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Arboricultural Report – Tree Condition Survey

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1. Introduction

1.1 This tree condition survey has been commissioned by Just Ask Services Ltd in order to advise on the condition of trees at Smallcroft Close, Littlehampton, BN17 5QS and to make appropriate recommendations for remedial works where applicable.

1.2 Full details of the trees assessed are provided in the inclusive survey schedule.

2. Background

2.1 A site visit was undertaken on 21st August 2018 in order to identify and locate the relevant tree. Sunny and no wind on location.

2.2 All trees surveyed have been subject to a ground based assessment only using the Visual Tree Assessment methodology expounded by Mattheck & Broeler.

2.3 The extent of any statutory protection afforded to the trees on site has not been verified with the local authority.

2.4 The tree is located in Smallcroft Close as per attached site location map.

3. The Survey

3.1 The following information is collated for each recorded tree.

- Tree number – Each tree assessed has been given a unique reference number.
- Each tree is identified giving the common name only.
- Age class, as defined in table 1:

Age class	Description
Juvenile	Usually less than 10 years old
Semi-mature	Significant future growth to be expected, both in height and crown spread. (Typically below 30% of life expectancy)
Early-mature	Full height almost attained. Significant growth may be expected in terms of crown spread. (Typically 30-60% of life expectancy)
Mature	Full height attained. Crown spread will increase but growth increments will be slight. (Typically 60% or more of life expectancy)
Veteran	A level of maturity whereby significant management may be required in order to maintain the tree in safe condition.
Over mature	As for veteran trees except management is not considered worthwhile

Table 1

- Estimated remaining contributions – an estimation of the trees remaining useful life within the context of the existing site use
- Height – Estimated height range from ground level to the top of the crown.
- Diameter at breast height (DBH) Estimated at 1.5m for single stemmed trees. On multi stemmed trees estimation is made at between ground level and the origin of the multiple stems.
- Spread – Lateral crown spread measured at the four cardinal points.
- Physiological Condition – graded as NFS (normal for species), Fair or Excellent

- Structural Condition – graded as NFS (normal for species), Fair or Excellent

3.2 Comments and observations – As deemed relevant by the assessor.

3.3 Recommended works – Which are prescribed on the basis of minimising risk and where practicable preventing risk by adopting sound arboricultural practice.

3.4 All trees identified as requiring remedial work are assigned a priority rating as defined in table 2:

Priority rating	Description
Red	Trees displaying significant defects and posing an immediate risk to health and safety. Red works should be undertaken within 6 months. Recommendations will be made for remedial health and safety works to preserve trees or make safe where practicable
Amber	Trees displaying a defect which has the potential to fail. Although at the time of inspection not deemed significant enough to warrant urgent attention. Amber works should be undertaken within 6-12 months.
Green	Trees displaying no evident major defects and are therefore assumed safe at the time of inspection. Recommendations for work are based on abating nuisance or obstruction issues. Furthermore, to promote good form and eliminate so far as possible any future risk. Green works should be undertaken within 12-24 months.

Table 2

Please note that those trees allocated a priority rating of 0 are defined as being in a safe condition at the time of assessment.

- Re-inspection frequency – The timescale within which the re-inspection of the tree is required

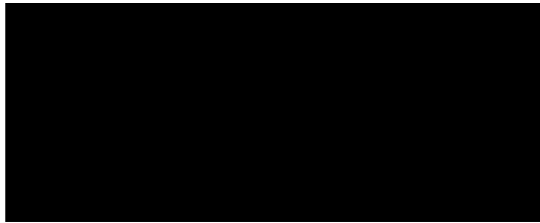
4. Conclusions

4.1 Any remedial works undertaken should be completed with due regard to British Standard 3998:2010 'Tree Work – recommendations' and accord with the guidance therein.

4.2 All trees requiring remedial works have been allocated a hazard risk rating and associated timescales, which should be treated as a maximum.

4.3 The trees on site should be reassessed annually unless an alternative re-inspection frequency is prescribed in the survey schedule.

Signed:



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Limitations

Trees are living organisms that are subject to the stresses of climatic extremes and attack from decay fungi and injurious diseases. Therefore, the conclusions given in this survey are relevant to the day of surveying.

No assessment of the soils or woody tissue has been sent for laboratory analysis unless specifically stated. Assessments are based on professional experience and expert observations.

The extent of any protection afforded to tree(s) on the site in the form of Tree Preservation Order or Conservation Area has not been gained. Prior to undertaking any works to the tree(s) it is strongly advised that the Local Authority is consulted regarding necessary consents.

R W Green Limited recommends that all trees should be regularly inspected by professionals as part of a defensible tree management programme. All trees should be re-inspected annually or as specified in the report. Recommended works should be undertaken within the timescales given, which should be treated as a maximum.

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Site Drawing

