



# Tree Condition Report

**St Luke's School**

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Further to your recent instruction I visited the above property address on 14/06/17 and following our desk study have produced the following report.

### **Scope**

I am commissioned Mrs Gill to compile a report summarising the condition and any management recommendations of the trees within St Luke's School, Kidderpore Avenue, West Hampstead, London, NW3 7SU.

A site location plan can be found in Appendix 1. The report is subject to caveat as per Appendix 2.

### **Authority**

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## Tree Survey

There is one tree included in the survey, the locations of which can be seen in Appendix 2, the details of which are as follows:

<p>T1</p> <p>Sycamore</p> <p><i>(Acer psefoplatanus)</i></p>	<p><b>Observations:</b></p> <p>Situated in the playground to the rear of the school. Mature tree; 19m tall; 670mm stem diameter; 8m crown spread. In good physiological condition. Twin stemmed at 3m. Cavities at sites of old pruning wounds. Previously pruned to give clearance to building. Crown touches building</p> <p><b>Tree Management Recommendations:</b></p> <p>Prune back from building to give 2m clearance</p>
<p>T2</p> <p>Common Lime</p> <p><i>(Tilea euopa)</i></p>	<p><b>Observations:</b></p> <p>Situated in the playground to the rear of the school. Mature tree; 21m tall; 710mm stem diameter; 5m crown spread. In fair physiological condition. Tri stemmed at 5m. Major deadwood (&gt;50mm) overhanging the playground. Epicormic growth on stem and at base.</p> <p><b>Tree Management Recommendations:</b></p> <p>Remove major deadwood. Remove epicormic growth as part of a regular maintenance schedule.</p>
<p>T3</p> <p>Elder</p> <p><i>(Sambucas nigra)</i></p>	<p><b>Observations:</b></p> <p>Situated in the playground to the rear of the school. Young tree; 4m tall; 80mm &amp; 100mm stem diameter; 2m crown spread. In fair physiological condition. Twin stemmed at 1.3m.</p> <p><b>Tree Management Recommendations:</b></p> <p>No works required</p>

<p>T4</p> <p>Common Lime <i>(Tilia euopa)</i></p>	<p><b>Observations:</b></p> <p>Situated in the playground to the rear of the school. Young tree; 6m tall; 120mm stem diameter; 3m crown spread. In fair physiological condition. Stem leans west. Stem is growing through two fences. Crown is overtopped by neighbouring trees</p> <p><b>Tree Management Recommendations:</b> Remove tree to prevent further damage to fences</p>
<p>T5</p> <p>London plane <i>(Platanus x hispanica)</i></p>	<p><b>Observations:</b></p> <p>Situated in the playground to the rear of the school. Mature tree; 20m tall; 850mm stem diameter; 9m crown spread. In good physiological condition. Cavity and snapped out branch at old pollard points at 7m. Cavity at site of old pruning wound at 4m. Dead limb overhanging neighbouring property.</p> <p><b>Tree Management Recommendations:</b> Remove dead limb</p>
<p>T6</p> <p>Common Lime <i>(Tilia euopa)</i></p>	<p><b>Observations:</b></p> <p>Situated in the playground to the rear of the school. Young tree; 8m tall; 120mm stem diameters; 4m crown spread. In fair physiological condition. Multi stemmed from base, Crown is overtopped by neighbouring trees</p> <p><b>Tree Management Recommendations:</b> No works required</p>
<p>T7</p> <p>Common ash <i>(Fraxinus excelsior)</i></p>	<p><b>Observations:</b></p> <p>Situated in the playground to the rear of the school. Mature tree; 22m tall; 860mm stem diameter; 7m crown spread. In good physiological condition. Stem leans south due to competition from tree on neighbouring property. Multi stemmed at 6m; Previously snapped out limb at 5m. Cavity on limb at 9m below pruning wound.</p> <p><b>Tree Management Recommendations:</b> No works required</p>

<p>T8</p> <p>Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)</p>	<p><b>Observations:</b></p> <p>Situated in the playground to the rear of the school. Mature tree; 10m tall; 470mm stem diameter; 6m crown spread. In poor physiological condition. Previously topped at 8m. <i>Inonotus hispidus</i> fungal fruiting body in crown. <i>Daldinia concentrica</i> fungal fruiting bodies on north of stem at 1m. Decay present within stem</p> <p><b>Tree Management Recommendations:</b> Fell to ground level and grind out stump</p>
<p>T9</p> <p>Pissards plum (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> '<i>Atropurpurea</i>')</p>	<p><b>Observations:</b></p> <p>Situated to the front of the school &amp; rectory. Mature tree; 7m tall; 410mm stem diameter; 4m crown spread. In fair physiological condition. Multi stemmed at 2m; Previously reduced; Remnants of fungal fruiting body on stem at 2.5m &amp; fallen around base of stem likely <i>Laetiporus sulphureus</i>.</p> <p><b>Tree Management Recommendations:</b> Monitor tree condition on a yearly basis</p>
<p>T10</p> <p>Pissards plum (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> '<i>atropurpurea</i>')</p>	<p><b>Observations:</b></p> <p>Situated to the front of the school &amp; rectory. Mature tree; 8m tall; 390mm stem diameter; 4m crown spread. In fair physiological condition. Multi stemmed at 1.8m; Previously crown lifted over drive; Cavity in crown at 2m below included branch union.</p> <p><b>Tree Management Recommendations:</b> Remove limb above cavity.</p>

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**Appendix 1**

**Site Location Plan**



## Appendix 2

### Caveats & Limitations of the Survey

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- Changes to the circumstances of the trees as a result of unusual weather conditions may invalidate the content of the report.
- Changes to soil conditions, soil levels or surroundings may invalidate the content of the report.
- The nature of the soils on site was not assessed during the inspection; no samples were taken for analysis.
- No wood samples were taken for analysis.
- The arboricultural inspection was made from ground level; an aerial inspection was not deemed necessary.
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