



Tree Inventory Report

Reading Borough Council

21 January 2026

Report created by Shinobu Cooper



Unique ID: 0B7T

Housing

Quercus robur

W3W: ranged.task.twig

Overview Photos



Inventory	
Surveyor	Shinobu Cooper
Inspection Date	16-Jan-2026
Trunk Type	Single
Age	Veteran
Condition	Poor
Proximity	Side of
Building Number	88 - 110
Street	GOSBROOK
Stem Diameter	
Spread	18m
Height	11m
Risk	High Target + High Risk
Committee	Housing
Site	Grass

Species	
Count	1
Vegetation Type	Broadleaf
Species	Quercus robur

Maintenance

Requirements	
Date Added	20-Jul-2023
Date Required	20-Jan-2024
Date Completed	16-Jan-2026
Priority	3. High
Requirement Type	General Prune 1 - CL/CB/DW/Epi etc.
Requirement Option	
Requirement Info	
Requirement Note	clear base and ring ivy

Requirements	
Date Added	16-Jan-2026
Date Required	16-Feb-2026
Priority	
Requirement Type	Fell Tree
Requirement Option	
Requirement Info	

Considerations	
Consideration	C Stem Ivy / climbing plants / obscured view

Considerations	
Consideration	D Crown Deadwood significant

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Consideration	A Furniture Road sign / Other street furniture

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Considerations	
Consideration	E General More frequent inspection required

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Consideration	A Furniture Carparking bays

Comment	
Surveyor	Jack Nicholls-Sames
Comment Date	06-Jul-2020
Comment	Prolific ivy around base and up stem to crown break. Significant DW and target, epicormic on scaffold

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Surveyor	
Comment Date	20-Jul-2023
Comment	canopy in decline tree struggling to recover from previous reduction

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Surveyor	Shinobu Cooper
Comment Date	16-Jan-2026
Comment	It appears that the soil level around the tree has been altered due to repeated green waste dumping and dense ivy growth. As a result, the original main stem base is no longer visible. No fungal brackets were observed around the stem base.

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Comment Date	16-Jan-2026
Comment	Ivy has been partially removed to allow inspection; however, access to the western side was restricted due to sloping ground and dense vegetation. A mallet inspection identified loose bark and indications of potential extensive internal decay

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Comment	on the eastern half of the main stem, from ground level to approximately 1m in height. The tree exhibits an open branch union structure with no significant structural defects noted. However, the majority of the western canopy is dead,

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Comment	with large dead branches overhanging the footpath. The eastern canopy remains alive but shows declining of vitality with sparseness and several large dead branches extending over the parking area.

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Comment Date	19-Jan-2026
Comment	Further investigation using a microdrill on the N,E and S sides of the stem base revealed bark necrosis and sapwood decay, but no evidence of heartwood decay were recorded. The southern reading clearly indicates ongoing sapwood decay

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Comment	and declining of its canopy may be associated with this sapwood decay. Its declining has been recorded since 2020 in two previous inspections. The tree continues to deteriorate. It is unlikely to have stored sufficient level of reserved energy to recover

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Comment Date	19-Jan-2026
Comment	subject to the removal of this Oak tree.