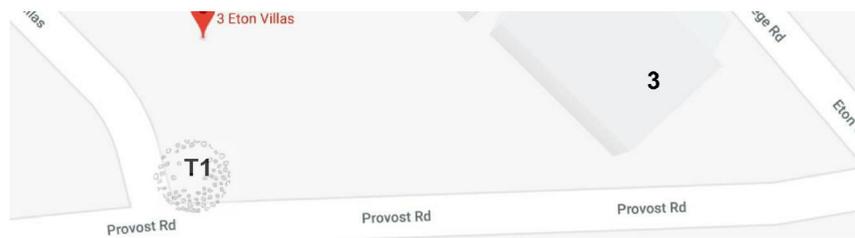




# Tree Report

**3 Eton Villas NW3 4SX.**

Investigation by Kim Gifford



Date 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Tree Report – Fig tree T1**

1. **Instruction:** I Kim Gifford Arboricultural Consultant (Appendix 1 for profile) am instructed inspect the
2. Fig tree at 3 Eton Villas. My brief is to carry out a tree assessment on the six on this property.
3. **Background:** I understand that prior the owner had commissioned an inspection of the subject tree has flagged up concerns about the safety and the future potential of this specimen.

4. **Tree Assessment:**

T1 – Fig (Ficus sp.) = 55>cms ht=8m> cs=south 4m north 4m west 4m east 4m

**General description:** Tree position situated adjacent to the wall and roadway.

**Root collar:** pushing against the wall foundations.

**Trunk condition:** Scarring and occluding wounds.

**Upper Crown:** unbalanced protruding limbs towards the footpath and roadway.

5. **Recommendation:**

This Fig tree T1 has now outgrown its position pushing against the adjacent wall.

The root plate is causing distortion of the wall foundations rendering the wall unstable.

It is there appropriate to recommend that this specimen is removed with in the near future.

Fell Fig T1 and replant with a new appropriate ornamental specimen (not a Fig) in a nearby location.



Fig T1 from roadside



Fig T1 from garden

**Appendix 1** – Kim Gifford: Arboricultural Consultancy

Consultant Mr Kim Gifford: Profile

Prior to starting GTS Kim Gifford completed a 4-year apprenticeship in 1972 with the Royal Parks at Hampton Court Palace, acquired City and Guilds Horticulture and Arboriculture. In addition to these qualifications, Kim Gifford continued his professional development by attending seminars, conferences, studying for the professional diploma and a foundation degree in Arboriculture. Further work experience during the pre-business period included sub-contracting for Arb. Companies. Work as a lead Arborist for London Borough of Ealing and Arborist in Berlin Germany.

Kim Gifford t/a Gifford Tree Service started trading as a sole trader in 1980 and in 1985 became a partnership. The company specialises in all aspects of Arboriculture. From 2007 Kim Gifford now again trades as a sole trader in his own right. In 1988 Kim Gifford became an approved contractor with Arboricultural Association after a comprehensive assessment and reassessments in 2002/2007

Kim Gifford served on committees of the Arboricultural Association for 10 years and became the National Chairman of the Arboricultural Association in 2001. Kim Gifford is now an honorary member of the Arboricultural Association.

Kim Gifford personally undertakes Picus sonic decay tests for local authorities and other Arboricultural contractors all over the Southern area of England. Kim Gifford owns the Picus equipment treetesting.com for 15 years and completed over 3000 tests, so he

has considerable experience in the analysis of the tomographic images. He provides this service to complement other consultant reports, this is combined with my 44 years' knowledge in Arboriculture. The whole system has been updated and maintained to the recent Picus manufactures improvements. Kim Gifford has undertaken many Tree Surveys including Mortgage reports and BS5837 surveys to meet planning authorities' requirements during development proposals plus Tree Preservation applications and planning inspectorate appeals.

Kim Gifford was certificated by Lantra training awards with Professional Tree Inspection Certificate 30th November 2013 and Arboricultural Association Certificate BS5837 – Advanced Tree Assessment for Planning 4th May 2016. Kim Gifford also provides quotations for recommended works, Risk Methods Statements, Health & Safety Policies, Site Specific procedures operation supervision and management services.

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