Tree Inventory Report

Reading Borough Council

24 November 2026

Report created by Dan Johnson

Unique ID: 0GJ5
Fraxinus excelsior
W3W: acting.rent.retire

Inventory	
Surveyor	Chris Fitzgerald
Inspection Date	19-Oct-2026
Next Inspection	19-Oct-2029
Trunk Type	Major Fork
Age	Mature
Condition	Reasonable
Proximity	Rear of
Building Number	20
Street	WINTERBERRY WAY
Area	Caversham Heights
Sub Area	
Stem Diameter	61-90cm
Spread	16m
Height	>25m
Risk	Medium Target + Medium Risk
Committee	
Site	Woodland/Copse

Species	
Count	1
Vegetation Type	Broadleaf
Species	Fraxinus excelsior

Requirements	
Date Added	24-Oct-2025
Date Required	24-Apr-2026
Priority	2. Medium
Requirement Type	General Prune 1 - CL/CB/DW/Epi etc.
Requirement Option	
Requirement Info	
Requirement Note	CB from roof by 2m, reduce large laterals away from roof by 2m & DW property side

Requirements	
Date Added	19-Oct-2026
Date Required	19-Apr-2027
Priority	3. High
Requirement Type	Remove crown / Monolth
Requirement Option	
Requirement Info	
Requirement Note	leave at a height whereby stem failure will not impact garden

Considerations	
Consideration	B Base Bark damage

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Consideration	C Stem Included bark / Forked trunk

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Consideration	D Crown Deadwood minor

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Consideration	D Crown Previous work

Considerations	
Consideration	C Stem Leaning minor

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Consideration	Ash dieback class 1

Considerations	
Consideration	E General Poor past pruning / Poor structure

Considerations	
Consideration	B Base Basal decay / Cavity

Considerations	
Consideration	C Stem Cables / metalwork in tree

Comment	
Surveyor	Chris Fitzgerald
Comment Date	24-Oct-2025
Comment	large mature ash on bank, property extension built approx 4m W. multiple small areas of bark damage at base and lower stem on multiple sides, cavity and decay on W side in-between buttress roots with barbed wire fencing, desiccated wood and necrotic bark

Comment	
Surveyor	Chris Fitzgerald
Comment Date	24-Oct-2025
Comment	from GL to 30cm & 20cm wide. single stem to 1.7m with included fork with large ridge running down to base. E stem upright but still has lean to NW but majority of crown to N/NE. W stem has stronger lean to W and has been heavily pruned from building...

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Surveyor	Chris Fitzgerald
Comment Date	24-Oct-2025
Comment	at 5m (almost occluded) and again at 10m with scaffold limbs being almost removed apart from 1.5m left, now with established regrowth touching buildings roof. further pruning up limb to likely allow clearance. multiple laterals over roof to reduce...

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Surveyor	Chris Fitzgerald
Comment Date	24-Oct-2025
Comment	crown has level 1 ash dieback with some minor deadwood to be removed, reduction of W stem would create negative wind loading of E stem and so bracing of stems preferred to try and save mature tree in relatively fair condition.

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Comment Date	19-Oct-2026
Comment	reinspection after year and bark damaged area has now expanded by over 50% with significant pest damage in the area with significant wood disturbance. another cavity on E side has not been exposed with decay/damage of the included union significantly...

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Comment Date	19-Oct-2026
Comment	increasing potential for stem failure at the already compromised union. tree is in close proximity to house being less than 2m from roof and weighted across the property, in the event of catastrophic failure impacting the garden and house is inevitable