

# Health & Safety Duty of Care Report©

**Site:** Caversham Lock, Thames Side, Reading, RG1 8BP

**Client:** Environmental Agency

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## HERITAGE TREE SERVICES ABORICULTURAL HEALTH & SAFETY SURVEY

### Instruction:

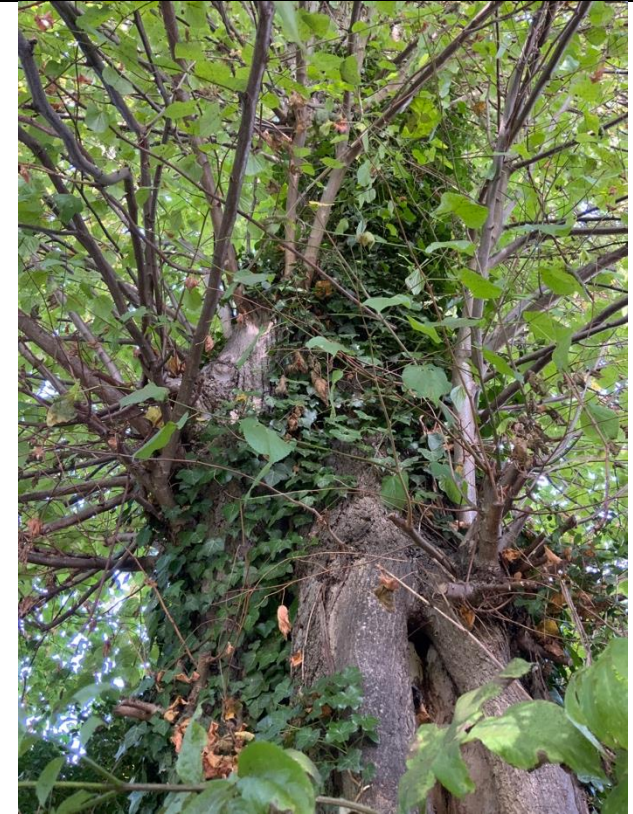
Heritage Tree Services Ltd received instructions from Barbara Andrea to carry out a Health & Safety appraisal of trees at the above site in September 2021.

### Inspection:

The **VTA** (Visual Tree Assessment) was carried out in accordance to *Mattheck & Breloer 1994* and *Lonsdale 1999* methodology, from ground level and catalogues all significant trees on site. Where considered appropriate, the trunk may have undergone percussive hammering using a rubber mallet to assess hollowing, and basal defects carefully prodded using a steel probe and air spade excavation of soil surrounding buttress roots. The potential Target Hazard factors are recorded and will dictate the level of risk in terms of size of part that may fail, likelihood of failure and human occupancy, dwellings and property, highways and pedestrian footpaths, etc-target area of occupancy. The Works Priority Rating is concluded upon date of survey, and will be listed as an action relative to the score giving some measure of quantified risk, a timeframe to carry out works will given by the arborist, according to criteria. Please see explanations in key below for clarification. This document will be accompanied by a Tree Location Plan (TLP) to aid identification.

| Tree Group<br>Hedge<br>or<br>Shrub<br>No. | SPECIES             | AGE | H<br>E<br>I<br>G<br>H<br>T | PHYSIO<br>LOGICAL<br>STATUS<br><br>Good<br>Fair<br>Poor<br>Dead | STRUCTURAL<br>STATUS<br><br>Good<br>Fair<br>Poor<br>Dead | ARBORICULTURISTS<br>OBSERVATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | RECOMMENDED<br>WORKS                                                                                                                  | S.O.P<br>+<br>L.O.F<br>+<br>T.A.O | Action<br>Relative<br>To<br>Score | Advised<br>Time<br>Scale<br>In months<br>from date<br>of survey |
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| T1                                        | Contorted<br>willow | M   | 10                         | F                                                               | F                                                        | Due to no available physical access, unable to comment on basal integrity.<br>Ivy present, unable to assess scaffold unions<br>Dead wood present<br>Low branches overhanging lock cut, some have been previously raised, restricting access to pontoon on weir side of lock island | Raise low branches to northwest over lock cut to approx 5m from water level and adjacent side to maintain clearance for river traffic | 2<br>1<br>2                       | 5                                 | 6 months                                                        |
| T2                                        | Goat<br>willow      | M   | 8                          | G                                                               | F                                                        | Due to no access, unable to comment on basal integrity.<br>Ivy present, unable to assess scaffold unions<br>Heavy understory growth, unable to ascertain condition of tree<br>Extension growth appears reasonable, unable to comment further                                       | No works required at present                                                                                                          | 0<br>0<br>1                       | 1                                 | -                                                               |
| T3                                        | Silver<br>birch     | SM  | 13                         | G                                                               | G                                                        | Site restricted access. Unable to comment on basal integrity.<br>Tree appears to be in a reasonable condition as viewed from lock cut access road.                                                                                                                                 | No works required at present                                                                                                          | 0<br>0<br>1                       | 1                                 | -                                                               |

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| G1 | Various        | SM | 10 | G | F | <p>Ivy present</p> <p>To include small plane, buddleia, sycamore on lock island weir side</p> <p>- No long term future potential in current position. Will eventually impede and cause obstruction to channel</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Remove group of small self set plane, buddleia, and sycamore with no long term potential in this location &amp; will become a hinderance to EA mooring pontoon.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2<br>1<br>2 | 5 | 6 months  |
| T5 | Goat willow    | M  | 5  | F | F | <p>Multistemmed with low branches over footpath to north</p> <p>Large surface roots, not thought to be a trip hazard due to distance away from footpath</p> <p>Includes adjacent sorbus with asymmetrical crown due to light competition</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Raise low branches to maintain clearance of approx 2.5m over footpath to north</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1<br>1<br>1 | 3 | 12 months |
| T6 | Horse chestnut | M  | 18 | G | F | <p>Ivy clad from ground level to approx 5m, impeding full VTA of basal trunk and main scaffold areas. Large branch union at approx 5m.</p> <p>Evidence of previous pruning works to lower crown over lock island. Resultant regrowth is thought to be stable.</p> <p>Cable of some description at approx 8.5m, possibly installed as a bracing system to large lateral limb at approx 2.5m.</p> <p>Foliage is obscuring further assessment from ground level to ascertain whether cable is cutting into cambium layer. Unclear as to its method of attachment onto/in the tree, the cable is passing to other areas of tree. Unable to gain visual indication from ground level of potential sites of fouling from cable contact.</p> <p>Potential cavities at sight of previous pruning over lock cut to southwest with resultant regrowth emanating at approx 5m and 8m.</p> | <p>Sever ivy at base to allow for dieback &amp; to facilitate future VTA.</p> <p>Assess basal area at time of ivy severance.</p> <p>Climbing inspection to ascertain any physical damage caused by cable installation and further investigation of main scaffold unions. Inspect identified cavities to ascertain extent of stability of potentially weak attachment points over lock cut.</p> | 3<br>2<br>2 | 7 | 1 month   |
| T7 | Lime           | M  | 14 | F | F | <p>Ivy and epicormic growth obscuring full VTA of basal area.</p> <p>Growing in close proximity to metal fence.</p> <p>X1 large cavity observed on south-eastern aspect at approx 2.5m, possibly result of previous limb loss or pruning wound. Probe inserted reveals a lateral ingress into trunk of 500mm &amp; 100mm downwards into the stem. Unable to get a longitudinal measurement further up from this wound site to ascertain extent of cavity ingress extent.</p> <p>Re growth at approx 1m above identified cavity that is obscuring visual assessment of potential cavity.</p> <p>See pictures below.</p> <p>Management technique of high pollard has been employed to mitigate any potential structural forces imposed on lower trunk at cavity site.</p> <p>Previously heavily pruned with resultant regrowth on high pollard heads at approx 10m.</p>          | <p>Sever ivy from base to aid future VTA.</p> <p>Remove epicormic growth from base to main scaffold as a course of continued maintenance pruning.</p> <p>Remove resultant regrowth from previous high pollard works, due to this being the recognised cyclical management technique &amp; to reduce likelihood of failure from potentially weak attachment points.</p>                         | 2<br>2<br>2 | 6 | 3 months  |



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| T8 | Lime | LM | 22<br>.5 | G | F | <p>Ivy present with limited physical access due to lock island weir side wall.</p> <p>Epicormic basal growth and up trunk to approx 4m.</p> <p>Evidence of previous pruning works.</p> <p>Low branches over weir north-western side.</p> <p>Potential cavities at site of previous pruning, unable to ascertain extent.</p> <p>Moderate deadwood over public footpath.</p> <p>Low branch growing towards services pole to south.</p> <p>See picture for site of wounding to be climbing inspected.</p> | <p>Remove basal epicormic and epicormic growth up to approx 3m to maintain clearance over footpath to southwest and weir side lock island wall.</p> <p>Climbing Inspection of potential cavities on weir side.</p> <p>Maintain clearance of low southern branch by removing up to 3m of lateral growth.</p> <p>Remove moderate deadwood observed over footpath to reduce likelihood of failure.</p> | <p>1<br/>1<br/>2</p> | 4 | 6 months |
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Potential cavity decay site



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| G2 | Various | EM-SM | 8-11 | F | F | <p>Includes x1 willow, x2 sycamore growing out of weir island weir side north bank</p> <p>Appear in reasonable condition</p> <p>Ivy present, unable to gain good physical access for full VTA of basal areas due to proximity to waters edge.</p> <p>Low branches of various species within group over northern weir side channel.</p> <p>Conifers with low branches obstructing cess pit tank gate way.</p> | <p>Raise low branches to approx 3m / cut back stems to maintain clearance over channel weir side &amp; facilitate inspections of lock island wall.</p> <p>Cut back branches obstructing cesspit entrance to maintain access.</p> | 1<br>1<br>1 | 3 | 12 months |
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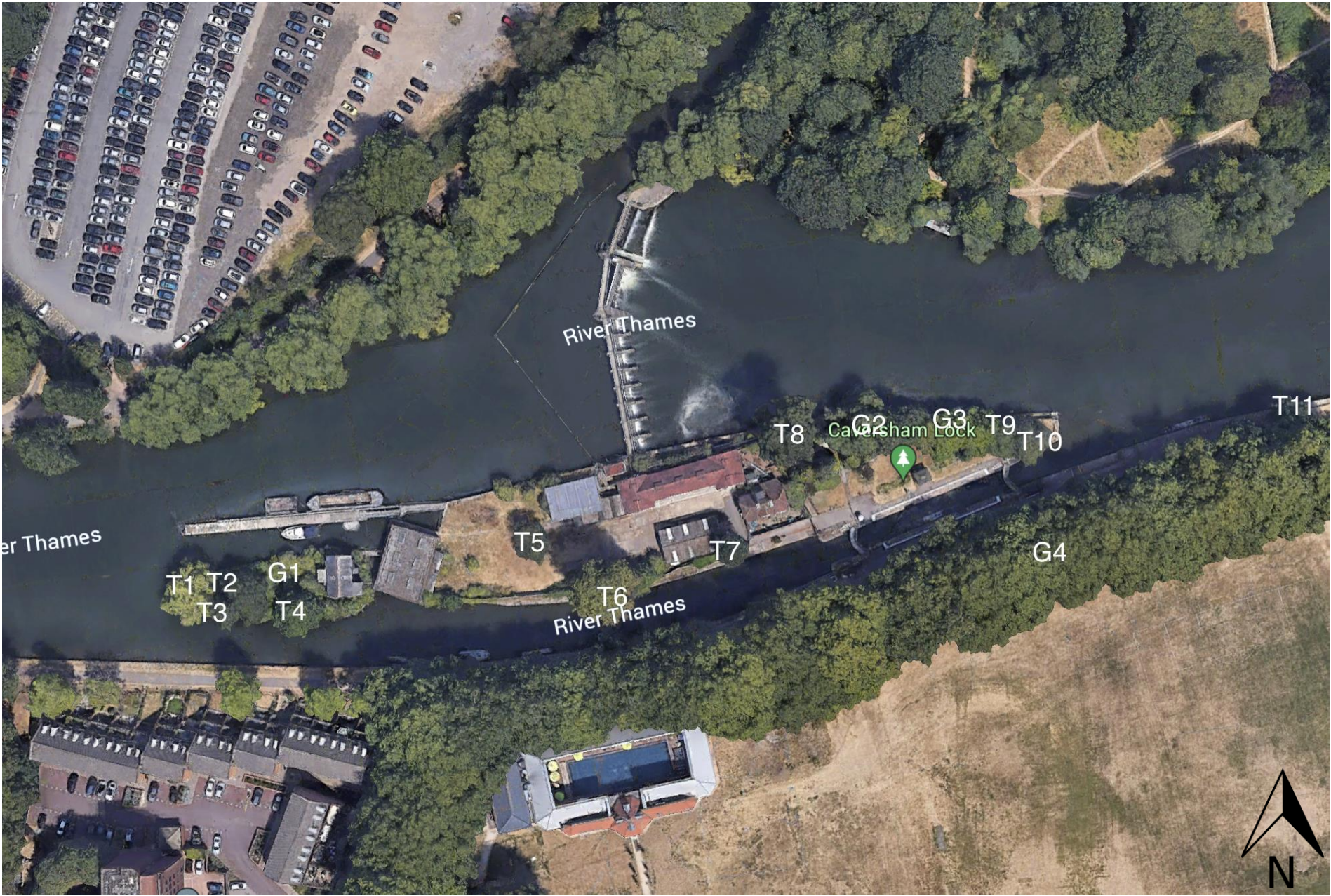




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| T11 | Ash<br># | EM | 8 | G | F | <p>Not within EA ownership, have been asked to comment</p> <p>Some phototrophic growth to north due to light competition from group.</p> <p>Some low branches over lock cut / mooring to north</p> <p>Some ivy present.</p> | <p>Raise low branches to maintain clearance over footpath to north to statutory height of 2.5m</p> <p>Suggest contacting owner of land for further structural/physiological assessment</p> | 1<br>1<br>3 | 5 | 6 months |
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| G4 | Various<br># | SM-<br>M | 10<br>-<br>18 | F | ? | <p>From lock cut edge along footpath/ access road<br/>Includes London plane, ash, sycamore<br/>Not EA ownership – have been asked to comment on any potential issues.<br/>Some broken hanging branches in sycamores adjacent to lock/ lock gates overhanging access road &amp; footpath.<br/>Ivy present and some deadwood observed throughout group within striking distance of access road.</p> | <p>Recommend contacting land owners for any further condition survey recommendations &amp; their duty of care responsibilities.<br/>Raise low branches throughout entire group to approx 4m for larger vehicular access and selective pruning works around lamps to maintain light splay.</p> | 2<br>2<br>3 | 7 | <p>1 month</p> <p>As a matter of urgency - the broken hanging branches identified should be removed asap.</p> |
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Tree location plan:



| HEALTH & SAFETY KEY            | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| T, G, H or S                   | Tree or Group numbers on enclosed list – (T = tree; G = group; H = hedge; S = shrub).<br>Tree location within plot - hash tag (#) signifies tree outside boundary or in alternative ownership.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Species                        | Defined in Latin and/or Common names.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Height                         | Measured in metres above ground level.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Spread                         | Canopy measured in metres from main stem in cardinal directions: North, South, East and West.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Age & Life Stage Status        | <p><b>Y:</b>     <b>Young</b> tree, recently planted, which could be relocated, if required, measuring less than 150mm in diameter at 1.5m.</p> <p><b>SM:</b>   <b>Semi mature</b> tree, establishing well, and within the first ⅓ of its lifespan. More growth required before reaching maximum potential.</p> <p><b>EM:</b>   <b>Early mature</b> tree at almost full height and within ⅔ of its lifespan. If healthy, crown and stem increment will continue.</p> <p><b>M:</b>     <b>Mature</b> fully-grown tree, unlikely for tree height, crown width or stem diameter to increase.</p> <p><b>OM:</b>   <b>Over-mature</b> tree declining in vigor and size, and possibly entering senescence, with potential defects and duty of care implications.</p> <p><b>Vet:</b>   <b>Veteran</b> aged senescent tree with possible habitat/ecological value, or of significant historic/cultural worth.</p> <p><b>Dead:</b> <b>Dead</b> tree not classified as <b>Veteran</b> status yet still retainable for possible ecological/habitat benefit.</p> |
| Physiological Condition Status | <p><b>GOOD:</b> General satisfactory conditions of health observed for species overall, due to good vitality and leaf cover/size with possible minor deadwood present. A maintenance prescription may be recommended for continued safe useful life expectancy.</p> <p><b>FAIR:</b> Tree displays some deterioration issues, or stress factors, i.e. minor die-back with moderate deadwood, discoloured leaves, crown thinning, damage or disease. Remedial action likely to be recommended to assist the safe retention and recovery of tree, to reduce the risk of failure.</p> <p><b>POOR:</b> Tree displays major deterioration or stress issues, i.e. sparse foliage, pest infestation, extensive crown die-back and major deadwood rendering its retention a risk. Recommended remedial works, or full removal, likely to resolve problems and reduce risk of failure.</p> <p><b>DEAD:</b> Deceased or dying tree that has, or will become, a risk factor to retain.</p>                                                                       |
| Structural Condition Status    | <p><b>GOOD:</b> Few significant structural defects noted for species. Possible maintenance prescription recommended for safe useful life expectation.</p> <p><b>FAIR:</b> Tree may exhibit possible issues i.e. storm damage, decay, cavities. Maintenance prescription likely to reduce risk of failure.</p> <p><b>POOR:</b> Tree displays major structural defects, i.e. significant root damage, cracked limbs, major deadwood rendering its retention a risk. Recommended remedial works, or full removal, likely to resolve problems and reduce risk of failure.</p> <p><b>DEAD:</b> Deceased or dying tree that has, or will become, a risk factor to retain.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| <b>Observations</b>          | <p><b>Deadwood defined as:</b></p> <p><b>TWIGS:</b> Twigs up to 10mm diameter<br/> <b>MINOR DEADWOOD:</b> Minor deadwood between 10mm to 40mm in diameter<br/> <b>MODERATE DEADWOOD:</b> Moderate deadwood within 40mm – 70mm in diameter<br/> <b>MAJOR DEADWOOD:</b> Major deadwood over 70mm in diameter</p> <p><b>Root Condition:</b><br/> The visual assessment of the rooting area, taking into consideration any evidence of physical damage, soil compaction or heave, excavation work and/or drainage problems.</p> <p><b>Stem Condition:</b><br/> The visual assessment of the stem and main scaffold branches observing any visible faults and wounds, and other exterior signs which may suggest possibility of internal faults. If decay is suspected, a sounding hammer may be used.</p> <p><b>Leaf &amp; Bud:</b><br/> The visual assessment of the amount and condition of foliage cover, and/or bud development, when compared against the foliage of the surrounding trees of the same species.</p> |
| <b>Recommended Works</b>     | The arboriculturalist's recommendations for prescriptive works and requirements for re-inspection or testing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Hazard Rating System:</b> | <p>Hazard Rating: calculated by assessing three criteria on a scale of 0-3, i.e.</p> <p>(i) Size of part likely to fail<br/> None = 0<br/> minor = 1<br/> significant = 2<br/> major = 3</p> <p>(ii) Likelihood of failure<br/> Exceptionally low = 0<br/> unlikely = 1<br/> quite likely = 2<br/> very likely = 3</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|                                   | <p>(iii) Target area occupation<br/> Exceptionally low = 0 - <b>VL</b><br/> Infrequent use = 1 - <b>L</b><br/> Frequent use = 2 - <b>M</b><br/> Structure beneath or continual use = 3 – <b>H</b></p> <p><b>Where size of part and likelihood of failure are high but target occupation is exceptionally low a non intervention course of management may be advised bringing an exception to the formula rule.</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Action relative to score =</b> | <p>No maintenance required = 0-3 = (very low)</p> <p>Maintenance advisable = 3-5 = P3 (low)</p> <p>Maintenance essential = 6-7 = P2 (medium)</p> <p>Implement specified works urgently = 8-9 = P1 (high)</p> <p><b>MONITOR</b> - possible future issues to reinspect within timeframe given – see guidelines **</p>                                                                                                    | <p><b>Guidelines:</b><br/> ** Reinspection will be recommended within a given timeframe, using the following guidelines, usually within 24 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With / without leaf</li> <li>• When fungal fruit bodies in evidence</li> <li>• When Ivy severed</li> <li>• With climbing inspection</li> </ul> |

## ***Legalities:***

- Duty of Care – in England and Wales under the common law of duty of care, the person or organisation responsible for trees must take reasonable care to avoid acts or omissions, that could reasonably be foreseen, which would be likely to cause harm to persons or property.
- Occupiers Liability Act 1957 and 1984 – these Acts place a duty upon the occupier to take such care as is reasonable to ensure that visitors to their land shall be safe from harm.
- The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 – this Act places a duty on every employer to conduct his undertaking in such a way to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that persons not in his employment who may be affected by the day to day activities of the business are not exposed to risks to their health and safety.
- Implications of the Legal Framework – the person or organization responsible for these trees thus has a legal obligation to take reasonable measures to review the condition and any risks posed by the trees in their care, and if expert advice is sought in this regard to follow these recommendations. Failure to do this may lead to a claim of negligence under common law or prosecution by the Health and Safety Executive under the Health and Safety at Work Act.

## ***References:***

- British Standard 3998 (2010) Tree Work
- Mattheck and Breloer (1994) The Body Language of Trees
- Lonsdale (1999) Principles of Tree Hazard Assessment and Management

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