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Your Ref:

Our Ref: **T/20/0207**

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Dear Mr Smallthwaite,

## **Notice of Grant of Permission for Tree Works**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 198

The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012

Your application to carry out work to preserved tree(s) has now been considered and the Council's decision is shown in the Schedule below.

Your attention is drawn to applicant's rights (set out overleaf), arising from the refusal of permission or grant of permission, subject to conditions attached, and to the notes also set out overleaf.

### **Council Decision Summary**

I refer to your application for consent to carry out work on trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

A001 Tree works as specified in Table 1 on page 5 of the attached tree report by Treesure titled, Dures Court, 8 Park Road West, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 8SF Tree Survey and Recommended Works.

Location: **Dures Court, 8 PARK ROAD WEST, CLAUGHTON**

TPO: Wirral Borough Council No: WR0019 Ref: A001

In pursuance of its powers under the above-mentioned Act and Order the Wirral Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority hereby **GRANT PERMISSION** to carry out the work to the tree(s) listed and growing at the above address as specified in the application submitted to the council on 07 August 2020.

### **Subject to the following conditions**

- 1 That the work shall be carried out in accordance with the current British Standards for Tree Work No. 3998 in respect of the operations hereby specified.

Reason: In the interests of the safety of persons and properties, including any neighbouring trees which are not to be felled, and in the interests of the health of the trees upon which the work is to be carried out.

- 2 If the work authorised by this notice is not carried out within a period of two years from the date shown below, another application shall be submitted to the Local Authority for approval before any further tree work is undertaken.

Reason: So that the desirability or necessity of the unimplemented works can be re-assessed in the light of the passage of time.

The Reasons for the above conditions are:-

- (a) To preserve the amenities of the area.
- (b) In the interests of good arboricultural practice.

**Application for tree works: works to trees subject to a tree preservation order (TPO) and/or  
notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area.  
Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

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**1. Applicant Name and Address**

Title:	MR	First name:	RYAN
Last name:	EVANS		
Company (optional):	SMITH & SONS		
Unit:		House number:	
		House suffix:	
House name:	DURES COURT		
Address 1:	8 PARK RD WEST.		
Address 2:	PRENTON		
Address 3:	WIRRAL		
Town:	OXTON		
County:	MERSEYSIDE		
Country:	ENGLAND		
Postcode:	CH43 8SF		

**2. Agent Name and Address**

Title:	MR	First name:	GUY
Last name:	SMALLTHWAITE		
Company (optional):	TREASURE		
Unit:		House number:	
		House suffix:	
House name:	THE OLD CHAPEL		
Address 1:	ORCHARD LANE		
Address 2:	PUDDINGTON		
Address 3:	WIRRAL		
Town:	NESTON		
County:	CHESHIRE		
Country:	ENGLAND		
Postcode:	CH64 5SG		

### 3. Trees Location

If all trees stand at the address shown in Question 1, go to Question 4. Otherwise, please provide the full address/location of the site where the tree(s) stand (including full postcode where available)

Unit:	<input type="text"/>	House number:	<input type="text"/>	House suffix:	<input type="text"/>
House name:	<input type="text"/>				
Address 1:	<input type="text"/>				
Address 2:	<input type="text"/>				
Address 3:	<input type="text"/>				
Town:	<input type="text"/>				
County:	<input type="text"/>				
Postcode (if known):	<input type="text"/>				

If the location is unclear or there is not a full postal address, either describe as clearly as possible where it is (for example, 'Land to the rear of 12 to 18 High Street' or 'Woodland adjoining Elm Road') or provide an Ordnance Survey grid reference:

Description:

### 4. Trees Ownership

Is the applicant the owner of the tree(s): ☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'No' please provide the address of the owner (if known and if different from the trees location)

Title:	<input type="text"/>	First name:	<input type="text"/>
Last name:	<input type="text"/>		
Company (optional):	<input type="text"/>		
Unit:	<input type="text"/>	House number:	<input type="text"/>
House name:	<input type="text"/>		
Address 1:	<input type="text"/>		
Address 2:	<input type="text"/>		
Address 3:	<input type="text"/>		
Town:	<input type="text"/>		
County:	<input type="text"/>		
Country:	<input type="text"/>		
Postcode:	<input type="text"/>		

Telephone numbers

Country code:	National number:	Extension number:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Country code:	Mobile number (optional):	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Country code:	Fax number (optional):	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Email address (optional):		
<input type="text"/>		

### 5. What Are You Applying For?

Are you seeking consent for works to tree(s) subject to a TPO? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you wishing to carry out works to tree(s) in a conservation area? ☒ Yes ☐ No

### 6. Tree Preservation Order Details

If you know which TPO protects the tree(s), enter its title or number below.

WROD19A001

### 7. Identification Of Tree(s) And Description Of Works

Please identify the tree(s) and provide a full and clear specification of the works you want to carry out. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. You might find it useful to contact an arborist (tree surgeon) for help with defining appropriate work. Where trees are protected by a TPO, please number them as shown in the First Schedule to the TPO where this is available. Use the same numbers on your sketch plan (see guidance notes).

Please provide the following information below: tree species (and the number used on the sketch plan) and description of works. Where trees are protected by a TPO you must also provide reasons for the work and, where trees are being felled, please give your proposals for planting replacement trees (including quantity, species, position and size) or reasons for not wanting to replant.

E.g. Oak (T3) - fell because of excessive shading and low amenity value. Replant with 1 standard ash in the same place.

PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 5 OF THE ATTACHED REPORT. TABLE 1 LISTS ALL RECOMMENDED TREE WORK.  
THE SITE IS WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA & TPO

## 7. Identification Of Tree(s) And Description Of Works continued ...

PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 5 OF THE ATTACHED REPORT.

## 8. Trees - Additional Information

Additional information may be attached to electronic communications or provided separately in paper format.

### For all trees

A sketch plan clearly showing the position of trees listed in Question 7 must be provided when applying for works to trees covered by a TPO. A sketch plan is also advised when notifying the LPA of works to trees in a conservation area (see guidance notes). It would also be helpful if you provided details of any advice given on site by an LPA officer.

### For works to trees covered by a TPO

Please indicate whether the reasons for carrying out the proposed works include any of the following. If so, your application must be accompanied by the necessary evidence to support your proposals. (See guidance notes for further details)

1. **Condition of the tree(s)** - e.g. it is diseased or you have fears that it might break or fall: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, you are required to provide written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert.

2. **Alleged damage to property** - e.g. subsidence or damage to drains or drives. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, you are required to provide for:

#### *Subsidence*

A report by an engineer or surveyor, to include a description of damage, vegetation, monitoring data, soil, roots and repair proposals. Also a report from an arboriculturist to support the tree work proposals.

#### *Other structural damage* (e.g. drains, walls and hard surfaces)

Written technical evidence from an appropriate expert, including description of damage and possible solutions.

### Documents and plans (for any tree)

Are you providing separate information (e.g. an additional schedule of work for Question 7)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, please provide the reference numbers of plans, documents, professional reports, photographs etc in support of your application. If they are being provided separately from this form, please detail how they are being submitted.

## 9. Authority Employee / Member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent. For the purposes of this question, "relating to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the local planning authority.

Do any of the following statements apply to you and/or agent? ☐ Yes ☐ No With respect to the authority, I am:  
(a) a member of staff  
(b) an elected member  
(c) related to a member of staff  
(d) related to an elected member

If Yes, please provide details of their name, role and how you are related to them.



## 10. Application For Tree Works - Checklist

Only one copy of the application form and additional information (Question 8) is required. Please use the guidance and this checklist to make sure that this form has been completed correctly and that all relevant information is submitted. Please note that failure to supply precise and detailed information may result in your application being rejected or delayed. You do not need to fill out this section, but it may help you to submit a valid form.

### Sketch Plan

- A sketch plan showing the location of all trees (see Question 8) ☐

### For all trees

(see Question 7)

- Clear identification of the trees concerned ☐
- A full and clear specification of the works to be carried out ☐

### For works to trees protected by a TPO

(see Question 7)

Have you:

- stated reasons for the proposed works? ☐
- provided evidence in support of the stated reasons? in particular:
  - if your reasons relate to the condition of the tree(s) - written evidence from an appropriate expert ☐
  - if you are alleging subsidence damage - a report by an appropriate engineer or surveyor and one from an arboriculturist. ☐
  - in respect of other structural damage - written technical evidence ☐
- included all other information listed in Question 8? ☐

## 11. Declaration - Trees

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

Signed - Applicant:

Or signed - Agent:

*G J Smallthwaite*

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

*04/08/2020*

(This date must not be before the date of sending or hand-delivery of the form)

## 12. Applicant Contact Details

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TREE SURVEY AND RECOMMENDED WORKS

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## **1: Introduction**

- 1.1 Guy Smallthwaite is an Arboricultural consultant with Treesure. He has been awarded a foundation degree in Arboriculture with the University of Central Lancashire in conjunction with Myerscough College and is a Professional Member of the Arboricultural Association.
- 1.2 Treesure have been instructed to undertake a tree survey on the land at Dures Court. The survey was undertaken on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- 1.3 This document has been prepared by Treesure on behalf of Smith and Sons. This report should be read in conjunction with the plans for Dures Court detailing the exact location of the groups of trees with a 'priority of works' recommendation.

## **2: Scope and limitations of the Survey**

- 2.1 The scope of the survey includes a visual inspection of trees within the grounds of Dures Court.
- 2.2 The brief was to appraise the trees in relation to their health and condition and overall safety.
- 2.3 The survey refers to the condition of the trees through visual assessment noting all external signs of decay and of growth – related defects.
- 2.4 No analysis of soil samples were undertaken.
- 2.5 Any legal descriptions or information given by the consultant are understood to be accurate.
- 2.6 No responsibility is assumed by Treesure for legal matters that may arise from this report, and the consultant shall not be required to give testimony or to attend court unless subsequent contractual arrangements are made.
- 2.7 Any alteration or deletion from this report will invalidate it as a whole and the conclusions of this report will remain valid for one year from the date of inspection

- 2.8 The report is only valid for typical weather conditions. Exceptional severe weather conditions can result in the snapping or uprooting of any tree even if it is free from recognisable defects. Treesure cannot be held liable for any such failures.
- 2.9 The responsibility for any work undertaken on the surveyed trees rests with the nominated persons in charge of the trees within this community.
- 2.91 Wildlife and Countryside Act -1981. Timing of tree work operations must be considered to avoid causing disturbance to any nesting or breeding birds that may be present within trees or hedgerows (March- August).

### 3.0 Methodology

The inspection took place from ground level aided by the Visual Tree Assessment Method (Mattheck and Breloer 1994) which is a widely accepted method which takes into account structure and physiological symptoms

- 3.1 All trees on the site were assessed for potential hazards. One hedgerow was also included in the assessment. Ornamental/ smaller trees were excluded from this assessment. Any tree that required removal/monitoring or moderate work was further assessed.
- 3.3 The survey was carried out without the use of a topographical survey. An OS map was purchased separately and individual trees and groups of trees were plotted on a visual basis.
- 3.4 Photographs have been included within the survey. Photographs are used as a comparative record for subsequent tree surveys and also assist contractors with identification.



## 4.0

## HEADINGS AND ABBREVIATIONS

SPECIES	COMMON AND SCIENTIFIC NAME
TREE NO	LOCATION OF TREE ON MAP
AGE RANGE	Y=YOUNG SM = SEMI MATURE, EM = EARLY MATURE, M = MATURE, PM = POST MATURE
HEIGHT	OTHER THAN WHEN THE HEIGHT OF THE TREE IS CRITICAL TO THE RISK ASSESSMENT, APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 10 TREES ARE MEASURED AND THE REMAINDER MEASURED AGAINST THE MEASURED TREES
DIAMETER	STEM DIAMETER – MEASURED AT APPROXIMATELY 1.3 METRES
VITALITY	A MEASURE OF PHYSIOLOGICAL CONDITION D=DEAD, MD = MORIBUND, P=POOR, M=MODERATE, G=GOOD

## 5.0 Summary

Dures Court hosts trees of diverse species, including sycamore, ash, lime, beech, birch, whitebeam, cherry and one monkey puzzle.

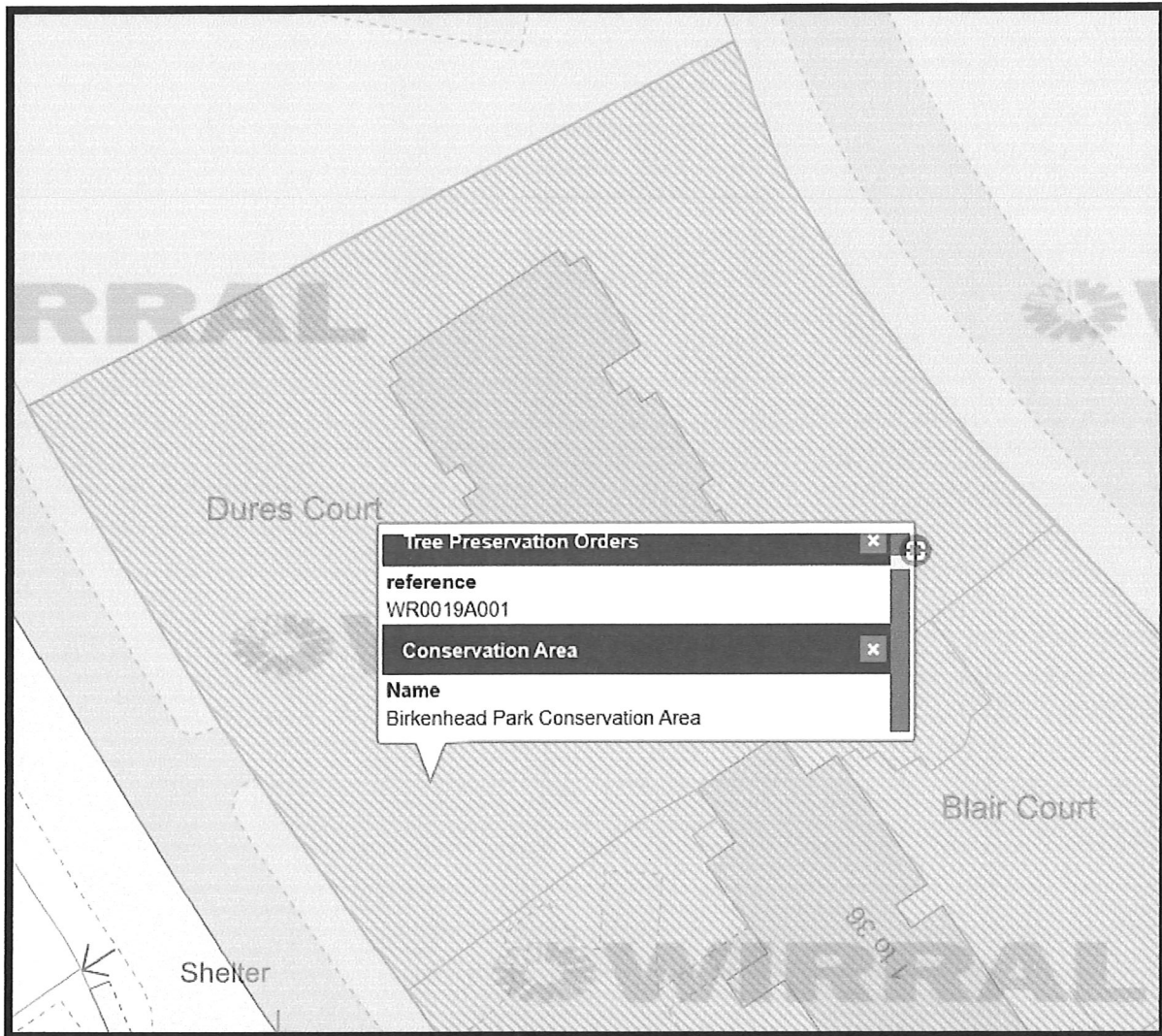
The site is within the Birkenhead Park Conservation Area and the trees are covered by a blanket Tree Preservation Orders.

Remedial pruning is recommended on some of the mature trees (see Table 1) and epicormic growth, ivy and foliage should be removed to two metres on a number of trees. Future inspections would then be less obscured. Some trees have branches extending towards the building which require pruning back and the monkey puzzle tree requires an annual check for healthy foliage as it appears to be in slow decline.

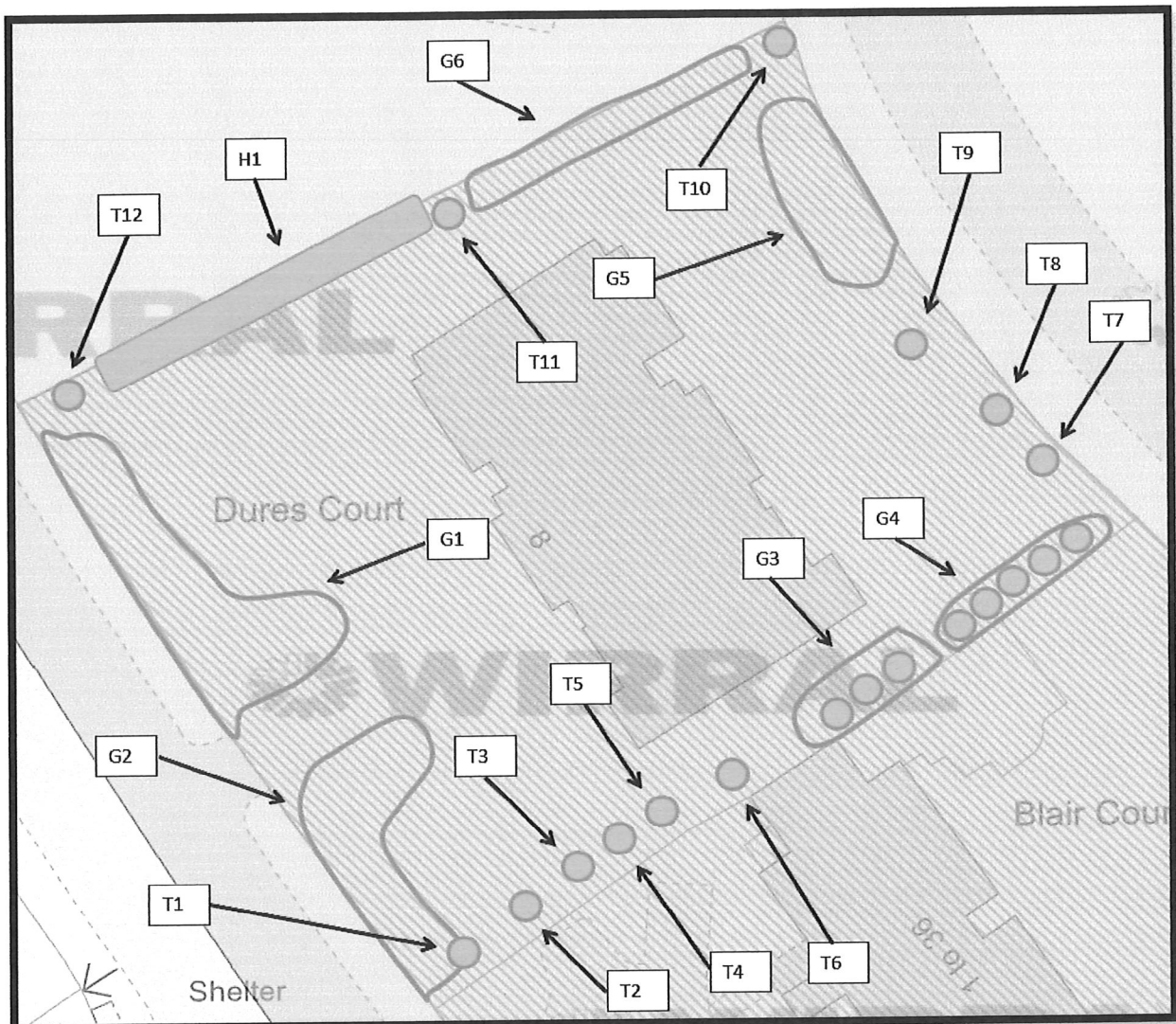
All specific tree work recommendations are detailed within this report.

**Table 1. Tree work for individual trees and groups (Please see Table 3 for specifications for pruning works)**

Individual trees	Recommendations	Level of risk and time scale for tree works
T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T7, T8, T10, T11, and T12.	Remove ivy and epicormic growth to 2 metres.	Medium 3 – 6 months
T3 Sycamore ✓	Reduce stem leaning towards parking area to approx. 3 metres.	Medium 3 – 6 months
T5 Lime	Prune back branches by 2.5 <del>5</del> metres and remove lower branches to 3 metres. ✓	Medium 3 – 6 months
T6 Beech	Prune back branches by 2.5 – 3 metres and remove lower branches to 3 metres. ✓	Medium 3 – 6 months
T9 Monkey Puzzle	Monitor for decline in healthy foliage. ✓	Annually
G1	Slight canopy raises for lawn maintenance. ✓	Medium 3 – 6 months
G2	Slight canopy raises for lawn maintenance and to clear car parking area. ✓	Medium 3 – 6 months
G3	Prune back branches on trees closest to building by approx. 2.5 – 3 metres. ✓	Medium 3 – 6 months
G4	Prune back branches on tree closest to building by approx. 2.5 – 3 metres. ✓	Medium 3 – 6 months



Plan 1. Image from Wirral Borough Council interactive mapping system showing that trees within the site are covered by a tree preservation order (WR0019A001). Also, the site is within the Birkenhead Park Conservation Area shaded in orange.



Plan 2. Locations of trees and hedge on site



Plan 3. Aerial view of site





Site: Dures Court 2020							Surveyor: Guy Smallthwaite Table 2	
Ref	Species	Height	Approx Stem Diameter	Cardinal points	Vitality	Age	Comments	Management
T1	Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	12m	390mm	N 4 S 4 E 4 W 4	G	M	In good health with no apparent defects. Trunk clad in ivy and epicormic growth from the base.	Remove ivy and epicormic growth to 2 metres.
T2	Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	13m	340mm	N 4 S 4 E 4 W 4	G	M	Tree in good health with no apparent defects. Trunk clad in ivy and epicormic growth from the base.	Remove ivy and epicormic growth to 2 metres.

Ref	Species	Height	Approx Stem Diameter	Cardinal Points	Vitality	Age	Comments	Management
T3	Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	13m	334mm and 350mm	N 5 S 5 E 3 W 4	G	M	A dual stemmed tree. The stem leaning towards the car park is showing signs of decline and should be reduced to approximately 2 metres to lessen the risk of failure.	Reduce section of stem leaning over the parking area to approximately 3 metres and also remove ivy and epicormic growth to 2 metres.
T4	Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	13m	340mm X 2	N 4 S 4 E 4 W 4	G	M	In good health with no apparent defects. Trunk clad in ivy and epicormic growth from the base.	Remove ivy and epicormic growth to 2 metres.

Ref	Species	Height	Approx Stem Diameter	Cardinal Points	Vitality	Age	Comments	Management
T5	Lime <i>Tilia x europaea</i>	13m	300mm	N 4 S 4 E 4 W 3	G	M	Tree in good condition with no apparent defects. Trunk clad in ivy and epicormic growth from the base. Lower branches cascade to the ground.	Prune back branches extending towards the building by approximately 2 metres and remove lower branches to 3 metres which will raise the canopy. Remove ivy and epicormics growth to 2 metres.
T6	Beech <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	11m	200mm	N 5 S 4 E 3 W 3	G	S/M	Tree in good condition with no apparent defects. Branches extending towards the building.	Prune back branches extending towards the building by 2.5 – 3 metres. Remove lower branches to 3 metres which will raise the canopy.

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Ref	Species	Height	Approx Stem Diameter	Cardinal Points	Vitality	Age	Comments	Management
T7	Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	11m	509mm	N 4 S 4 E 4 W 4	G	M	Tree in good condition with no apparent defects. There is epicormic growth and ivy which inhibits a clear inspection.	Remove epicormic growth and ivy to 2 metres.
T8	Whitebeam <i>Sorbus aria</i>	9m	280mm	N 3 S 3 E 3 W 3	G	E/M	Tree in good condition with no apparent defects. It is clad in ivy and foliage which inhibits a clear inspection of the main stem.	Remove foliage and ivy to 2 metres.

Ref	Species	Height	Approx Stem Diameter	Cardinal Points	Vitality	Age	Comments	Management
T9	Monkey Puzzle <i>Araucaria araucana</i>	14m	330mm	N 2 S 2 E 2 W 2	G	M	Tree in satisfactory condition. There is some loss of foliage and it has a sparse appearance.	Monitor annually for signs of decline (loss of healthy foliage).
								
T10	Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	14m	380mm	N 4 S 4 E 4 W 4	G	M	In good health with no apparent defects. It is clad in ivy and foliage which inhibits a clear inspection of the main stem.	Remove foliage and ivy to 2 metres.
								





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Ref	Species	Height	Approx stem diameter	Cardinal points	Vitality	Age	Comments	Management
T11	Ash <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	12m	220mm	N 3 S 4 E 3 W 3	G	E/M	In good health with no apparent defects. It is clad in ivy and foliage which inhibits a clear inspection of the main stem.	Remove foliage and ivy to 2 metres.
T12	Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	13m	390mm	N 4 S 3 E 4 W 5	G	M	Tree has sparse foliage which may be partly caused by the infestation of ivy. This also inhibits a clear inspection of the main stems.	Remove foliage and ivy to 2 metres.

Ref	Species	Height	Approx stem diameter	Cardinal points	Vitality	Age	Comments	Management
G1	Holly <i>Ilex aquifolium</i> (1) Himalayan Birch <i>Betula jacquemontii</i> (2) Cherry <i>Prunus avium</i> (1)	Av 3.5 m	Av 100mm	N 2 S 2 E 2 W 2	G	Y	Group of young trees in good condition. Slight raise of canopies.	Raise canopies slightly to improve access for maintenance (lawnmowing).
G2	Himalayan Birch <i>Betula jacquemontii</i> (2) Cherry <i>Prunus avium</i> (1)	Av 4m	Av 100mm	N 2 S 2 E 2 W 2	G	Y	Group of young trees in good condition. Raise canopies to allow for access and clear parked cars.	Raise of canopies to allow for access and clear parked cars.

Ref	Species	Height	Approx stem diameter	Cardinal points	Vitality	Age	Comments	Management
G3	Beech <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	12m	Av 200mm	N 5 S 3 E 3 W 3	G	M	Group of semi mature trees in good condition. Branches extend to the building and there is foliage to the ground.	Prune back branches extending towards the building by 2.5 – 3 metres and remove lower branches to 3 metres which will raise the canopy.
G4	Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> Holly <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	13m	Av 320mm	N 4 S 4 E 4 W 4	G	M	Healthy tree with no apparent defects. Dense foliage obscuring trunks and stems. Branches extending and touching building.	Prune back branches touching building by 2.5 metres. Remove ivy on the larger trees up to 2 metres so that future inspections are less obscured.

Ref	Species	Height	Approx stem diameter	Cardinal points	Vitality	Age	Comments	Management
G5	Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> 	13m	Av 300mm	N 3 S 3 E 3 W 3	G	E/M	A group of 6 trees, all clad in ivy and some with sparse foliage possibly due to the ivy infestation.	Remove ivy and epicormic growth to 2 metres.
G6	Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> Cherry <i>Prunus avium</i> 	6m	160mm	N 2 S 2 E 2 W 2	G	Y	Young, healthy trees on boundary line.	No work required at present.

Ref	Species	Height	Approx stem diameter	Cardinal points	Vitality	Age	Comments	Management
H1	Privet <i>Ligustrum</i> sp Sycamore <i>Acer Pseudoplatanus</i>	Av 3m	80mm	N 2 S 2 E 2 W 2	G	S/M	A neglected boundary hedge with sycamore saplings becoming more established.	No work required at present.

## 8. References

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