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Photograph 19. View along the length of Trench 1, facing east







## 9. Photographs of Trench 2

Photo 1. Trench 2 in relation to the ash



Photo 2. Monitoring point at 0.9m from the end of QMH dictated the max extent of the trenching. Smaller tape is to allow the roots to be plotted.



Photo 3. Between 1m and 2m from the monitoring point were roots of 35mm, 20mm and 20 roots of 2mm to 8mm



Photo 3a. See photo 3



Photo 5b. See photo 3



Photo 3c. See photo 3







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Photo 3d. See photo 3



Photo 4. Between 2m and 3m were 14 roots between 2mm and 10mm plus several fibrous roots.



Photo 5. Between 3m and 4m were one 30mm root, one 10mm root and 11 2mm - 9mm roots



Photo 5a. See photo 5



Photo 5b.



Photo 6. Between 4 and 5m was one 11mm root.







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Photo 6a. See photo 6



Photo 7. beyond 5mm there were no significant roots



Photo 8. Ground was very hard clay. Even after terraventing to break up the soil the excavation had to cease at approx. 300mm -350mm depth







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## 10. Photographs of Trench 3

Photo 1. Location of Trench 3.



Photo 2. Starting measurement for Trench 3.



Photo 3. Trench 3 between 0m and 0.5m from the monitoring point.



Photo 4. Trench 3 between 0.5m and 1.5m of the start from the trench.



Photo 5. Trench 3 between 1.5m and 2.5m of the start from the trench.



Photo 6. Trench 3 between 2.5m and 3.5m of the start from the trench.







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Photo 7. Trench 3 between 3.5m and 4.5m of the start from the trench.



Photo 8. Trench 3 between 4.5m and 5.5m of the start from the trench.



Photo 9. Trench 3 between 5.1m and 5.8m from the start of the trench.



Photo 10. Start of the change in direction of Trench 3 between 0m and 1m.



Photo 11. Trench 3 between 1.5m and 2.5m from the start of the trench direction change.



Photo 12. Trench 3 between 2.5m and 3.5m from the start of the trench direction change.







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Photo 13. Trench 3 between 3.5m and 4.5m from the start of the trench direction change.



Photo 14. Trench 3 between 4.5m and 5.5m from the start of the trench direction change.



Photo 15. Trench 3 between 5.5m and 6.5m from the start of the trench direction change.



Photo 16. See Photo 11.



Photo 17. See Photo 6 and 7.



Photo 18. See Photo 8.





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## 11. Signature

This report represents a true and factual account of the trees and potential impact of development at

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**Signed**

  
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## Appendix 1: BS 5837: 2012 – Guidance Notes

This Standard prescribes the principles to be applied to achieve a satisfactory juxtaposition of trees and structures. It sets out to assist those concerned with trees in relation to design, demolition and construction to form balanced judgements.

It acknowledges the positive contribution trees may offer to a site, as well as the negative aspects of retaining inappropriate trees. It addresses the negative impacts that construction activity may have upon trees and offers mitigation strategies to minimise these impacts.

The Standard suggests a three stage approach to ensure best practice is followed when developing close to trees:

### A1.1 Stage 1: Survey of Existing Trees

This identifies the existing trees on and adjacent to the site. Data is recorded for each tree and is presented in a Tree Data Schedule. Each tree is allocated a **Retention Category** according to its size, amenity value, condition and safe useful life expectancy. The categories are allocated independently of development proposals. Our interpretation of the Retention Categories is explained below:

#### A1.1.1 Retention Categories

**A Category:** Trees of high quality and amenity value. Usually, mature trees with a significant life expectancy which would enhance any development. Retention of these trees is strongly encouraged.

**B Category:** Trees of moderate quality and amenity value. Usually these are maturing trees or younger trees with exceptional form. Retention of these trees is desirable though the removal of occasional specimens may be acceptable.

**C Category:** Trees of low quality or small specimens with a relatively low amenity value. These trees are not considered to be a material planning constraint and their removal will generally be seen as acceptable in order to facilitate development.

**U Category:** Trees of such low quality that their removal is recommended regardless of development proposals.

A1.1.2 Occasionally trees are borderline and do not fall neatly into one of the categories A, B or C. In such cases we apply a superscript (+/-) such that:

**C<sup>+</sup>** Indicates borderline C/B, though Category C is deemed to be most appropriate.

**B<sup>-</sup>** Indicates borderline C/B, though Category B is deemed to be most appropriate.

A1.1.3 The British Standard suggests that each of the A, B and C categories may be further subdivided (A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B3 etc) such that subcategory 1 denotes mainly arboricultural values, subcategory 2 denotes mainly landscape values and subcategory 3 denotes mainly cultural values (including conservation). Multiple subcategories may be used.

Our experience suggests that these subdivisions lack clarity and can be confusing. Within this report subcategories are **not** denoted. Where appropriate, the use of phrases such as 'Part of a formal group', or 'Has a high ecological value', or 'Offers good screening to the site' are incorporated into the observation section of the Tree Data Schedule. We believe this conveys all relevant landscape and cultural information without any confusion.

A1.1.4 **Tree Constraints Plan (TCP).** This indicates the position, crown spread, Retention Category and Root Protection Area of each tree. It is used to inform where development may proceed without causing damage to trees.





**A1.1.5 Root Protection Area (RPA).** This is the area around each tree likely to contain the majority of roots. It should ideally remain undisturbed to avoid a detrimental impact on tree health. For single stemmed trees It is calculated according to the formula “radius of RPA” = “12 x stem diameter”. For multiple-stemmed trees a more complex formula is used which may occasionally produce an RPA which seems inappropriately large relative to the trees canopy. This shape can then be modified to take into account site factors which influence rooting activity, e.g. foundations, soil type or impermeable surfaces. Where development works are proposed within the RPA they should be undertaken in a sympathetic manner to minimise root disturbance.

**A1.1.5 Shade Constraints.** The previous Standard (BS 5837 2005) suggested that shade constraints should be indicated on the TCP. This are denoted as a circle-segment drawn northwest to due east with a radius equal to the height of the tree. These do not represent the actual shade pattern which varies through the seasons. Rather, they indicate the area most shaded by the tree throughout the course of the year. Ideally habitable room windows should be located outside of these shade constraints. Where we consider it appropriate, we will include shade constraints information on our Impact Assessment Plan or Proposed Layout Plan.

## **A1.2 Stage 2: Arboricultural Impact Assessment**

After the initial survey and the production of the Tree Constraints Plan, arborists and designers are encouraged to work together to establish a design proposal with minimal impact on the high quality trees. An assessment should be made of all possible impacts including the impact that the trees may have upon the proposal. The arborist may recommend mitigation strategies to minimise these impacts and help achieve a more harmonious juxtaposition between buildings and trees.

## **A1.3 Stage 3: Arboricultural Method Statement**

This type of report specifies the measures necessary to protect trees against damage from construction activity. The Method Statement should be written in a manner that it may be conditioned and enforced by the local authority upon granting of planning permission. The site manager should be familiar with all aspects of the Method Statement and should ensure that all persons working on the site are aware of those aspects which appertain to their work. This includes service installation engineers and operators of plant machinery.





## Appendix 2: Explanation of Tree Data & Glossary

This section explains the terms used in the **Tree Data Schedule** (see Section 3 and Appendix 6).

### A4.1 General Observations

A4.1.1	<b>Numbering System:</b>	Each item of vegetation has its own unique number prefixed by a letter such that T1=Tree 1, G2=Group 2, H3=Hedge 3 and W4=Woodland 4, S5=Shrub 5.
A4.1.2	<b>Age Categories:</b> Young Semi-Mature Early-Mature Mature Veteran Over Mature	Usually less than 10 years old. Significant future growth to be expected, both in height and crown spread (typically below 30% of life expectancy). Full height almost attained. Significant growth may be expected in terms of crown spread (typically 30-60% of life expectancy). Full height attained. Crown spread will increase but growth increments will be slight (typically 60% or more of life expectancy). A level of maturity whereby significant management may be required in order to keep the tree in a safe condition. As for veteran except management is not considered worthwhile.
A4.1.3	<b>Species:</b>	Common names and Latin names are given.
A4.1.4	<b>Height:</b>	Measured from ground level to the top of the crown.
A4.1.5	<b>Stem Diameter:</b>	Taken at 1.5m above ground level where possible. On multi-stemmed trees this measurement may be taken at ground level, though usually an indication of the number of stems and average diameter is given, e.g. 3 x 30cm.
A4.1.6	<b>Crown Height:</b>	Measured from ground level to the height at which the main crown begins. Where the crown is unbalanced it is measured on the side deemed to be most relevant. This is usually the side facing the area of anticipated development.
A4.1.7	<b>Tree Diagram:</b>	This scaled drawing is computer generated based on measurements taken for stem diameter, crown height and spread, and overall height. It is designed to help the reader rapidly assess the data. It is not an accurate representation of the form of the tree.
A4.1.8	<b>Crown Spread:</b>	Measured N, E, S & W, taken from the centre of the stem and usually rounded up to the nearest metre.
A4.1.9	<b>Observations:</b>	If a tree's position is considered to be relevant it will be commented upon (e.g. overhanging a children's play area). Tree form and pruning history are also recorded along with an account of any significant defects. Defects and descriptive terms are dealt with in more detail at the end of this section.
A4.1.10	<b>Recommendations:</b>	Usually based on any defects observed and intended to ensure that the tree is in an acceptable condition.
A4.1.11	<b>Priority Scale:</b>  Urgent Very High High Moderate Low	Depending upon the threat posed by the tree, and the likelihood of failure, recommendations should be carried out according to the following priority scale:  To be carried out as soon as possible. To be carried out within 1 month. To be carried out within 3 months. To be carried out within 1 year. To be carried out within 3 years.
A4.1.12	<b>Inspection Frequency:</b>	An interval of 6 months, 1 year, 1.5 years or 3 years is allocated before the next inspection is due. Wherever practical, consideration should be given to seasonal changes so that deciduous trees are not always surveyed in winter when they have no leaves, or in summer when leaves may obscure branches within the upper crown.
A4.1.13	<b>Vigour:</b> High Moderate Low Very Low	An indication of growth rate and the tree's ability to cope with stresses: Having above average vigour. Having average vigour. Having below average vigour. Tree is struggling to survive and may be dying.
A4.1.14	<b>Physiological Condition:</b> Good Fair Poor Very Poor	Healthy and with no symptoms of significant disease. Disease present or vigour is impaired. Significant disease present or vigour is extremely low. Tree is dying.
A4.1.15	<b>Structural Condition:</b> Good Fair Poor Very Poor	Having no significant structural defects. Some defects observed though no high priority works are required. Significant defects found. Tree requires monitoring or remedial works. Major defects which will usually require significant remedial works or tree removal.
A4.1.16	<b>Amenity Value:</b> Very High High Moderate Low	Exceptional specimen, observable by a large number of people. Attractive specimen, observable by a significant number of people. One of the above factors is not applicable. Unattractive specimen or largely hidden from view.
A4.1.17	<b>Life Expectancy:</b>	The estimated number of years before the tree may require removal. Classified as (<10), (10 – 20), (20 – 40), or (40+).
A4.1.18	<b>Retention Category:</b>	These are explained in detail in Appendix 1.

### A4.2 Evaluation of Defects

A4.2.1 Cavities, wounds, deadwood etc are all evaluated as follows:

<b>Major</b>	Such that structural integrity is, or will become, compromised and the tree is, or will inevitably become, hazardous.
<b>Significant</b>	A defect that may over time become a major defect, though not necessarily so. This will depend on the vigour of the tree and its ability to deal with decay etc.
<b>Minor</b>	A defect that is not likely to compromise the tree's structural integrity.





## General Glossary

<b>Adaptive growth</b>	In tree biomechanics, the process whereby wood formation is influenced both in quantity and quality by the action of gravitational forces and mechanical stresses on the cambial zone.
<b>Aerobic</b>	Conditions in which oxygen is freely available, or to biomechanical processes that depend on the presence of oxygen.
<b>Anaerobic</b>	A condition marked by the absence of oxygen; Generally such areas are unsuitable for normal life and growth of plant tissues. These sites tend to be populated by bacteria capable of surviving low oxygen conditions often associated with Slime Flux.
<b>Arboriculture</b>	The culture and management of trees as groups and individuals primarily for amenity and other non-forestry purposes.
<b>Arborist</b>	A person possessing the technical competence through experience and related training to provide management of trees or other woody plants in a landscape setting. Generally involved with the development or management of trees for visual amenity or land management rather than the growth of trees for product or profit.
<b>Barrier zone</b>	A layer within an annual increment of wood which contains abnormal xylem cells, laid down by the cambium in response to wounding or other trauma.
<b>Body language</b>	In trees, the outward display of growth responses and or deformation in response to mechanical stress.
<b>Bole</b>	Or Trunk, the main stem of a tree below its first major branch.
<b>Bracket</b>	A type of fruiting body produced by various fungal species, plate like to hoof like in shape and often a one sided attachment to the wood or bark.
<b>Branch bark ridge</b>	A ridged area located at the union of a branch to a trunk or stem.
<b>Branch Collar</b>	Trunk tissue that forms around the base of a branch between the main stem and the branch, or between a main branch and a lateral branch. As a branch decreases in vigour or begins to die, the collar usually becomes more pronounced and completely encircles the branch.
<b>Brown Rot</b>	Form of decay where cellulose is degraded, while lignin is only modified.
<b>Buttress Root</b>	Roots that emerge from the base of the tree stem, normally large and well developed that rapidly reduce in diameter to create the Root Plate this offers structural support for the tree. Buttress roots divide rapidly forming the connection between the stem and the transport roots.
<b>Cabling Bracing</b>	Installing cables within the crown of a tree to prevent collapse.
<b>Callus</b>	Undifferentiated cells often formed at the edges of recent injuries. This tissue quickly becomes differentiated, forming cells of the type characteristic of that position on the tree (e.g. forming wood, bark, roots, etc.) see wound response tissue.
<b>Cambium</b>	A thin layer of actively growing and dividing cells, located between the xylem (sapwood) and bark of a plant; the part responsible for radial growth of a tree stem or branch.
<b>Canopy</b>	The topmost layer of twigs and foliage in a woodland, tree or group of trees.
<b>Canker</b>	A localised area of dead bark and cambium on a stem or branch, caused by fungal or bacterial organisms, characterised by woodland development on the periphery. This may be annual or perennial.
<b>Cavity</b>	An open and exposed area of wood, where the bark is missing and internal wood has been decayed and dissolved.
<b>Chlorotic</b>	Also Chlorosis. A condition of the plant marked by yellowing of normally green foliage, often indicating nutrient deficiency or plant dysfunction.
<b>Clinometer</b>	Devices that measures vertical angles, and provides direct height measurements of objects by triangulation.
<b>Co-dominant stems/trunk</b>	Are forked branches or trunks of nearly the same size in diameter and lacking a normal branch union.
<b>Compacted soils</b>	Soils in which the air-space (oxygen space) has been reduced or eliminated, reducing water infiltration and percolation, reducing root presence and inhibiting new root development.
<b>Compartmentalisation</b>	The physiological process that creates the chemical and mechanical boundaries that act to limit the spread of disease and decay organisms.
<b>Compression Failure</b>	Localized buckling of fibres and other longitudinal elements produced by compression of wood along the grain; compression failures sometimes develop in standing trees.
<b>Compression Strength</b>	The ability of a material or structure to resist failure when subjected to compressive loading; measurable in trees using special drilling devices
<b>Compression Wood</b>	Abnormal wood formed on the lower side of branches and curved stems, with physical properties different from normal wood.
<b>Conservation Area</b>	In Great Britain, designated areas of architectural or historical interest, in which there are special procedures for planning applications. Additionally tree works cannot generally be undertaken without prior notification (Currently 6 weeks) to the relevant local planning authority. See also Tree Preservation Orders.
<b>Core Sample</b>	A sample of wood extracted from a trunk or branch, using an increment borer tool. The resulting core can be analysed for characteristics of growth, wood strength, structure, decay, and for species identification.
<b>Crotch</b>	The union of two or more branches; the auxiliary zone between branches.
<b>Crown</b>	The upper canopy of a tree, including upper trunk, scaffold branches, secondary branches, stems and leaves.
<b>Crown lifting / raising</b>	Crown Lift The removal of the lowest branches, usually to a given height. It allows more residual light and greater clearance underneath for vehicles etc.
<b>Crown reduction</b>	The reduction of a tree's height or spread while preserving its natural shape.
<b>Crown thinning</b>	The removal of some of the density of a tree's crown, usually 5-25% allowing more light through its canopy and reducing wind resistance.
<b>Deadwood (noun)</b>	Deadwood is often present within the crown or on the stems of trees. It may be an indication of ill health, however, it may also indicate natural growth processes. If a target is present beneath the tree, deadwood may fall and cause injury or damage and should be removed, otherwise deadwood can remain intact for conservation purposes (insects, fungi, birds etc.).
<b>Deadwood (verb)</b>	The removal of dead branches from a tree's canopy, usually of a specified size (in diameter).
<b>Decay</b>	Progressive deterioration of organic tissues, usually caused by fungal or bacterial organisms, resulting in loss of cell structure, strength, and function. In wood, the loss of structural strength.
<b>Decay Detection</b>	The assessment of decay within a tree has been traditionally difficult, but recent advances have made it possible to achieve accurate representations of the internal section of a tree in both 2D and 3D, removing doubt over the condition of the tree and allowing accurate management decisions.
<b>Defect</b>	In relation to tree hazards, any feature of a tree which detracts from the uniform distribution of mechanical stress, or which makes the tree mechanically unsuited to its environment.
<b>Defoliation</b>	The losing of plants foliage.
<b>Dieback</b>	Progressive death of buds, twigs and branch tissues, on individual limbs resulting in Deadwood, or throughout the canopy,





	extreme cases can result in Stag Heading.
<b>Dripline</b>	A projected line on the ground that corresponds to the spread of branches in the canopy; the farthest spread of branches.
<b>Epicormic shoots</b>	Fast growing, weakly attached shoots/branches that often grow as a response to stress factors upon a tree or branch removal.
<b>Failure</b>	In connection with tree hazards, a partial or total fracture within the wood tissue or loss of cohesion between roots and soil. (In total failure affected parts will snap or tear away completely, Partial failure there is a crack or deformation, which results in an altered distribution of mechanical stress.
<b>Feeder Roots</b>	Fine fibrous Water and nutrient absorbing roots located in the outer root system.
<b>Flush-Cut</b>	In trees and shrubs, a pruning cut close to the parent stem, which removes the branch bark ridge.
<b>Foliage</b>	The live leaves or needles of the tree; the plant part primarily responsible for photosynthesis.
<b>Formative pruning</b>	The trimming of a tree to remove weaknesses and irregularities which may lead to problems. The formative pruning operation is aimed at reducing the potential for future weaknesses or problems within the tree's crown.
<b>Gall</b>	An abnormal, disorganized growth of plant tissues, caused by parasitic or infectious organisms such as insects, fungi, bacteria, or viruses.
<b>Girdling</b>	In woody plants, any form of damage that destroys the bark and / or the Cambium all the way around the stem, branch or root, normally resulting in death of the damaged section.
<b>Girdling Root</b>	In woody plants, a root that grows across the buttress, or across other roots, eventually causing constriction of the radial growth.
<b>Growth Increment</b>	The incremental growth added as new annual ring develops each season over existing wood. This is seen as (growth) rings in cross-sections of wood.
<b>Hazard beam</b>	An upwardly curved branch in which strong internal stresses may occur without the compensatory formation of extra wood (longitudinal splitting may occur in some cases).
<b>Heartwood</b>	Inner non functioning tissues that provide structural support to trunk.
<b>Heave</b>	In relation to shrinkable clay soils, expansion due to rewetting of a volume of soil previously subjected to the removal or water by plant / trees following felling or root severance. Also in relation to root growth, the lifting of pavements and other structures by radial expansion. Also in relation to tree stability, the lifting of one side of a wind rocked root plate.
<b>Herbicide</b>	A chemical compound that causes the death of a plant.
<b>Included Bark</b>	Bark that becomes embedded in a crotch between branch and trunk or between co-dominant stems, usually found in narrow or tight crotches, and causes a weak structure.
<b>Increment Borer</b>	A tool that cuts and extracts a narrow cylinder of wood from a tree for analysis of the wood tissue and growth increments.
<b>Leader</b>	The primary terminal shoot or trunk of a tree.
<b>Limb</b>	A large lateral branch growing from the main trunk or from another larger branch.
<b>Lion Tailing</b>	Often the result of poor pruning practices; the main leader or branches are largely devoid of side branches, growth is restricted to the end of branches and is likely to suffer damage through end loading.
<b>Lopping</b>	In trees, a general term that related to the removal of branches from a tree.
<b>Monitoring</b>	Due to the relative life span of trees in relation to our own, long-term monitoring provides a valuable insight to the health of trees, identifying decline and or stabilisation and or improvement.
<b>Mulch</b>	A material laid over the root system of a tree to help conserve moisture within the soil. Additionally it may help control the development of weeds close to the tree.
<b>Mycelium</b>	A mass of growing filaments (hyphae) formed by fungi.
<b>Mycorrhizae</b>	The symbiotic relationship between roots and certain beneficial fungi. Mycorrhizae are the combined root / fungal growth.
<b>Occluding tissue</b>	The general term of wood, cambium and bark that develop around the site of a wound on a woody plant
<b>Pathogen</b>	A microorganism that causes diseases within another organism.
<b>Phloem</b>	The principle conductive tissue that the products of Photosynthesis are transported around the plant
<b>Photosynthesis</b>	The process were light energy is used to create energy (Carbohydrate) for use within the plant.
<b>Pollard</b>	A term for a pollarded tree.
<b>Pollard head</b>	The swollen section of branch / stem that forms behind the pollarding cut.
<b>Pollarding</b>	The complete or partial removal of the crown of a young tree so as to encourage the development of numerous branches either for amenity or historically as fodder, repeated management is required cyclically to maintain the feature
<b>Prune or Pruning</b>	Selective removal of woody plant parts of any size, using saws, Loppers, Secateurs, or other pruning tools.
<b>Reaction Wood</b>	Wood with distinctive anatomical characteristics, formed in parts of leaning or crooked stems and in branches to provide additional strength / support. In hardwoods, tension wood usually forms. In conifers, compression wood is usually found.
<b>Reaction Zone</b>	A zone normally darker than surrounding wood that denoted the boundary often a defensive one between functional sapwood and dysfunctional or decaying wood.
<b>Re-grading</b>	The raising or lowering of a soil profile from its original grade.
<b>Remedial pruning</b>	The removal of old stubs, deadwood, epicormic growth, rubbing or crossing branches and other unwanted items from the tree's crown.
<b>Resistograph</b>	Invasive decay detection technique whereby the resistance offered by the timber to a spinning probe is measured and plotted.
<b>Rib</b>	In tree body language, a long narrow, axial protuberance which often over lays a crack.
<b>Ring Barking</b>	Artificial Girdling of the stem, to result in the death of a tree. May be used in habitat creation were the retention of dead standing trees is required.
<b>Rod Bracing / Bolting</b>	Traditionally, this has relied upon the installation of steel rods or bolts through the stems or limbs, to reduce twisting or splitting of the wood. The installation of such features does require legal interpretation.
<b>Root Barriers</b>	Both Buildings and services can benefit from the installation of root barriers to protect a soil volume from the ingress of roots.
<b>Root Collar</b>	The basal area of the tree; transition zone from trunk to root. Also sometimes called trunk flare.
<b>Root Plate</b>	The primary support area for the tree; an area of the root system close to the base that structurally anchors the tree to the soil.
<b>Root Rot</b>	Either a general term for decay within the wood of the lower stem / buttress roots, or a disease in which the fine roots are killed.
<b>Root System</b>	The portion of the tree containing the root organs, including buttress roots, transport roots, and fine absorbing roots; all underground parts of the tree.
<b>Root Zone</b>	The area and volume of soil around the tree in which roots are expected. May extend to three or more times the branch spread of the tree, or several times the height of the tree.
<b>Sail Area</b>	That area or the tree subjected to wind load.





Sapwood	Xylem wood tissue, usually light in colour, representing the outer growth rings of the wood. Usually living, reactive wood tissue, in a healthy tree. See heartwood
Scaffold limbs / scaffold Branches	The branches that from the main network framework of the crown of a tree.
Senescent	A decline in growth and vigour due to age or stress factors.
Shrub	A woody plant that branches at or close to the ground level and so does not have a single stem.
Slime Flux	Relating to a toxic condition from the spreading of bacteria or their products from a source of infection; characterized by malodorous gases, or salt deposits upon the bark. If these products enter the sap stream, localised vessel necrosis can result, usually associated with anaerobic conditions.
Soft Rot	A kind of wood decay, where a fungi degrades cellulose within the cell wall, without causing overall degradation.
Soil Compaction	The compression of soil, causing a reduction of pore space and an increase in the density of the soil. Air is squeezed out and nutrients become locked. Tree roots cannot grow in compacted soil.
Sonic Decay Detection	Non invasive method whereby sound waves are passed through the tree and the speed is measured. Slow speeds indicate decay and a tomography picture representing the inner stem is produced.
Stag Heading	In a tree, a state of dieback where dead branches protrude beyond the current living crown.
Stress	In plant physiology, conditions were one or more physiological functions Are not working within normal parameters.
Stump Grinding	The removal of a tree stump using a specialist grinding machine.
Subsidence	In relation to vegetation, the removal of water by plant growth resulting in localised shrinkage in the soil volume.
Sucker	Same as sprout.
Suppressed	Trees which are dominated by surrounding vegetation and whose crown development is restricted from above.
Systemic	Affecting the whole plant or organism. A systemic compound is carried throughout the entire plant to all parts through the vascular system.
Target	Any person or object within reach of a falling tree or part of a tree that may be injured or damaged.
Target Pruning	The pruning of a branch where the wound affects only branch material, often result in a target shaped wound.
Tension Wood	Reaction wood typically formed on the upper side of limbs or curved stems; characterized by lack of cell wall lignifications (higher ratios of cellulose to lignin).
Tight Union / Tight Crotch	Also, narrow crotch. A crotch with a narrow angle between branches, often having included bark.
Tomography	The comparison of sound or stress waves through the tree allows the creation of a 2D or 3D representation of the internal structure of a stem or branch section and highlights areas of damage. Virtually non-injurious.
Topography	The configuration of surface features, including the vertical and horizontal relationships of the ground and other features.
Topping	Cutting large limbs back severely, without regard to form or habit of the tree. Cuts are usually made between lateral branch nodes. This practice is extremely injurious to trees, and promotes decay and structural weakness within the crown.
Tree	A woody plant that typically has a single stem, at maturity has a height of a least 4 metres and a stem diameter at breast height of at least 75mm.
Tree Preservation Order	In Great Britain, an order made by the local planning authority, where consent must be gained before undertaking all but exempt works to a tree.
Trunk Flare	The basal area of the trunk that flares or widens, and merges with the main roots. See root collar
Veteran Tree	Veteran trees are often found in large parks or estates and commonly affected by extensive decay or have been subject to extensive works. These trees are retained for historical importance and often pose greater risk than normal, which is generally justified. They need careful management and often propping or bracing to support them, some require fencing to limit access.
Vigour	Active, healthy growth of plants: ability to respond to stress factors.
Visual Tree Assessment (VTA)	An assessment of the mechanical condition of trees based upon their 'body language'. Trees are dynamic and respond to faults / decay / environmental factors in various ways, these responses can be indicative of structural integrity.
Wetwood	An infection caused by bacteria living inside the plant tissues. The bacteria ferment the plant fluids, resulting in death of nearby cells, and often causing exudations of fluid from the bark, often referred to as a Slime Flux.
White Rot	A kind of wood decay where a fungi attacks the lignin within the wood matrix
Wind loading	Forces placed upon tree canopy, branches, trunk and roots of a tree under windy conditions.
Wind Throw	The failure of a tree due to wind loading.
Witches Broom	A deformed or unusual growth of twigs from adventitious buds, caused by insects, disease, or dieback of twigs and buds.
Wood	Secondary Xylem; the main structural support and water conducting tissue of trees and shrubs.
Wound Response Tissue	Also Occluding Tissue, Wound Wood or Callus. Differentiated wood tissue that grows around the margins of a wound or injury.
Wound Wood	Wood with atypical features, formed in the vicinity of a wound and a term to describe the occluding tissues around a wound
Xylem	Plant tissues with special function of translocation of water and dissolved nutrients.





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## Appendix 3: Survey Methodology

- A2.1 Ground level visual surveys are carried out using the *Visual Tree Assessment* technique described by Mattheck and Broeler (1994) and endorsed by the Arboricultural Association (LANTRA Professional Tree Inspection course, 2007).
- A2.2 Structural condition is assessed by inspecting the stem and scaffold branches from all angles looking for weak branch junctions or symptoms of decay. Particular attention is paid to the stem-base. Cavities are explored using a metal probe in order to assess the extent of any decay. If this is not possible further inspection is recommended in the form of a climbed inspection or using specialist decay detection equipment.
- A2.3 The physiological condition is assessed by inspecting the stem, branches and foliage for symptoms of disease. The overall vigour of the tree is also taken into account.
- A2.4 Where significant defects are observed, recommendations are made according to a scale of priority in order to reduce the likelihood of structural failure. The position of the tree and its potential targets are taken into account.
- A2.5 Measurements are obtained using a diameter tape, clinometer, distometer and loggers tape. Where this is not practical measurements are estimated.
- A2.6 Some trees are surveyed as groups, though this is usually avoided close to areas likely to be developed.
- A2.7 Finally, a *Retention Category* is allocated as described in Appendix 1.1.1.

## Appendix 4: Author's Qualifications

### Qualifications & Experience of Ivan Button N.C.H. (Arb), FDS (Arb), BSc (Hons), P.G.C.E., M. Arbor. A.

#### Construction

Between 1983 and 1995 Ivan worked primarily within the construction industry and received training in a broad range of practical building skills and general construction principles. During this time he obtained a BSc (Hons) at Leeds University followed by a P.G.C.E at The University of Wales.

#### Arboriculture

He obtained a NCH (Arboriculture) at the University of Lincoln and became a member of the Arboricultural Association. He then worked for an Arboricultural Consultancy for one year before establishing a tree surgery and landscaping business in 1998. In 2005 Ivan commenced full time employment with a leading Arboricultural Association approved consultancy and soon adopted a senior role responsible for five consultants.

He obtained a FDS in arboriculture at the University of Lancashire, which he passed with distinction and is now a Director and Principal Consultant of Crown Consultants Ltd. He is accredited as a LANTRA *Professional Tree Inspector*. A qualification produced in association with the Arboricultural Association and generally recognised as appropriate for all levels of tree inspection.

He is a member of the Consulting Arborist Society and is listed within their areas of professional expertise for QTRA and as an expert witness.

Ivan is a professional member of the Arboricultural Association and the International Society of Arboriculture.

He is a licensed Quantified Tree Risk Assessment user.

Ivan has undertaken professional expert witness training and has been registered as a Sweet and Maxwell Checked Expert Witness since 2008.

Throughout 2009 acted as the principal Tree Officer for Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

Ivan has produced several hundred Arboricultural Reports for the purposes of Development, Safety, Management, Mortgage, Subsidence, Mitigation and Litigation.



## Appendix 5: Further Information

### Building Near Trees – General

National Joint Utilities Group publication # 10 (1995), *Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Services in Proximity to Trees*. Downloadable at [www.njug.demon.co.uk/pdf/NJUG%20Publication10.pdf](http://www.njug.demon.co.uk/pdf/NJUG%20Publication10.pdf)

NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2., *Trees and Buildings*.

Horticulture LINK project 212. (University of Cambridge, 2004), *Controlling Water Use of Trees to Alleviate Subsidence Risk*.

### Tree Planting and aftercare

See [www.trees.org.uk/leaflets.php#](http://www.trees.org.uk/leaflets.php#) for downloadable leaflets on selecting a garden tree, planting, aftercare and veteran tree management.

### British Standards

BS 5837: 2012. Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations.

BS 3998: 2010. Recommendations for Tree Work.

BS 3936: 1992. Nursery Stock. Part 1: Specification for Trees and Shrubs.

BS 3936: 1992. Nursery Stock. Part 10: Specification for Groundcover Plants.

BS 4043: 1989. Transplanting Root-balled Trees.

BS 8004: 1986. Foundations.

BS 8103: 1995. Structural design of Low-Rise Buildings.

BS 8206: 1992. Lighting for Buildings.

BS 8545:2014. Trees: From nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations

BS 3882: 2007. Topsoil.

BS 4428: 1989. General Landscaping Operations (excluding hard surfaces).

### Permission to do Works to Protected Trees / Tree Law

Forestry Commission (Edinburgh, 2003), *Tree Felling – Getting Permission*. Country Services Division - Forestry Commission. Downloadable at [www.forestry.gov.uk/website/pdf.nsf/pdf/wgsfell.pdf/\\$FILE/wgsfell.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/pdf.nsf/pdf/wgsfell.pdf/$FILE/wgsfell.pdf)

Transport and the Regions (Department of the Environment, 2000), *Tree Preservation Orders, A Guide to the Law and Good Practice*. Downloadable at [www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/tposguide](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/tposguide)

C. Mynors, *The Law of Trees, Forests and Hedgerows* (Sweet and Maxwell, London, 2002)

Communities and Local Government website with numerous downloadable documents, from:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/treeshighhedges/>

### Lighting Levels

P.J. Littlefair, B.R.E. 209: *Site layout planning for daylight and sunlight A guide to good practice*. B.R.E. Bookshop, London.

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Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers. *Applications manual: Window Design* (London, 1987).

NBA Tectonics. A study of passive solar housing estate layout. *ETSU Report S-1126*. Harwell, Energy Technology Support Unit (1988).

I.P. Duncan; D. Hawkes, *Passive solar design in non-domestic buildings*. *ETSU Report S-1110*. Harwell, Energy Technology.

P. J. Littlefair, *Measuring Daylight*, *BRE Information Paper 23/93 f3.50*. (Advises on measuring daylight under the real sky or an artificial sky, allowing for the changing nature of sky light).

### High Hedges

Communities and Local Government website with numerous downloadable documents, from:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/treeshighhedges/>

### Tree Specific Websites

<a href="http://www.crowntrees.co.uk">www.crowntrees.co.uk</a>	Crown Consultants site containing useful information
<a href="http://www.trees.org.uk">www.trees.org.uk</a>	Arboricultural Association
<a href="http://www.rfs.co.uk">www.rfs.co.uk</a>	Royal Forestry Society of England, Wales and N. Ireland
<a href="http://www.treehelp.info">www.treehelp.info</a>	The Tree Advice Trust
<a href="http://www.woodland-trust.org.uk">www.woodland-trust.org.uk</a>	The Woodland Trust
<a href="http://www.treecouncil.org.uk">www.treecouncil.org.uk</a>	The Tree Council





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## Appendix 6: Tree Data Schedule and Site Plan(s)

The Tree Data Schedule and all plans accompanying this report follow this page. They are also provided as separate documents for ease of printing and referring between when viewing on a screen.