

27 Fitzroy Road, Fleet GU51 4JW

Tree Safety - Management Plan

T1 is an over mature Scots Pine located on the Southeastern boundary of 27 Fitzroy Road, adjacent to the property of 31 Fitzroy Road.

The tree is approximately 900mm DBH, standing at a height of approximately of 24 metres with a radial spread of approximately 8 metres to the North and East, 6 metres to the South and 4 metres to the West. Structurally it was observed that historical pruning works have been carried out on the Western portion of the crown (over 31 Fitzroy Road) whereby limbs have either been removed back to the branch collar or reduced. Also noted was some deadwood over the property of 31 Fitzroy Road and throughout the crown. Historically T1 has suffered from adverse stress during high winds leading to limb failures causing damage to the adjacent property.

T1 has a bias lean (circa 15°) towards the property of 31 Fitzroy, although this is not abnormal or out of character for this species of tree, it is noted upon inspection that T1 has a lack of pronounced buttress development to the Southwest which would be expected of a tree of this size with a predominant crown bias and lean.

With T1 in its over mature state the lean/crown weight is deemed to be enough of a significant risk to the property of 31 Fitzroy Road that its removal would be appropriate. The structure of T1 does not lend itself to further reductions as the top-heavy crown is already imbalanced due to the extent of previous works.

T1 is situated on the edge of a mature mixed broadleaf and evergreen woodland. Although partially visible from the road its removal would have a minimal impact on the vista of the area as it is partially covered by other mature trees within the tree line.

The recommendation is to remove T1 due to its over mature state and that future preventive management works would be increasingly difficult. The high target value of the adjacent property possesses enough of a significant risk for its removal.

A replacement tree is to be planted for its removal, however, planting near T1 would not be viable due to the densely populated woodland area, alternative planting locations within the property would be sought. Recommendations for suitable replacement species would be welcomed from the tree officer.

Attached are pictures of T1

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