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## Declaration of Compliance

This study has been undertaken in accordance with British Standard 5837:2012 '*Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations*'.

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The findings of this study are valid for a period of 12 months from the date of survey. If works have not commenced by this date, an updated site visit should be carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced arboriculturist to assess any changes to the trees, groups, and hedgerows on site and to inform a review of the conclusions and recommendations made.

It should be noted that trees are dynamic living organisms that are subject to natural changes as they age or are influenced by changes in their environment. As such, following any significant meteorological event or changes in the growing environment of the trees they should be re-assessed by a suitably qualified and experienced arboriculturist.

This Arboricultural Impact Assessment has been produced following a review of a proposed development layout for the site based on data provided by the client. Should the development proposals change, this report will need to be updated to assess the impact of the amended development.

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Project Background

This Arboricultural Impact Assessment was commissioned by Archus as part of a planning application for development at Heath Lane Hospital, Heath Lane in West Bromwich. A survey of the trees on site and within influencing distance of the boundaries was undertaken on the 22nd November 2023 as part of a Preliminary Arboricultural Assessment to aid design and avoid unnecessary tree removal.

This Arboricultural Impact Assessment has been carried out in accordance with British Standard 5837:2012 ‘*Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction - Recommendations*’<sup>1</sup> (hereafter referred to as BS5837).

The purpose of this report is to:

- Review the relationship between the proposed development and the existing trees and hedgerows identified during the Preliminary Arboricultural Assessment.
- Provide a Tree Retention Plan to determine trees and hedgerows to be retained and removed in the context of the proposed development.
- Identify mitigation to offset any tree or hedgerow loss as part of the development proposals.
- Identify all areas where specific working methods are required to ensure protection of retained trees and hedgerows as part of an Arboricultural Method Statement.

## 1.2 Site Description, Drawings and Appendices

Attribute	Description
National Grid Reference	SP 00728 93282
Tree Cover	The tree cover on site was predominantly of moderate quality and was primarily situated adjacent to the boundaries of the site.
Drawings attached	Tree Survey Plan – C161979-01-01 Tree Retention Plan – C161979-02-01
Appendices	Appendix A – Tree Schedule

**Table 1.1: Summary of Site and Surroundings**

## 1.3 Development Proposals

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<sup>1</sup> British Standards Institution. (2012). *British Standard 5837:2012, Trees in relation to design, demolition, and construction – Recommendations*. British Standards Institution, London.

The proposed development of the site includes the construction of a new LDR hub building as well as associated landscaping and changes to exiting footpaths and access roads.

## 1.4 Documentation Provided

This assessment is based upon the information provided by the client in addition to information collected by Middlemarch during the Preliminary Arboricultural Assessment, as detailed below.

Author	Document	Drawing Number	Date
Iteriad	Site Plan	HLHLDR-ITR-XX-00-DR-L-0001_P01	Oct 23

**Table 1.2: Documentation Provided**

## 2. Survey Methodology

### 2.1 Survey Scope

To determine the status of the trees within the site, a full arboricultural survey has been undertaken, assessing the species and status of all trees present. This survey has been carried out in accordance with BS5837.

All individual trees with a stem diameter greater than 75 mm are shown on the Tree Survey Plan and have been assigned a unique reference number. Trees were visually assessed and a schedule prepared listing:

- Tree number
- Species
- Tree height
- Minimum crown clearance
- Stem diameter
- Crown spread
- Age class
- Vigour
- Structural condition

Measurements for tree height, minimum crown clearance and crown spread were taken to an accuracy of 0.5 m. Stem diameter measurements were recorded to the nearest 10 mm. Any specific observations were also noted. All observations and measurements are included in Appendix A Tree Schedule.

Trees were assessed and assigned one of the following categories:

#### Category U:

Trees in such a condition that they cannot realistically be retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years.

#### Category A:

Trees of high quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years.

#### Category B:

Trees of moderate quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years.

#### Category C:

Trees of low quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150 mm.

Categories A, B and C have further sub-categories with regards to the reasons for tree retention:

- Mainly arboricultural qualities.
- Mainly landscape qualities.
- Mainly cultural values, including conservation.

*N.B. Certain trees considered unsuitable to retain in their current context (Retention Category U) may possess existing or potential conservation value which make them desirable to preserve in the context of wildlife habitat (e.g. areas with limited public access).*

## 2.2 Root Protection Area (RPA)

To avoid damage to the roots or rooting environment of retained trees, the RPA has been calculated for each of the Category A, B and C trees in accordance with section 4.6 of BS5837. BS5837 recommends this as the minimum area around a tree that contains sufficient roots and rooting volume to maintain viable tree vigour and structure. Where groups of trees have been assessed, the Root Protection Area has been shown based on the maximum sized tree stem in each group and so may exceed the Root Protection Area required for some of the individual specimens within the group. Further detailed inspection of the individual trees forming a group may be required where development impacts upon individual trees forming the combined group.

Protection of the roots and soil structure within the RPA should be treated as a priority. These figures have been calculated utilising the formulas within Section 4.6 and Annex D of BS5837.

## 2.3 Tree Schedule

Appendix A details the individual trees, groups, hedgerows, and woodlands (where present) and includes the relevant information for each at the time of inspection. General observations of any structural and physiological condition and the presence of any decay or physical defects have also been included.

## 2.4 Assessment Limitations

This survey has been undertaken in accordance with BS5837 and trees with a stem diameter of less than 75mm and the specific location of species within a hedgerow have not been identified in accordance with the guidance. It may therefore be necessary during detailed design to undertake further assessment and accurate positioning of juvenile trees or woody species within hedgerows and tree groups to assist structural calculations for foundation design of structures in accordance with current building regulations and NHBC Chapter 4.2 *Building near Trees*<sup>2</sup>.

This survey is not a full or thorough assessment of the health and safety of the trees on or adjacent to the site; and therefore, it is recommended that detailed tree inspections are undertaken on a regular basis with the express purpose of complying with the landowner's duty of care to satisfy health and safety requirements.

For the purposes of this assessment, a hedgerow is described as a line of trees or shrubs with canopies less than 5m wide which is regularly managed through pruning. Where trees are present within a hedgerow that are significantly different in character from the remainder, these have been identified and recorded separately. A tree survey in accordance with BS5837 does

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<sup>2</sup> National House Building Council. (2022). *NHBC Standards 2022: Chapter 4.2 - Building Near Trees*. NHBC, Milton Keynes.

not assess hedgerows against the Hedgerow Regulations 1997<sup>3</sup> or from an ecological perspective.

The exact position of individual trees or species included as part of a tree group, hedgerow or woodland should be checked and verified on site prior to any decisions for foundation design, tree operations or construction activity being undertaken.

## 2.5 Conditions of Tree Survey

The survey was completed by a suitably qualified and experienced Arboriculturist from ground level and from within the boundary of the site. Aerial tree inspections or the internal condition of the stem/s or branches was not undertaken at this stage. Evaluation of tree condition given within this assessment applies to the date of survey and cannot be assumed to remain unchanged. It may be necessary to review these within 12 months, in accordance with sound arboricultural practice.

All survey data is based on a topographical survey where possible, supplied by the client. Where topographical information has not identified tree positions or Ordnance Survey mapping has been utilised, trees and hedgerows have been positioned using GPS and aerial photography to provide approximate locations in relation to existing surrounding features. Further confirmation of tree and hedgerow locations through a topographical survey of the site is recommended to ensure future design accuracy.

## 2.6 Tree Survey Plan

The Tree Survey Plan identifies the existing trees including above and below ground constraints which should be considered during the design process.

## 2.7 Tree Retention Plan

The Tree Retention Plan identifies which trees and hedgerows are to be retained and incorporated as part of the site development and which are to be removed.

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<sup>3</sup> Department of the Environment, Transport, and the Regions: London. (1997). *The Hedgerows Regulations 1997: A Guide to the Law and Good Practice*.



## 3. Statutory Protection

### 3.1 Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Protection

A desk-based study was undertaken to identify if any of the trees present within or near the site are affected by statutory constraints as detailed below.

Statutory Constraint	Present ✓ ✗	Source	Details
TPO	✗	Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council consultation	None present. Confirmed via email by David Wynn, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council 9.11.23
Conservation Area	✗	Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council consultation	None present. Confirmed via email by Mark Stretton, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council 8.11.23
Ancient Woodland	✗	Multi Agency Geographical Information for the Countryside (MAGIC)	Not present.

**Table 3.1: Summary of Statutory Constraints that Affect the Site**

Where a tree preservation order, conservation area or ancient woodland applies to trees within the assessment area, statutory constraints will apply to the development in respect of trees.

No works must be undertaken on the protected trees without prior permission from the Local Authority unless authorised as part of an approved planning application. Works include pruning, topping, lopping, uprooting or wilful damage or wilful destruction of these trees. Any proposed pruning works not currently approved will need to be fully specified and agreed within a future planning application.

### 3.2 Protected Species

#### *Bats*

Mature trees often contain cavities, hollows, peeling bark or woodpecker holes which provide potential roosting locations for bats. Bats and the places they use for shelter or protection (i.e. roosts) receive European protection under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (Habitats Regulations 2017)<sup>4</sup>. They receive further legal protection under the

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<sup>4</sup> HM Government – The National Archives (2017) [online] *The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017*. Available at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/1012/contents/made>

Wildlife and Countryside Act (WCA) 1981<sup>5</sup>, as amended. Consequently, causing damage to a bat roost constitutes an offence.

Generally, should the presence of a bat roost be suspected whilst completing works on any trees on site then an appropriately licensed bat worker should be consulted for advice.

#### *Birds*

Trees offer potential habitat for nesting birds which are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act WCA 1981 (as amended). Some species (listed in Schedule 1 of the WCA) are protected by special penalties. This legislation makes it an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage or destroy an active bird nest or part thereof.

As the trees on, and adjacent, to the site provide potential habitat for nesting birds all tree work should ideally be completed outside the nesting bird season (Generally March to September).

If this is not possible then the vegetation should be subject to a nesting bird inspection by a suitably experienced ecologist prior to commencement of works. If any active nests are identified then the vegetation, and a defined buffer zone, will need to remain in place until the young have naturally fledged.

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<sup>5</sup> HM Government – The National Archives 2017. *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981*. [online] Available at: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/contents>

## 4. Results Summary

### 4.1 Preliminary Arboricultural Assessment

The assessment identified thirty individual trees, nineteen groups of trees and three hedgerows as detailed in Appendix A Tree Schedule and Table 4.1 below.

BS5837:2012 Category	Tree/ Group/ Hedgerow Reference
U	T18.
A	T14, T21, G4, G5, G10.
B	T1, T2, T3, T4, T8, T9, T10, T11, T12, T13, T15, T20, T23, T25, T26, T27, T29, G1, G2, G3, G7, G8, G11, G12, G13, G15, G19.
C	T5, T6, T7, T16, T17, T19, T22, T24, T28, T30, G6, G9, G14, G16, G17, G18, H1, H2, H3.

**Table 4.1: Summary of Trees, Groups and Hedgerows in BS5837:2012 Categories**

The assessment area comprised the grounds of Heath Lane Hospital in West Bromwich. The tree cover on site was predominantly of moderate quality and was primarily situated adjacent to the boundaries of the site.

A cherry tree (T18) recorded during the survey was considered to be unsuitable for retention due to presence of a large wound displaying exposed heartwood on the main stem which reduced the tree's remaining life expectancy to less than ten years.

The highest value specimens recorded during the survey comprised an individual sycamore tree (T14), an individual European lime tree (T21), two groups of sycamore trees (G4 & G5) and a group of European lime trees (G10). These specimens comprise the largest recorded trees within the site and were in good condition, exhibiting healthy crown vigour. All three groups comprised linear avenues of trees which were on the boundaries of the site and provided some screening for the site from the adjacent land.

The majority of specimens recorded during the survey were considered to be of moderate retention value and these comprised seventeen individual trees and ten groups of trees. The individual specimens comprised a blue Atlas cedar, a cherry tree, two European lime trees, a red maple, a rowan, three silver birch trees, seven sycamore trees and a willow tree. The groups of trees included a wide variety of species and the breakdown of these can be found within the Tree Schedule appended to this report. These specimens were predominantly in good condition, however, the presence of defects such as tight areas of included bark at branch junctions, branch socket cavities, wounds with exposed heartwood, poor pruning and dense ivy prevented the trees from being considered higher value. It should be noted that the specimens situated adjacent to the boundaries of the site contributed to the screening of the site.

The remaining ten individual trees, six groups of trees and three hedgerows identified during the survey were all considered to be of low retention value. These specimens were typically in fair condition; however, they were prevented from being considered of higher value by either the presence of defects which meant that their remaining life expectancies were unlikely to exceed twenty years or because they had stem diameters of less than 150mm. It should be noted that ash dieback was observed within G16.

## 5. Arboricultural Impact Assessment

### 5.1 Introduction

This section of the report details the potential impacts that the proposed development may have upon the site's tree stock. The assessment has been based upon the documents detailed in Table 1.1 with reference to the results of the Preliminary Arboricultural Assessment.

### 5.2 Tree Retention and Removal

The trees to be removed are detailed below and are identified on the Tree Retention Plan. All trees, groups and hedgerows not featured within the table below, are to be retained within the proposed development.

Tree/Group Reference	Species	Retention Category	Reason for Removal
T15	Rowan	B	Within footprint of proposed building.
T28	Lawson cypress	C	Within footprint of proposed footpath.
T29	Blue Atlas cedar	B	Within footprint of proposed footpath and proximity of proposed building.
G13	Lawson cypress	B	Within close proximity of substation.
G16	Mixed	C	Within footprint of proposed footpath, building and landscaping.
Key			
*: Partial removal of trees within group or hedgerow			

**Table 5.1: Tree Removal**

The proposed development will ensure the retention and incorporation of the vast majority of trees across the site alongside new tree planting as part of the wider landscape strategy. However, the proposed development will require the removal of three individual trees and two groups of trees.

Two individual trees and one group of trees identified for removal (T15, T29 & G13) were of moderate value (Retention Category B) and suitable new tree planting will therefore be required to offer an adequate level of mitigation for this loss.

The remaining tree and group (T28 & G16) that are to be removed or partially removed were considered to be of low quality (Retention Category C) during the Preliminary Arboricultural Assessment. The proposed removal of these trees should be considered acceptable as new tree planting of higher quality trees more suited to the new development will make a lasting contribution to the visual amenity value and canopy coverage of the site.

### 5.3 Works within Root Protection Areas (RPA)

Some aspects of the proposed development will require works within the RPAs of retained trees as detailed below.

Tree/ Group Reference	Species	Retention Category	Proposed Works
T1	Sycamore	B	Proposed access road alterations.
T27	Silver birch	B	Proposed footpath and access road alterations.
G4	Sycamore	A	Proposed hard surfacing for landscaping.
G5	Sycamore	A	Proposed hard surfacing for landscaping.
G12	European lime	B	Proposed access and footpath alterations.
G14	Mixed	C	Proposed access and footpath alterations.
G15	Mixed	B	Proposed footpath alterations.

**Table 5.2: Works in RPAs**

It should be noted that the RPAs affected by works to alter existing footpaths and access roads are already hard-surfaced and root development from the surrounding trees in the affected areas may have been restricted. The potential for significant impact upon the trees as a result of the proposed works is therefore unlikely.

The proposed hard surfacing for the provision of garden landscaping within the RPAs of G4 and G5 should be undertaken following a no-dig methodology in order to reduce the likelihood of the trees being impacted by the works.

## 5.4 Trees and Foundations

Any structures built on the site should comply with current building regulations and NHBC Chapter 4.2 - *Building near Trees* (2022)<sup>6</sup>. Foundation depths for buildings near or adjacent to trees should consider the potential size of the trees at maturity and their subsequent water demand. The soil types throughout the site should be fully investigated and appropriate measures taken. If trees are removed across the site, the potential for soil heave should be assessed and foundations designed accordingly.

This survey has been undertaken in accordance with BS5837 and further assessment in accordance with current building regulations will be required to inform foundation design.

## 5.5 Tree Pruning

Pruning of mature trees should only be undertaken where essential, to prevent open wounds that allow the ingress of decay and provide opportunity for fungal spores to infect the tree. Pruning works should ideally be undertaken during the winter months when the tree is dormant or during the summer months when the tree is fully active. Autumn pruning (when fungal spores are abundant in the surrounding atmosphere) should be avoided if possible. Juvenile trees should be

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<sup>6</sup> National House Building Council. (2022). *NHBC Standards 2022: Chapter 4.2 - Building Near Trees*. NHBC, Milton Keynes.

formatively pruned in their early years to reduce the presence of potential defects into maturity that would reduce their lifespan.

All tree pruning works should be detailed as part of an Arboricultural Method Statement and completed in accordance with the current best practice guidance set out within BS3998:2010 “*Tree Work – Recommendations*”<sup>7</sup> by suitably competent, qualified, and insured arboricultural contractors. The extent of pruning should be identified to contractors in a pre-commencement site meeting as part of enabling works.

## 5.6 New Tree Planting

As part of the development proposals, an adequate quantity of tree planting has been demonstrated on the Site Plan (Drawing reference: HLHLDR-ITR-XX-00-DR-L-0001\_P01). The purpose and function of the new tree planting should be carefully considered so that key objectives from a wildlife habitat and landscape perspective can also be achieved.

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<sup>7</sup> British Standards Institution. (2010). *British Standard 3998:2010, Tree Work – Recommendations*. British Standards Institution, London.

## 6. Conclusion

### 6.1 Summary of Impacts

The proposed development of the site is unlikely to significantly impact the visual amenity of the local area as a result of the proposed tree removal. Whilst some works are to be undertaken within the RPAs of retained trees, the nature of those works are such that they can be completed without causing significant impact, subject to the adoption of appropriate working practices as detailed in a future Arboricultural Method Statement following approval of the current planning application.

# 7. Arboricultural Method Statement

## 7.1 Introduction

An Arboricultural Method Statement will be required for the site as various aspects of the proposed development affect retained trees. The purpose of an Arboricultural Method Statement is to ensure that all site operations occur with minimal risk of adverse impact upon trees that are to be retained.

In relation to this development the Arboricultural Method Statement should address the following:

Action	Required
Tree Surgery	✓
Site set up and logistics	✓
Building demolition and removal of hard surfaces within RPAs	✓
Working space to construct new buildings within RPAs	✓
Installation of utilities within RPAs	✓
Site access, material storage contractor's parking and site compound location	✓
Protective barrier and ground protection location and specification	✓
Pre-commencement site meeting	✓
Arboricultural Clerk of Works supervision	✓
Audit timetable	✓





**Legend**

- Tree location and stem diameter
- Category A
- Category B
- Category C
- Category U
- Current canopy extent
- Root Protection Area
- Indicative tree shadow
- - - Survey area

**NOTES**

All dimensions to be verified on site. Do not scale this drawing, use figured dimensions only. All discrepancies to be clarified with Project Arboriculturist. Drawing to be read in conjunction with Preliminary Arboricultural Assessment and Tree Schedule.

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Further survey work would be required for calculating foundation depths in accordance with current Building Regulations requirements.

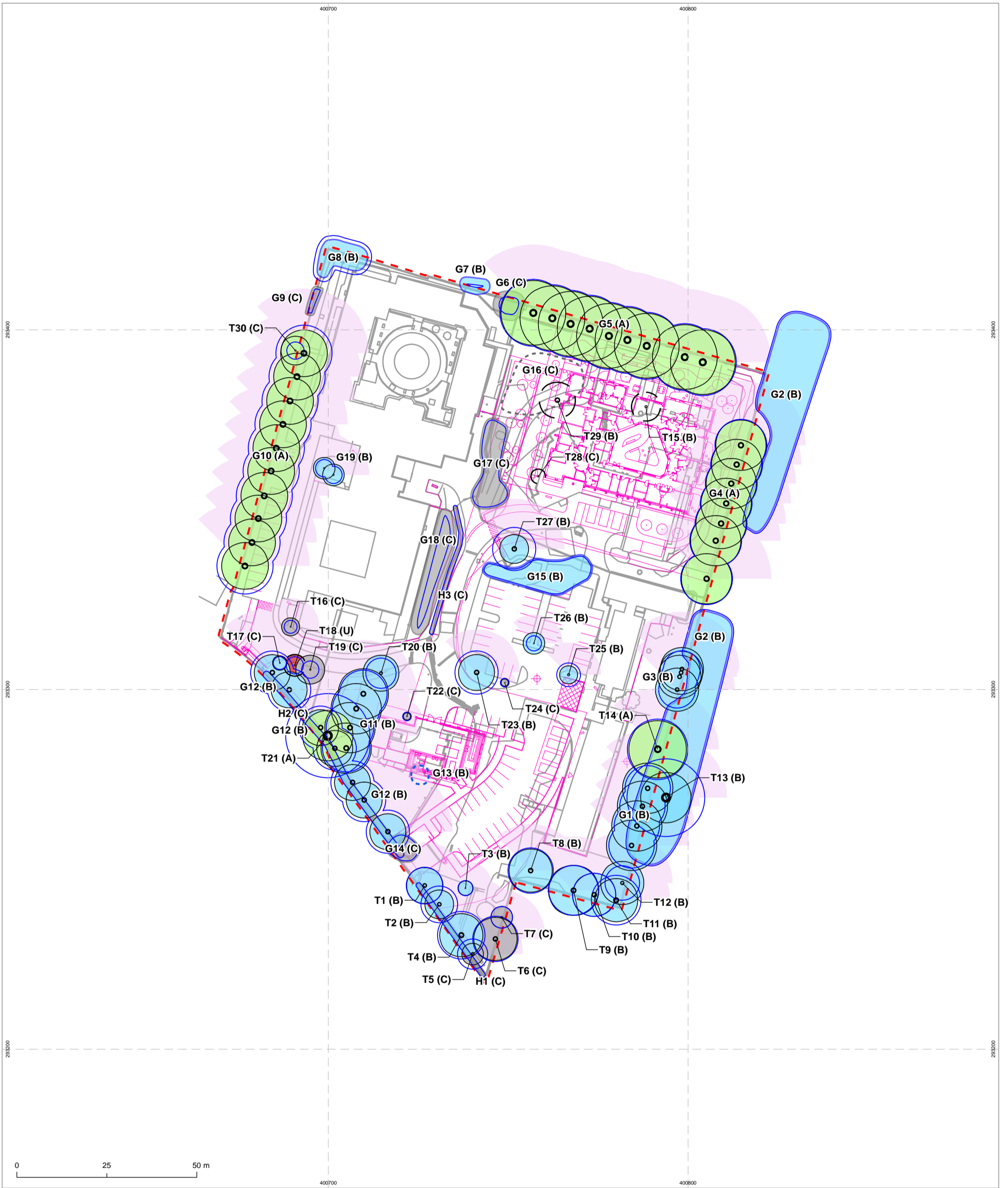
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**Legend**

- Tree location and stem diameter
- Proposed works
- Category A
- Category B
- Category C
- Category U
- Category B group to be removed
- Category C group to be removed
- Current canopy - tree to be removed
- Current canopy - tree to be retained
- Root Protection Area
- Indicative tree shadow
- Survey area

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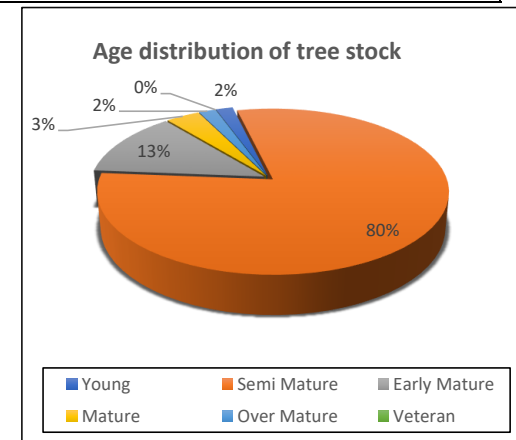
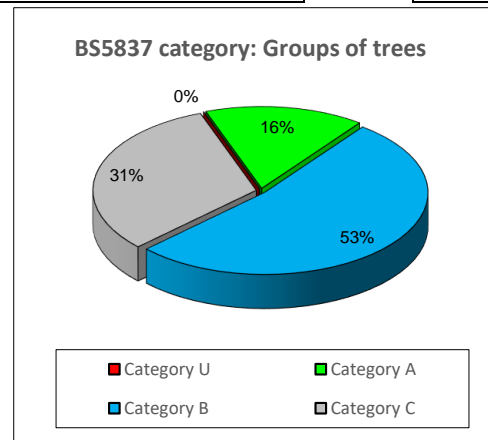
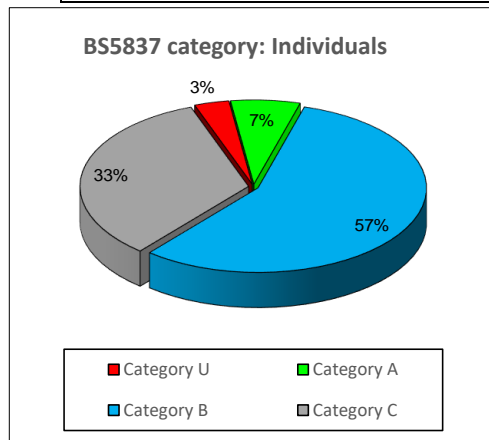
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## Appendix A - Tree Schedule

Measurements	Age Class	Overall Condition	Root Protection Area (RPA)
Height - measured from ground level at base of stem/s (m).	YNG: Juvenile trees that have been recently planted.	G - Good: Trees with only a few minor defects and in good overall health needing little, if any attention.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RPA column gives the required area (m<sup>2</sup>).</li> <li>• The RPA Radius column gives the radius (m) of an equivalent circle.</li> <li>• The RPA is calculated using the formulae described in paragraph 4.6.1 of British Standard 5837: 2012 and is indicative of the required rooting area in order for a tree to be retained.</li> </ul>
Stem Dia. - Diameter measured (mm) in accordance with Annex C of the BS5837.	SM: Semi-mature, trees upto 1/3 life expectancy.	F - Fair: Trees with minor, but rectifiable, defects or in the early stages of stress from which it may recover.	
Crown - crown spread estimated radially from the main stem (m).	EM: Early mature, trees 1/3 – 2/3 life expectancy.	P - Poor: Trees with major structural and/or physiological defects such that it is unlikely the tree will recover in the long term.	
Abbreviations Est - Estimated stem diameter Avg - Average stem diameter Max - Maximum stem diameter	M: Mature trees, upto 2/3 life expectancy.	D - Dead: Trees no longer alive. This could also apply to trees that are dying and unlikely to recover.	
	OM: Over mature, declining or moribund trees of low vigour.	In the assessment, of the BS category, particular consideration has been given to the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The health, vigour and condition of each tree</li> <li>• The presence of any structural defects in each tree and its future life expectancy</li> <li>• The size and form of each tree and its suitability within the context of a proposed development</li> <li>• The location of each tree relative to existing site features e.g. its screening value or landscape features</li> </ul>	
	V: Veteran, tree possessing certain attributes relating to veteran trees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age class</li> <li>• Life expectancy</li> </ul>	

Structural Condition
<p>The following has been considered when inspecting structural condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The presence of fungal fruiting bodies around the base of the tree or on the stem, as they could possibly indicate the presence of possible internal decay.</li> <li>• Soil cracks and any heaving of the soil around the base.</li> <li>• Any abrupt bends in branches and limbs resulting from past pruning.</li> <li>• Tight or weak 'V' shaped forks and co-dominant stems.</li> <li>• Hazard beam formations and other such biomechanical related defects (as described by Claus Mattheck, Body Language of Trees HMSO Research for Amenity Trees No. 4 1994).</li> <li>• Cavities as a result of limb losses or past pruning.</li> <li>• Broken branches or storm damage.</li> <li>• Canker formations.</li> <li>• Loose or flaking bark.</li> <li>• Damage to roots.</li> <li>• Basal, stem or branch / limb cavities.</li> <li>• Crown die-back or abnormal foliage size and colour.</li> <li>• Any changes to the timing of normal leaf flush and leaf fall patterns.</li> </ul>

Quality Assessment of Retention Category
<p>Category U - Trees in such a condition that they cannot realistically be retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years.</p>
<p>Category A - Trees of high quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years.</p>
<p>Category B - Trees of moderate quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years.</p>
<p>Category C - Trees of low quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150mm.</p>
<p>Sub-categories: (i) - Mainly arboricultural value (ii) - Mainly landscape value (iii) - Mainly cultural or conservation value</p>



### Appendix A - Summary

	Individual Trees	Totals	Tree Groups	Totals
Category U	T18	1		0
Category A	T14, T21	2	G4, G5, G10	3
Category B	T1, T2, T3, T4, T8, T9, T10, T11, T12, T13, T15, T20, T23, T25, T26, T27, T29	17	G1, G2, G3, G7, G8, G11, G12, G13, G15, G19	10
Category C	T5, T6, T7, T16, T17, T19, T22, T24, T28, T30	10	G6, G9, G14, G16, G17, G18	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

	Hedgerows	Totals	Woodlands	Totals
Category U		0		0
Category A		0		0
Category B		0		0
Category C	H1, H2, H3	3		0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

Tree No	Species	Height (m)	Crown Clearance (m)	No. of Stems	Stem Dia. (mm)	Crown Radius				Age Class	Structure	Vigour	RPA (m)	RPA Radius (m)	Cat	Comments
						N	E	S	W							
T1	Sycamore	12.0	3.0	1	420	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	SM	F	G	81	5.1	B 1	Branch stubs observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form Included unions observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area Pruning wounds observed
T2	European lime	12.0	2.0	1	420	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	SM	F	G	81	5.1	B 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form Basal epicormic growth observed
T3	Silver birch	7.5	2.0	1	170	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	SM	F	G	14	2.1	B 1	Branch stubs observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form Included unions observed
T4	European lime	17.0	2.0	1	540	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	SM	F	G	137	6.6	B 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form Pruning wounds observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area
T5	Sycamore	14.0	2.5	1	330	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	SM	F	F	55	4.2	C 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Branch socket cavity observed Pruning wounds observed Typical crown form Apical dieback Minor deadwood in the crown
T6	Sycamore	14.0	2.0	1	520	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	SM	F	F	124	6.3	C 1	Typical crown form Included unions observed Limited inspection due to ivy Branch stubs observed Minor deadwood in the crown
T7	Holly	7.0	1.0	1	230	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	SM	F	F	28	3.0	C 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form
T8	Sycamore	13.0	3.0	1	510	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	SM	F	G	124	6.3	B 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form Pruning wounds observed



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						N	E	S	W							
T9	Sycamore	15.0	2.0	1	570	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	SM	F	G	150	6.9	B 1	Branch stubs observed Wound present on main stem Exposed heartwood Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown
T10	Sycamore	14.0	3.0	1	500	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	SM	F	G	113	6.0	B 1	Branch stubs observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form Pruning wounds observed
T11	Sycamore	15.0	2.0	1	560	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	SM	F	G	150	6.9	B 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Pruning wounds observed Typical crown form Minor deadwood in the crown
T12	Sycamore	14.0	2.0	1	390	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	SM	F	G	72	4.8	B 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form
T13	Willow	17.0	4.0	1	900	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	M	F	G	366	10.8	B 1	Limited inspection due to access Branch stubs observed Estimated dimensions Tree is located off site but overhangs the study area Typical crown form
T14	Sycamore	17.0	3.0	1	700	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	EM	G	G	222	8.4	A 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed No obvious defects observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form
T15	Rowan	8.0	3.0	1	270	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	SM	F	G	34	3.3	B 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form Pruning wounds observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area
T16	Ash	8.0	2.0	1	150	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	SM	F	F	10	1.8	C 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form

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						N	E	S	W							
T17	Cherry	5.0	2.0	1	130	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	SM	F	F	10	1.8	C 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area
T18	Cherry	4.0	2.0	1	190	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	SM	P	F	18	2.4	U	Branch stubs observed Pruning wounds observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area Large wound on main stem with exposed heartwood
T19	Cherry	5.0	2.0	1	190	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	SM	F	G	18	2.4	C 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area Typical crown form
T20	Cherry	8.0	2.0	1	340	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	SM	F	G	55	4.2	B 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form Hard surfaces within the rooting area
T21	European lime	25.0	6.0	1	960	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	M	G	G	430	11.7	A 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Hard surfaces within the rooting area Typical crown form Pruning wounds observed
T22	Fir	4.0	0.0	1	100	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	SM	F	F	5	1.2	C 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form
T23	Sycamore	12.0	3.0	1	480	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	SM	F	G	113	6.0	B 1	Branch stubs observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Dense ivy in the crown Typical crown form
T24	Rowan	3.0	1.0	1	80	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	Y	F	F	5	1.2	C 1	Typical crown form
T25	Silver birch	9.0	2.0	3	210 60 130	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	SM	F	G	34	3.3	B 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form



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						N	E	S	W							
T26	Red maple	8.0	2.0	1	170	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	SM	F	G	14	2.1	B 1	Branch stubs observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form
T27	Silver birch	14.0	2.0	1	480	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	EM	F	G	113	6.0	B 1	Branch stubs observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area Minor deadwood in the crown Typical crown form
T28	Lawson cypress	5.0	0.0	6	200	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	SM	F	F	18	2.4	C 1	Hard surfaces within the rooting area Branch stubs observed Typical crown form
T29	Blue Atlas cedar	15.0	4.0	1	490	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	SM	F	G	113	6.0	B 1	Branch stubs observed Typical crown form Minor deadwood in the crown Included unions observed
T30	Cherry	9.0	1.0	1	190	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	SM	F	F	18	2.4	C 1	Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Typical crown form Pruning wounds observed Minor deadwood in the crown

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						N	E	S	W							
G1	Sycamore	16.0	3.0	-	520	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	SM	F	G	124	6.3	B 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Minor deadwood in the crowns Included unions observed Typical crown forms Major deadwood in the crowns Pruning wounds observed
G2	European lime English oak Sycamore	18.0	3.0	-	620	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	EM	F	G	177	7.5	B 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Limited inspection due to access Minor deadwood in the crowns Pruning wounds observed Typical crown forms
G3	Sycamore	16.0	3.0	-	420	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	SM	F	G	81	5.1	B 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crowns Typical crown forms
G4	Sycamore	18.0	3.0	-	600	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	EM SM	G,F	G	163	7.2	A 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crowns Typical crown forms Pruning wounds observed
G5	Sycamore	19.0	2.0	-	760	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	EM SM	G,F	G	272	9.3	A 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Branch socket cavities Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crowns Self seeded trees present Typical crown forms
G6	Holly Cotoneaster	9.0	2.0	-	280	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	OM SM	F,P	F	41	3.6	C 2	Branch stubs observed Tear wounds observed Typical crown forms Minor deadwood in the crowns Included unions observed Conjoined canopy

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						N	E	S	W							
G7	Norway maple Cherry	12.0	3.0	-	340	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	EM	F	F	55	4.2	B 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Limited inspection due to access Minor deadwood in the crowns Self seeded trees present Typical crown forms
G8	Lawson cypress Cherry Pine	11.0	2.0	-	340	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	SM	F	G,F	55	4.2	B 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area Minor deadwood in the crowns Typical crown forms
G9	Sycamore European lime Elder Cherry	8.0	1.0	-	110	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	SM	F	F	7	1.5	C 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Self seeded trees present Typical crown forms
G10	European lime	18.0	3.0	-	630	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	EM	G,F	G	191	7.8	A 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crowns Typical crown forms Pruning wounds observed Self seeded trees present
G11	Sycamore	15.0	2.0	-	540	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	SM	F	G	137	6.6	B 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area Ivy restricts inspection Minor deadwood in the crowns Typical crown forms
G12	European lime	18.0	2.0	-	490	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	SM	F	G,F	113	6.0	B 2	Conjoined canopy Minor deadwood in the crowns Typical crown forms Included unions observed Branch stubs observed
G13	Lawson cypress	11.0	2.0	-	340	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	SM	F	G	55	4.2	B 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Building within the rooting area Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crowns Typical crown forms

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						N	E	S	W							
G14	Sycamore Cherry	10.0	2.0	-	220	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	SM	F	F	23	2.7	C 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Minor deadwood in the crowns Typical crown forms Included unions observed
G15	Rowan Norway maple Walnut Broad leaved cockspur thorn	10.0	1.0	-	300	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	SM	F	G	41	3.6	B 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Hard surfaces within the rooting area Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crowns Self seeded trees present Typical crown forms
G16	Ash Sycamore Laburnum Fir	16.0	2.0	-	460	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	SM	F	F	102	5.7	C 2	Branch stubs observed Conjoined canopy Ash dieback observed Typical crown forms Self seeded trees present Minor deadwood in the crowns Included unions observed Limited inspection due to access Hard surfaces within the rooting area
G17	Rowan Laburnum Silver birch Sycamore	11.0	2.0	-	290	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	SM	F	F	41	3.6	C 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Limited inspection due to dense vegetation Dense ivy in the crowns Minor deadwood in the crowns Typical crown forms Limited inspection due to ivy
G18	Goat willow Silver birch Silver maple	9.0	1.0	-	190	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	SM	F	F	18	2.4	C 2	Branch stubs observed Conjoined canopy Included unions observed Typical crown forms Self seeded trees present
G19	Silver birch	10.0	2.0	-	190	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	SM	F	G	18	2.4	B 2	Conjoined canopy Branch stubs observed Included unions observed Minor deadwood in the crowns Typical crown forms

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						N	E	S	W							
H1	Privet	1.5	0.0	-	60	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	SM	F	F	3	0.9	C 2	Managed
H2	Cotoneaster Privet Holly Beech	2.5	0.0	-	80	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	SM	F	F	5	1.2	C 2	Managed Sparse in areas
H3	Privet	2.0	0.0	-	50	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	SM	F	F	3	0.9	C 2	Managed