

TREE CONDITION SURVEY AND PRELIMINARY REPORT.

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1 INSTRUCTION:

- 1.1** This survey is undertaken on behalf of CLM representing a private landholding client.
- 1.2** Instruction was issued by Mr A MacDonald.
- 1.3** To carry out an inspection and compile a report on the landholding tree population within falling distance of the highway and public rights of way as detailed within plans supplied by CLM

2 SCOPE OF SURVEY:

- 2.1** The survey and report are concerned with only arboricultural aspects, in relation to health and safety.
- 2.2** The inspection is a preliminary investigation into the health, physiological and structural condition of the tree population in those areas inspected.
- 2.3** This document seeks to aid those concerned with arboricultural matters in relation to Health and Safety issues.
- 2.4** The trees were inspected on the basis of the Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) method, expounded by Mattheck and Breleor (*The Body Language of Trees*). OoDPM Book, Research of Amenity Trees No. 4. And with reference to Common Sense Risk Management of Trees published by the National Tree Safety Group 2012.

3 REPORT LIMITATIONS:

- 3.1** The survey was conducted at ground level only.
- 3.2** When it is stated that a tree should be monitored or re-inspected, then this has to be carried out by a qualified arboriculturalist. (Level 2 – AA Lantra Professional Tree Inspector)
- 3.3** Where remedial works are not exempt from the conditions of Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas, permission/notification should be sought/given through the relevant Local Planning Authority.
- 3.4** It is the client's responsibility to adhere to current legislation regarding the protection of wildlife.
- 3.5** The findings of this report for all trees other than those recommended for re-inspection at earlier intervals, are valid for 2 years from the date stated on the rear page of this document.
- 3.6** Due to the presence of Ash dieback disease and Dutch Elm disease within the wider environment, we would recommend these species be monitored for failure on an annual basis.
- 3.7** The findings within this report have been made on the basis of evidence seen on the day of inspection. It should be understood that some indications of tree hazard, such as leaf appearance and density, fungal fruiting bodies, and specific pests and diseases, are only visible at specific times of the year. Should significant additional information become apparent following the submission of this report we would reserve the right to modify the conclusion made accordingly.

3.8 Silva Woodland Management accept no legal liability for potential claims or actions arising from the trees detailed within this report. This report provides evidence that the landowner is fulfilling his duty of care in terms of tree monitoring and tree management upon the landholding only.

4 REPORT DETAILS

4.1 All trees located within the survey mapping areas were investigated individually.

4.2 Trees are identified by the fixing of individually numbered tree tags and marking with high visibility paint.

4.3 Age refers to a physiological age and not to an age in years.

4.4 Vitality refers to the tree's physiological condition.

4.5 Condition is mainly concerned with the structural condition of the tree.

4.6 Remedial recommendations are made.

4.7 Urgency is related to the time scale by which the recommendations should be carried out and completed.

5 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

5.1 A programme of bi-annual inspection should be continued in order to monitor the physiological and structural conditions of the trees, to ensure that safety is not compromised, and any potential hazards are noted and dealt with appropriately.

5.2 Ivy and basal growth should be removed from the base of trees on a regular basis to aid annual inspection.

5.3 Trees should be re-inspected following adverse weather conditions such as heavy snowfall or winds over land measured at Beaufort scale force 8 or above.

APPENDICES

- 1** Tree Schedule
- 2** Tree locations plan

Signed.....Richard Vallis.....

Date : 31.10.19

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