

PBA Consulting Solutions

Arboricultural Survey Report

At

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 On instructions received from Haslemere Town Council, Nick Shearer T.Arbor.A on behalf of PBA Consulting Solutions, undertook a ground level, visual assessment of the trees at Lion Green, Sturt Road embankment and allotments, Crown & Cushion junction, Town Meadow, Pocket Park, Memorial Green, St Christophers Green, Grovers Garden & Woodcock Green.
- 1.2 The inspections carried out were standard safety and maintenance inspections which comprise of a Visual Tree Inspection (VTA). This involves taking a detailed tree inspection of trees identifying significant features that may present an unacceptable risk to targets.
- 1.3 Tree work recommendations are given to ensure public safety and tree health. Where appropriate, recommendations are made for future inspections and management.

Methodology

- 1.4 The site was visited on 29th and 30th of June 2024. All observations were from ground level and all dimensions measured, with the exception of tree height which has been estimated, unless otherwise indicated.
- 1.5 Weather conditions at the time of inspection were dry and overcast with fair visibility.
- 1.6 Each tree has been given a reference number to assist identification.

Caveats and limitations

- 1.7 The contents are intended for the sole use of the client.
- 1.8 No liability is accepted for their use by any other parties to advance an argument or claim (including legal or financial) without prior consent.
- 1.9 Formal assessment of topography, drainage, service conduits, soil conditions and the like are outside the scope of this report.
- 1.10 Trees are living organisms whose health and overall condition can change rapidly. The conclusions and recommendations contained within this report are valid for a period of twelve months. The period of validity may be reduced if significant changes occur to either the trees or to the landscape within the immediate proximity of the trees.
- 1.11 It is understood that any risks associated with these limitations are accepted by the clients.

2 Summary of findings

Details of trees requiring works are given in Appendix A

2.1 Lion Green full – Full site inspection

This is an open public space with mature trees lining the highway and boundaries. There is a play park on the eastern side of the site and high pedestrian usage throughout the area.

T34 and T43 are mature trees with significant deadwood over the footpath and footbridge. These trees have been identified for deadwooding works with a twelve-month priority.

Trees T47 and a tree within G48 have been recorded as dead and identified for removal with a twelve-month priority.

T49 is an ash tree adjacent to the open space in significant decline and has been identified for removal with a twelve-month priority.

Tree T50 is a mature oak tree located adjacent to and weighted over the public footpath and bridge. This tree is considered to be in terminal decline and identified for removal with a six-month priority.

2.2 Sickle Mill Allotments (Sturt Road) - Full site inspection

This is an allotment site with third-party early-mature trees located on adjacent railway land, (presumed). Mature trees are located on embankments to the east and south of the site. Trees were inspected from within the allotment and from the footpath which runs along the south of the site.

Most trees at Sickle Mill Allotments have been assessed as low risk. No significant defects that may affect the allotments were recorded and no remedial works recommended at the time of inspection.

A third-party tree, within influencing distance of the site entrance was recorded as dead. Although not considered a significant risk at this time, it is recommended the owner is made aware for future management.

2.3 Sturt Road Embankment- Full site inspection

This is a mature group of trees located on an embankment between Sickle Mill allotments and Sturt Road. The group was inspected from the highway and from within the allotments to the west of the group

No significant defects that may affect the allotments were recorded and no remedial works recommended at the time of inspection.

2.4 Crown and Cushion Junction - Full site inspection

This is a very small site consisting of a multi-stemmed alder growing on the bank of the stream and a whitebeam adjacent to the footpath. The area is subject to high public usage.

No significant defects were recorded, and no remedial works recommended at the time of inspection.

2.5 Town Meadow – Full site inspection

Open space with some early mature trees and bordered by mature trees. Highway to south and west and residential properties to north. Footpath section with mature trees. Mature trees surrounding telephone exchange. The area is subject to high public usage.

Tree T10 is a mature ash tree showing evidence of significant decline with symptoms of ash dieback. It is recommended that this tree is removed with a twelve-month priority.

T11 is another ash showing evidence of decline and has been recently reduced. Little healthy regrowth from recent works. The condition of this tree was noted but no remedial recommendations made at the time of inspection.

2.6 Pocket Park – Full site inspection

This is an open space area adjacent to the bus stop. There are six small trees onsite. The area is subject to high public usage.

Tree T01 is a mature apple tree with low vigour and is weighted heavily towards the bus stop. No remedial recommendations have been made at this time, but it is recommended that the tree is reinspected in twelve months in order to assess the tree's health and rate of decline, if any.

2.7 Memorial Green – Full site inspection

This is a small open space area adjacent to the war memorial. There is one tulip tree located in the center of the space.

Tree T01 is a semi-mature tulip tree in very good condition. No significant defects were recorded, and no remedial works deemed necessary at the time of inspection.

2.8 St Christophers Green – Full site inspection

Twelve trees in open space surrounded by highway with frequent pedestrian access.

Tree T11 was re-inspected and there were no concerns regarding tree health or structural stability. No evidence of fungal fruiting bodies recorded in 2021 inspection. Further annual monitoring is not considered necessary.

T01 is a mature red oak within the open space. This tree has been identified for deadwood removal with a twelve-month priority.

T07 is a dead, ivy clad hawthorn and has been identified for removal with a six-month priority.

2.9 Grovers Garden – Full site inspection

Groves Garden contains a large communal area to the front of the properties containing many mature trees of varied species.

No significant defects were recorded, and no remedial works deemed necessary at the time of inspection.

2.10 Woodcock Green – Full site inspection

Woodcock Green is a section of woodland adjacent to Beacon Hill. This is a mature belt of woodland trees, south of the highway, with high pedestrian frequency desire paths throughout. The site consists of mature trees with some overhang to the arterial road and pedestrian desire paths. This site is subject to high public usage.

Trees T101, T102, T104, T106, T108, T109, T110, T111 and T112 are dead trees within falling distance of the sub-station and highway, respectively. These have been recommended for removal with a six-month priority.

T103, T105 and T107 are semi-mature oak trees recorded with significant deadwood over the highway and footpath, respectively. These trees have been recommended for deadwood removal with a six-month priority.

Appendix A

Schedule of trees requiring works



Tree ID	Species	Location (What3Words)	Height (m)	Spread (m)	Stem dia (mm)	Age class	Condition/Defects	Recommendations	Priority
T34	Tilia sp.	Lion Green ///odds.haircuts.polices	-	-	-	Mature	Dead limb near busy path junction	Remove dead limb	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T43	Quercus sp.	Lion Green ///counts.thus.merely	-	5	-	Mature	Dead limbs	Remove dead limbs	Routine Maintenance - 12 months
T47	Betula sp.	Lion Green ///seemingly.soda.bulk	7	3	100	Early-mature	Dead tree	Remove dead tree	Routine Maintenance - 12 months
G48	Ulmus sp.	Lion Green ///hurray.pinch.nightlife	-	-	-	Early-mature	Dead tree within group	Remove dead tree	Routine Maintenance - 12 months
T49	Fraxinus sp.	Lion Green ///vertical.shipyards.thinks	5	2	170	Early-mature	Ash on stream bank dying back	Remove dying tree	Routine Maintenance - 12 months
T50	Quercus sp.	Lion Green ///shaver.fingertip.takeovers	7	-	750	Early-mature	Tree near Bridge over stream high target area in terminal decline.	Fell to ground level, Prune away from property	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T10	Quercus sp.	Sickle Mill (Sturt Road) Allotments ///mystified.fountain.homing	14	14	1200	Fully-mature	Tree on other side of footpath unsure of ownership. Potential to impact entrance to site.	Ascertain ownership and inform of condition.	Routine Maintenance - 12 months
T10	Fraxinus excelsior	Town Meadow ///behaving.loses.headings	14	10	560	Mature	Tree in significant decline suspect ADB	Fell tree	Routine Maintenance - 12 months
T01	Malus sp.	Pocket Park ///apricot.furniture.plump	6	7	290	Mature	Low leaf density. Tree growing over bus stop	Monitor annually	Routine Maintenance - 12 months
T01	Quercus rubra	St Christophers Green ///assess.combos.natural	-	-	-	Mature	Deadwood	Remove deadwood	Routine Maintenance - 12 months

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T101	Pinus sylvestris	Woodcock Green ///beans.vans.harnessed	13	4	380	Mature	Dead pine within falling distance of electrical sub station.	Fell dead tree	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T102	Betula sp.	Woodcock Green ///familiar.curly.maker	13	4	180	Mature	Dead birch within falling distance of informal path.	Fell dead tree	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T103	Quercus sp.	Woodcock Green ///voters.sardine.depravity	8	4	95	Semi-mature	Deadwood over highway	Remove deadwood	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T104	Quercus sp.	Woodcock Green ///loft.relieves.zinc	9	2	180	Young	Dead tree	Remove dead tree	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T105	Quercus sp.	Woodcock Green ///cupboards.agenda.bulbs	-	-	-	Semi-mature	x2 oaks featuring dead limbs position over informal pathway	Remove deadwood over path	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T106	Betula sp.	Woodcock Green ///outnumber.resembles.pimples	10	4	210	Semi-mature	Dead	Fell dead tree	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T107	Quercus sp.	Woodcock Green ///conclude.campfires.hazelnuts	15	8	350	Semi-mature	Dead limb over path	Remove dead limb	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T108	Betula sp.	Woodcock Green ///upon.fortnight.plotting	6	1	120	Young	Dead Tree	Fell dead tree	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T109	Betula sp.	Woodcock Green ///hacksaw.guilty.sweetly	9	1	110	Semi-mature	Dead tree	Fell dead tree	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T110	Fagus sylvatica	Woodcock Green Nr 1 Corry Road	9	3	170	Young	Dead tree	Fel dead tree	Essential maintenance - 6 months

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T111	Quercus sp.	Woodcock Green ///freshest.products.earphones	3	1	55	Young	Dead tree	Fell dead tree	Essential maintenance - 6 months
T112	Betula sp.	Woodcock Green ///banter.waddled.massaged	4	1	320	Semi-mature	Dead birch stem without crown	Fell dead tree	Essential maintenance - 6 months