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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Please note the fast approaching expiry of the 6week determination period and my recommendation for the making of a Tree Preservation Order.

Kind regards,

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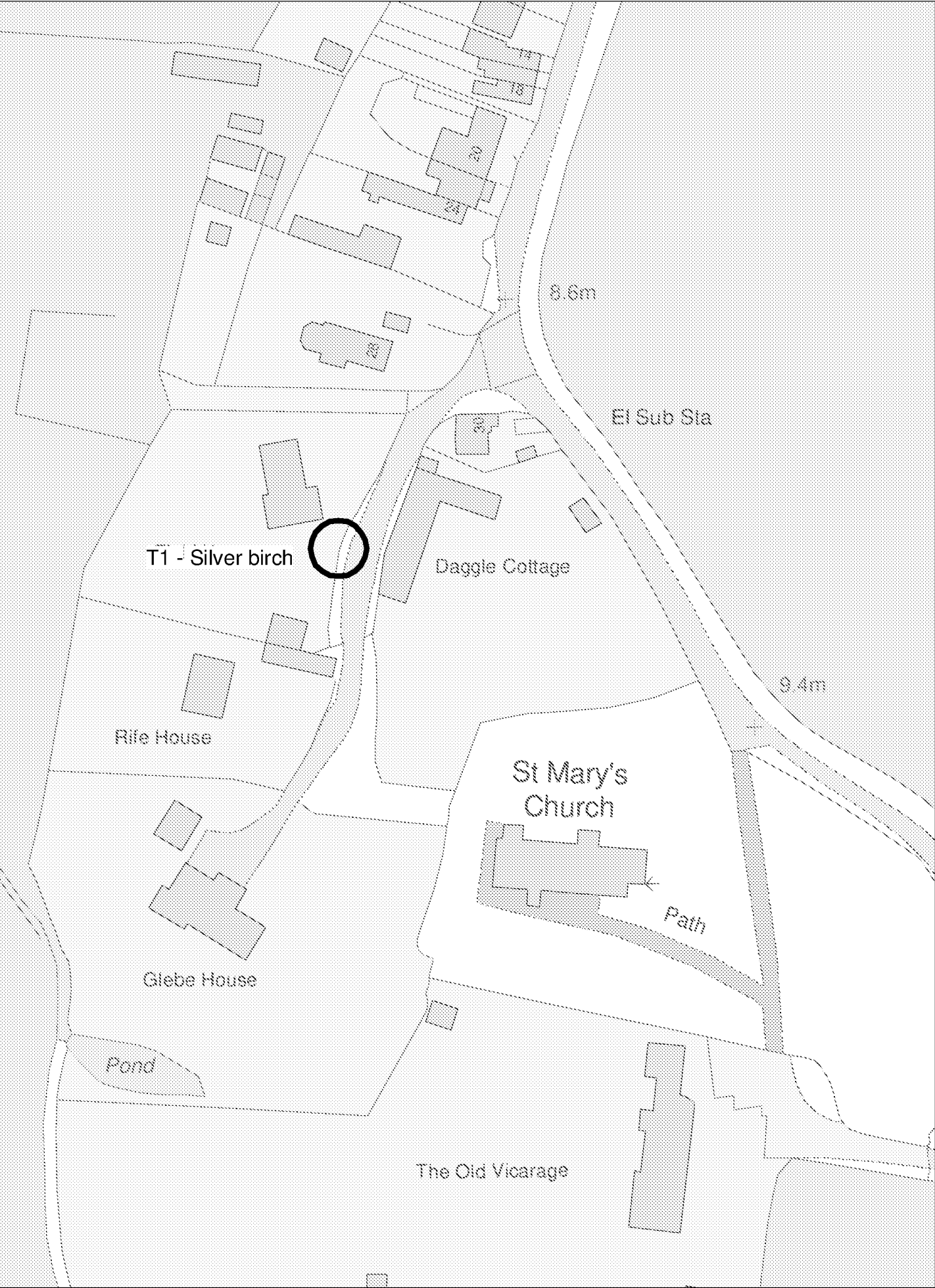


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Field House, Church Road, Aldingbourne, PO20 3TT



TREE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PRESERVATION ORDERS - TEMPO

SURVEY DATA SHEET & DECISION GUIDE

Date: 30th June 2020

Surveyor: Mark Warwick / Tree Officer, Parks and Greenspace Team

Tree details

Tree/Group No: T1

Species: Silver birch / *Betula pendula*

Location: Field House, Church Road, Aldingbourne, West Sussex, PO20 3TT

OS Map ref: E 492292

N 105542

Part 1: Amenities assessment

a) Condition & suitability for TPO; where trees in good or fair condition have poor form, deduct 1 point

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5) Good | Highly suitable |
| 3) Fair | Suitable |
| 1) Poor | Unlikely to be suitable |
| 0) Dead/dying/dangerous* | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes

5

* Relates to existing context and is intended to apply to severe irremediable defects only

b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for TPO

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|-----------|-----------------|
| 5) 100+ | Highly suitable |
| 4) 40-100 | Very suitable |
| 2) 20-40 | Suitable |
| 1) 10-20 | Just suitable |
| 0) <10* | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes

1

*Includes trees which are an existing or near future nuisance, including those clearly outgrowing their context, or which are significantly negating the potential of other trees of better quality

c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO

Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use

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| 5) Very large trees with some visibility, or prominent large trees | Highly suitable |
| 4) Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public | Suitable |
| 3) Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only | Suitable |
| 2) Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty | Barely suitable |
| 1) Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size | Probably unsuitable |

Score & Notes

4

d) Other factors

Trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify

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| 5) Principal components of arboricultural features, or veteran trees |
| 4) Tree groups, or members of groups important for their cohesion |
| 3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance |
| 2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual |
| 1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features (inc. those of indifferent form) |

Score & Notes

2

Part 2: Expediency assessment

Trees must have accrued 9 or more points to qualify

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| 5) Immediate threat to tree |
| 3) Foreseeable threat to tree |
| 2) Perceived threat to tree |
| 1) Precautionary only |

Score & Notes

5

Part 3: Decision guide

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|-------|-----------------------|
| Any 0 | Do not apply TPO |
| 1-6 | TPO indefensible |
| 7-11 | Does not merit TPO |
| 12-15 | TPO defensible |
| 16+ | Definitely merits TPO |

Add Scores for Total:

17

Decision:

Definitely merits TPO

Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: AL/42/20/TC

Location: Field House, Church Road, Aldingbourne, PO20 3TT

Description of works: Various works to various trees within Church Road, Aldingbourne Conservation Area

Comments on Application:

- The applicant has employed Blue Cedar Tree Surgeons Ltd as agent, to prepare and submit a tree survey and plan. This is comprehensive and includes a detailed work programme for five trees in total. For items T2, T3, T4 & T5 I can support the work recommendations which have satisfactory reasons given for each.
- **I do not support the work recommendation for T1 Silver birch.**

T1 Silver birch / *Betula pendula*

Height: 15-20m

Spread: 6m

Age class: Mature

- The aforementioned survey describes T1 as being in general good health with no obvious defects. My own inspection from the roadside (restricted view of ground conditions over rooting area, stem base and twin-union) naturally supports this description but I must also emphasise that this is a specimen of very high quality. It appears to be in a fine physiological state and with splendid form despite having twin stems arising from 1.2m. The crown profile is largely unmodified and therefore presents a natural shape, with graceful pendulous branches characteristic of the species.
- It occupies a prominent position overhanging the road and so visible from surrounding properties and in part to users of the public highway. As such, it has high amenity value.
- Overhead and lateral clearance of branches above and from the applicant's property is adequate and future growth from the tree is unlikely to result in any 'actionable nuisance'.

Conclusions:

- This tree requires careful management that respects its age and vulnerability to environmental changes and disease progression.
- The applicant proposes crown reduction to accommodate solar panel installation. It is possible to achieve a worthwhile installation without the need to resort to an overall reduction in the tree's crown height and spread, that would irrevocably spoil its appearance.
- The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities and character of the locality.

Recommendations:

- I register No Objection to the work proposed for items T2, T3, T4 & T5
- **T1** - I recommend the making of a **Tree Preservation Order** to preserve its place in the landscape and better control its future management. I attach a TEMPO form and GIS plan for this purpose.

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