



HAZARD SAFETY AUDIT

Aldingbourne Parish Council

Site: Play Area - Oak Tree - ACSC



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HAZARD SURVEY AUDIT NOTES

This Hazard Survey Audit has been undertaken in consideration of current good arboricultural practice with regards to the health and safety of the tree stock on this site.

Inspection Method

This survey is a basic data collection exercise undertaken from ground level only, and records tree condition at the time of survey. This will identify any visible signs of ill-health or major defects, advising further detailed investigation where appropriate. No assessment has been carried out in respect of ingress of roots into underground services or the potential of indirect property damage. Such matters are beyond the scope of this survey.

- Each tree has been numbered and, where instructed, for future identification on site, tagged using small durable metal or plastic tags.
- An assessment of a tree's **age classification** is made in terms of its maturity within the site's landscape and recorded thus:

Y	=	young trees i.e. newly planted or just established
SM	=	semi-mature trees, i.e. those that have reached one-third of their anticipated life expectancy
EM	=	early-mature trees, i.e. those that have reached two-thirds of their anticipated life expectancy
M	=	mature trees, i.e. those that have entered the final third of their anticipated life expectancy
OM	=	over-mature trees, as above but showing signs of low vigour and decline
V	=	veteran, trees that achieved their full life expectancy, are of exceptional size/age and of conservation value

- The **trees height** is recorded in 5 metre (m) increments: -

<5	=	under 5 metres in height
5-10	=	between 5 and 10 metres in height
10-15	=	between 10 and 15 metres in height
15-20	=	between 15 and 20 metres in height
>20	=	over 20 metres in height

- The **trunk diameter** is recorded in 150 millimetre (mm) increments, taken at 1.5 metres above ground level on single stem trees and just above the root flare on multi-stemmed trees:-

<150	=	under 150 millimetres diameter
150-300	=	between 150 and 300 millimetres diameter
300-450	=	between 300 and 450 millimetres diameter
450-600	=	between 450 and 600 millimetres diameter
>600	=	over 600 millimetres diameter

- The **crown spread** is recorded in 5 metre (m) increments and is an average overall crown spread taken from drip line to drip line

<5	=	under 5 metres crown spread
5-10	=	between 5 and 10 metres crown spread
10-15	=	between 10 and 15 metres crown spread
15-20	=	between 15 and 20 metres crown spread
>20	=	over 20 metres crown spread

- An assessment of a tree's structural and physiological **overall condition** is to be made as:

Good	=	none or limited structural defects and good physiological condition
Fair	=	remediable structural defects and/or below average physiological condition
Poor	=	irremediable structural defects and/or poor physiological condition
Dead	=	moribund, no further useful life

- It is strongly recommended that tree works should be undertaken within the timescales denoted in the Priorities column, and are recorded as action required:

Imminently dangerous	=	Immediate
Urgent	=	Within 1 month
Necessary	=	Within 3 months
Important	=	Within 6 months
Routine	=	Within 12 months

- Where ivy is identified on a tree, to prevent the tree from becoming suppressed, to reduce the risk of wind-throw and to alleviate additional weight, it has been recommended that a 300mm section of the ivy should be severed and removed around the base of the tree, unless otherwise stated.
- At the time of inspection, due to ivy cover, location etc, it may not be possible to verify the health and safety of the trees and it is therefore essential that re-inspections be undertaken within the recommended timescales to reduce the risk of potential hazard.
- Comments have been provided only where considered appropriate or necessary to provide additional information.
- Any tree groups have been assessed using estimated and representative data only.
- All dimensions recorded have been estimated and are given for guidance purposes only.
- The data collected and any advice provided within this report is supplied in the interests of sound arboricultural management. Trees are a living dynamic organism that can be affected by external conditions (high winds, storms, snow, heavy rain or drought) and may occasionally fail without warning. It is therefore not possible to state with any certainty that any tree or group of trees is completely safe. The condition of a tree or group of trees can change rapidly as a result of external factors; we would advise that the occupier/ owners inspect the trees at least every 12 months or following periods of extreme weather and where concerns are raised relating to tree health that would be considered beyond the knowledge of a layperson, further arboricultural advice should be sought.

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	Client:	Aldingbourne Parish Council
	Site	Play Area - Oak Tree - Olivers Meadow, Westergate, West Sussex, PO20 3YA
	Date of Survey:	19th September 2025
	Consultant:	Stefan Rose <i>BSc (Hons), TechCert (Arbor.A), Tech.Arbor.A</i>
	Tagged:	No
	Weather:	Warm and sunny

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER / CONSERVATION AREA:

It is understood from the interactive mapping facility on the Arun District Council website that the trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order, reference TPO/AL/1/91.

Tree No	Species	Age Class	Height (m)	Trunk Diameter (mm)	Crown Spread (m)	Overall Condition	Defects and other Relevant Comments	Recommended Works	Priority (months)	Recommended Re-inspection Interval
1	Pedunculate Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	Early Mature	10-15	>600	5-10	Fair	Boundary edge tree Epicormics on trunk and in crown Old pruning wounds on trunk and in crown Previously pollarded at approximately 10-12m above ground level Previously crown reduced Bifurcated at 6m above ground level Physiologically the tree appears healthy Epicormics form crown Fungal fruiting body at base of trunk on east side suspected to be <i>Pseudoinonotus dryadeus</i>	Advise removal, subject to LPA approval	Routine - 12 months	N/A
2	Common Sycamore x6 <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Young	<5	<150	<5	Fair	Natural regeneration Basal suckers	Advise removal to avoid long term tree issues, subject to LPA approval	Routine - 12 months	N/A
3	Elm x2 <i>Ulmus spp</i>	Young	<5	<150	<5	Fair	Dutch Elm Disease present in one tree Natural regeneration Grows along site boundary	Advise removal to avoid long term tree issues, subject to LPA approval	Important - 6 months	N/A





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Stefan Rose *BSc(Hons), TechCert (Arbor A), TechArbor.A* joined CBA Trees in 1998 as a junior surveyor and having gained extensive knowledge and a wealth of experience over the years including the Professional Tree Inspectors Certification (LANTRA), has progressed to Principal Consultant. His vast experience in working as a locum for local authorities, assessing new and extant Tree Preservation Orders, as well as working on some of the largest development sites nationwide enables him to provide expert advice and guidance on initial feasibility site assessments to full scale planning applications, working with individual homeowners and within multi-disciplinary teams to achieve successful arboricultural outcomes.

Alexa Monk *TechCert (Arbor.A), NCH.Arb* has a background in tree surgery, running her own small business for many years. Working with CBA Trees for over 10 years, Alexa has experience of pre-planning work for developers, Tree Preservation Order legislation work, tree inspection including decay detection with sophisticated decay detection equipment and general arboricultural health and safety surveys.

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