

**ROUNDLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - NEW SHED
CASCADE CHART FOR TREE QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

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APPENDIX 2

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Cascade chart for tree quality assessment

Category and definition	Criteria (including subcategories where appropriate)				Identification	on plan
Trees unsuitable for retention (see note)						
Category U						
Those in such a condition that they cannot realistically be retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years.	* Trees that have serious, irremediable, structural defect, such that their early loss is expected due to collapse, including those that will become unviable after removal of other category U trees (e.g. where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning. * Trees that are dead or showing signs of significant, immediate and irreversable overall decline. * Trees infected with pathogens of significance to health and/or safety of other trees nearby, or very low quality trees suppressing adjacent trees of better quality. NOTE Category U trees can have existing or potential conservation value which it might be desirable to preserve; see 4.5.7				RED	
	1 Mainly Arboricultural Qualities	2 Mainly Landscape Qualities	3 Mainly Cultural Values, including conservation			
Trees to be considered for retention						
Category A						
Trees of High Quality with a remaining life expectancy of at least 40 yrs.	Trees that are particularly good examples of their species, especially if rare or unusual or those that are essential components of groups or formao or semi-formal arborricultural features (e.g, the dominant and/or principle trees within an avenue).	Trees, groups or woodlands of particular visual importance as arboricultural and/or landscale features.	Trees, groups or woodlands of significant conservation, historical, commemorative or other value (e.g. veteran trees or wood-pasture).			GREEN
Category B						
Trees of Moderate Quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years	Trees that might be included in category A but are downgraded because of impaired condition (e.g. presence of significant though remediable defects, including unsympathetic past management and storm damage), such that they are unlikely to be suitable for retention for beyond 40 years; or trees lacking the special quality necessary to merit the category A designation	Trees present in numbers, usually growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals; or trees occurring as collectives but situated so as to make little visual contribution to the wider locality.	Trees with material conservation or other cultural value.			BLUE
Category C						
Trees of Low Quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150mm.	Unremarkable trees of very limited merit or such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories.	Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on themsignificantly greater collective landscape value; and/or trees offering low or only temporary/transient landscape benefits.	Trees with no material conservation or other cultural value.			GREY
Bat Potential Roost Feature						
N: Negligible	L: Low potential	M: Moderate Potential	H: High potential	C: Confirmed roost		