 40 +	British Standard Grade A = High B = Moderate C = Low U = Dangerous	Inspection Frequency 1. Monthly 2. Annually 3. Biannually 4. Every3 yrs.	Risk Zone 1. High 2. Moderate 3. Low	Work Priority: 1 = Urgent 2 = Within 1 month 3 = Within 6 months 4 = Within 12 months 5 – Within 24 months
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SPECIFICATION FOR RISK ASSESSMENTS ON TREES

General

The Risk Assessment is to be a detailed report of the trees. This is to include:

- ❖ Details of the Site, which is the full address and post code.
- ❖ Details of the person carrying out the inspection and their qualifications.
- ❖ Date of the inspection.
- ❖ Method as how they will carry out the inspections.

Specification of Works

- ❖ Inspect all trees from ground level.
- ❖ Mark all trees on a site layout and assign them ID numbers.
- ❖ Provide Physiological conditions/ Remarks of the tree.
- ❖ Make any observation about the trees.
- ❖ Recommend any Arboricultural or other works to the trees to procure the continuing health and safety of the tree.
- ❖ Provide a timescale in which the works are to be completed.
- ❖ Trees to be inspected by an Arboriculturalist every two years as a minimum unless otherwise stated within appendix 1.

Limitations and Exclusions

- ❖ Tree inspections are valid for a limited period only. Trees are subject to change as they are living organisms and are affected by the environment in which they live.
- ❖ There is no such thing as a completely safe tree. Trees can fail as a result of exceptional weather conditions even if they are in good condition.

Method of Inspection

- ❖ The trees are to be visually inspected from ground level only.

Information to be provided on report

- ❖ Tree ID – The number to be given to each tree and marked on the site layout.
- ❖ Tree type - Common name of the tree.
- ❖ Young – Establishing, usually with good vigour.
- ❖ Early Mature – Established, Usually vigorous and increasing in height.
- ❖ Semi Mature - Fully established, around half their species life expectancy, generally good vigour and achieving full height potential but crown still spreading.
- ❖ Mature – Moderate vigour, no additional height expected and growth rate slowing.
- ❖ Over Mature – Fully mature, in last quarter of life expectancy, vigour decreasing.
- ❖ Veteran – An ancient tree with veteran features and that is of interest biologically, culturally, or aesthetically because of its age or condition.
- ❖ Height - The height of the tree in meters.
- ❖ DBH (Stem Diameter at Breast height) - The diameter of the stem/s in millimetres at 1.5 meters above ground level.
- ❖ Overall Condition – The Vigour of the tree.
- ❖ G = Good - Tree in healthy condition or with minor defects of no significance.
- ❖ A = Average - Trees with some defects but which can be rectified without removing the tree completely or those that may require more frequent inspections.
- ❖ L = Low - Trees with one or more significant defects.
- ❖ D = Dead - Trees which show no sign of life.

- ❖ Physiological Condition / Remarks - Any relevant comments about the tree.
- ❖ Recommendations - Any Arboriculture recommendations necessary from a safety, amenity, or tree health point of view.

- ❖ 01 – Urgent - recommended works to be carried out as soon as possible.
- ❖ 02 – High - recommended works to be carried out within one month.
- ❖ 03 – Moderate - Recommended works to be carried out within six months.
- ❖ 04 – Low - Recommended works to be carried out within one year.
- ❖ 05 – Advisory works - Recommended works to be carried out within two years.

- ❖ Next Survey - The months within which the following survey should be carried out.

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