

Visual tree inspection/survey

Location: 128 Leighton Road

Report produced by Urban Forester tree care
arboricultural division of landscape services group UGL Ltd.

Date and time surveyed: Feb 26th 2013 @11:00Hrs.

SUMMARY

A tree survey has been requested by the managing agent to establish the feasibility of retaining a Birch tree located on the boundary of the property.

Secondly, this report was requested to ascertain the current and future risk the trees may pose to the adjacent structures and people.

This survey is not a schedule of works.

Limitations

Trees were inspected from using visual observation from ground level only. Trees were not climbed or inspected below ground level. Inaccessible trees will have best estimates made about the location, physical dimensions and characteristics.

Tree Survey Schedule

Client:

Danobe Securities Limited

69 Wigmore Street

London

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Tel: 020 7487 3482

Key:

Tree Number : A unique number or reference to identify trees or groups as shown on associated plans.

Species : Common and or taxonomic names.

Height : The height of the tree in meters (m).

Trunk Diameter : The stem diameter in millimetres (mm) approx at 1.5m above ground level unless otherwise specified.

Canopy Spread : The extent of the canopy taken in meters (m) to the principle points of the compass, North (N), East (E), South (S) and West (W).

Crown Clearance: The height of canopy clearance above ground level to the lowest point of the canopy, taken in meters (m).

Age Class Age classification; Young (Y), Middle Aged (MA), Mature (M), Over Mature (OM), Veteran (V).

Physiological Condition: The general physiological condition of the tree; Average, Below average, Low, Dead.

Structural Condition: The general structural condition of the tree; Good, Moderate, Indifferent, Poor, Hazardous.

Comments: Notes and general comments on the structural condition of the tree, its environment and its estimated remaining contribution.

Category: The retention category referring to the quality and useful contribution in years; **U** = <10yrs; **A** = >40yrs; **B** = 20 – 40yrs; **C** = 10 – 20yrs.

The retention sub category referring to the type of amenity; 1 = Arboricultural; 2 = Landscape; 3 = Cultural including conservation.

Tree No.	A1
Species	Betula
Height (m)	12m
Trunk Dia Approx (mm)	300
Canopy spread (m)	6m
Age Class	MA
Physiological Condition	Low
Structural condition	Hazardous
Comments	Tree is growing against a wall on a narrow access road. Tree has sustained terminal damage from multiple collisions with commercial vehicles. Tree has had a main stem removed to ground level
Category	U2

Opinion

Although I appreciate the value this tree offers to local amenity, I believe there is no option but to remove the tree in order to fulfil your duty of care. The tree has sustained extensive damage on the main stem extending more than 1m . A secondary point to advocate its removal is the damage being caused to the wall in various places. This damage will increase if the tree is not removed.

It is however possible to retain the tree in a safe manner but a significant reduction will be required which will leave the tree looking unsightly. The tree will still remain a problem for commercial vehicles using the lane and further contribute to the destabilization of the wall.

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