



Meadowcroft **Arboricultural**
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Tree Condition Report

Coleman Court
Station Road
Clacton on Sea
Essex
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1.0 Instruction

1.1 I have been instructed by Sue Joslin, Development Manager for Coleman Court, to provide a report on the condition of the trees within the grounds and provide suitable recommendations for work.

2.0 Report limitations

- Visual observations were made from ground level only using the Visual Tree Assessment devised by Claus Matheck.
- All observations were made from within the site unless otherwise stated
- This report focuses on the physiological and structural conditions of the trees surveyed as instructed by the development manager
- This report does not comment on the effects of trees with regards to subsidence, heave or direct damage.
- Targets are considered to be people and property who may be hit by falling trees or debris. These targets are identified during the inspection of the trees on the site, changes to the site from the time of the survey will affect the targets as they have been identified and re evaluation will be necessary.
- This report is valid for 12 months from the date of the survey. Such appraisals and conclusions will become invalid or necessary for review if changes occur to the site which affects the condition of the trees, the site as evaluated at the time of inspection or the hazards identified at the time of inspection.
- Trees are subject to changes outside of man's control. It is recommended that trees are surveyed after adverse weather conditions; these could include strong winds, heavy rain, snow, waterlogged grounds.
- It has not been established whether the trees at Coleman Court are covered by a Tree Preservation Order or are within a conservation area and therefore it will be necessary to check with the local authority before any works are undertaken to the trees.
- The survey records details of the defects and the condition of those trees deemed to be a hazard at the time of inspection and specifies timescales for work and future re inspection.
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- The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 provides statutory protection to birds, bats and other species that inhabit trees. These could impose constraints on when any tree operations are carried out and it is advisable to confirm if such trees are inhabited before undertaking works.

3.0 The Site

3.1 The site visit was carried out on Saturday 22nd July 2023. All observations were made from ground level and all measurements are estimated unless otherwise indicated. The weather at the time was clear.

3.2 Coleman Court is an ap scheme located on the A133 Station Road. The trees are distributed throughout the grounds

4.0 Topography

The communal garden and car park have no notable topographical features.

5.0 Tree Survey Details

5.1 The survey contains details of the size and condition of each tree surveyed and is identified as either an individual or a group of trees. This will be denoted as T for individual and G for a group. The aim of the survey is to identify those trees that are considered to be a potential hazard and recommend work to minimize the risk to persons or property. The surveyed trees will be plotted on a plan for reference purposes.

5.2 The existence of a tree preservation order has not been established and therefore it will be necessary to check with the Local Authority before undertaking any works.

5.3 This survey has taken account of all trees which are in the communal garden. The survey was done without excavation around the root plate or internal investigation. Where further investigation or monitoring is required this will be recommended on the tree survey.

5.4 All tree work will be carried out in accordance with BS3998 Recommendations for Tree Work (2010) by a suitably qualified tree surgeon appointed by the development manager.

6.0 Appendices

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Appendix 1

The author has the following qualifications and experience:

1.0 Qualifications

1.1 RFS Cert Arb Theory

AA Tech Cert

Professional Tree Inspection, Lantra

Royal Forestry Society Professional Diploma in Arboriculture Dip.Arb (RFS) M.Arbor.A

NPTC CS 30 31A 31B 36 PA1 PA6'

Professional Member of the Arboricultural Association

Member of the institute of Chartered Foresters

2.0 Practical experience

2.1 Over 20 years experience is available, including 15 consulting and 14.5 in local government.

3.0 Continuing professional development

3.1 Arboricultural association Seminar 5 years running

Root barrier and soil seminar

Windsor great park ancient tree seminar (speaker Ted Green)

Insurance and tree risk management group

Bats and Arboriculture

Seminar Trees and law Charles Mynors

Seminar with David Lonsdale Fungi.

4.0 Relevant experience

4.1 Through local authority experience the author has been involved as a Managing officer and advisor of the condition of trees.

Appendix: 2 Site Plan



Appendix 3 'Tree data'

Key

Tree Number: This number identifies the trees and corresponds with the provided plans.

Species: The common name is given for each tree.

Height: Estimated in meters.

Branch Spread: Estimated in meters and where relevant identified at compass points.

Age Class: This refers to the age of the individual tree relating to the average life expectancy of each species in a similar environment.

N	-	Newly planted/Sapling
Y	-	First third of life (young)
EM	-	Second third of life (middle aged)
M	-	Final third of life (mature)
OM	-	Past usually expected life span (over mature)

Physiological and structural condition and observations

G	-	Good
F	-	Fair
P	-	Poor
D	-	Dead

D/W - **Dead wood**

NWR - No Work Required

Management recommendations

These recommendations are made from the consideration of the structural and the physiological Condition made at the time of inspection. Recommendations are also given for further investigations.

Work Priority

urgently required within 10 days
work required within 4-12 weeks (3 months)
work required within 6 months
work required within 1 year
work required within 18 months
work required within 2 years
work required within 3 years

Inspection frequency

Further inspection or investigation required as soon as can be arranged
re inspect within 6months
re inspect within 1 year
re inspect within 18 months
re inspect within 2 years

3.0 Tree Survey Data

Tree number	Species	Height	stem dia mm	Crown Radius	Life Stage	Survey Notes	Condition	Recommendations	Timescale	Inspect Period
T001	Pedunculate Oak (<i>Quercus robur</i>)	8	480	4.50	Early Mature	Subject of previous reduction, minor deadwood,	Fair	Reduce to previous points,	3 Months	2 Years
T002	Lime (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	11	700	6.00	Early Mature	Twin stem from ground level, full inspection impeded due to ivy, sounding mallet used, resonance high,	Fair	Crown reduce by 2m, remove the ivy and re inspect,	3 Months	2 Years
T003	Pedunculate Oak (<i>Quercus robur</i>)	8.25	540	6.00	Early Mature	Subject of previous reduction, minor deadwood, low branches over adjacent property,	Fair	Reduce to previous points,	3 Months	2 Years
T004	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	9	400	4.00	Early Mature	Subject of previous pollards,	Fair	Repollard to newest pollard points around 3m reduction,	3 Months	2 Years
T005	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	9.5	620	4.00	Early Mature	Subject of previous pollard, twin stem at 3m, full access to base impeded due to shrubs, minor cavities in old pollard points,	Fair	Repollard, create access around trunk and re inspect once done,	3 Months	2 Years

Tree number	Species	Height	stem dia mm	Crown Radius	Life Stage	Survey Notes	Condition	Recommendations	Timescale	Inspect Period
T006	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	10	650	3.50	Early Mature	Twin stem from 1.8m, subject of previous pollard,	Fair	Repollard	3 Months	2 Years
T007	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	10	650	3.50	Early Mature	Twin stem from 2.0m, subject of previous pollard, cavity in trunk, sounding mallet used, resonance high,	Fair	Repollard to newest points,	3 Months	2 Years
T008	Elm (<i>Ulmus sp.</i>)	8	400	4.00	Early Mature	Dead	Dead	Fell and grind	3 Months	-
T009	Common Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)	7	350	3.50	Early Mature	Heavily ivy clad impeding full inspection, subject of previous pollard, decay in trunk,	Poor	Fell and grind	3 Months	-
T010	Norway Maple (<i>Acer platanoides</i>)	10	300	4.00	Early Mature	Subject of previous pollard, co dominant stem at 2m,	Fair	Crown reduce by 1.5m	3 Months	2 Years
T011	Norway Maple (<i>Acer platanoides</i>)	11	400	4.50	Early Mature	Multi stem from 2.5m, full inspection impeded due to shrubs, canopy growing towards building,	Fair	Crown reduce by 2m and manage at new height, create access to trunk and re inspect,	3 Months	2 Years
T012	Bird Cherry (<i>Prunus padus</i>)	8.5	350	4.50	Early Mature	Multi stem from 2m up,	Fair	No work required	-	2 Years

Tree number	Species	Height	stem dia mm	Crown Radius	Life Stage	Survey Notes	Condition	Recommendations	Timescale	Inspect Period
T013	Pear (<i>Pyrus sp.</i>)	5.25	300	2.00	Early Mature	Subject of previous reduction	Fair	No work required	-	2 Years
T014	Pear (<i>Pyrus sp.</i>)	5.25	300	2.00	Early Mature	Subject of previous reduction	Fair	No work required	-	2 Years
T015	English Elm (<i>Ulmus procera</i>)	8.5	180	1.50	Early Mature	Dead	Dead	Fell and grind	3 Months	-