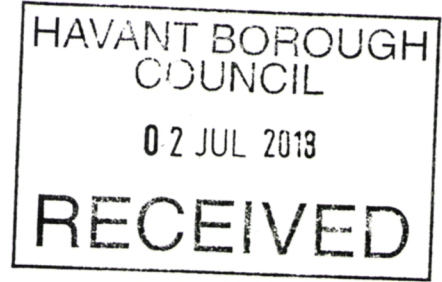


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**Tree Survey Report**

Inspection carried out on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Weather condition dry and overcast.

**Property in question:** "The Old Railway Cottages", 59 & 61 Langstone Road, Langstone, Nr Havant, Hampshire, which is a pair of Grade II listed buildings, circa 1900-1914.

**T1-T2-T3**

Trees in question are Common Hornbeam (*Carpinus Betulus*.L). To simplify this report the three trees are being treated as one item as all three have the same issues.

On entering the crown the decay was present on nearly all of the old pollards which had rotted out. Followed by the lack of further works this has resulted in tremendous regrowth which has not only grown above the property but has ended up encapsulating half of the roof and side of the property (see photos 1 of 1 and 2 of 1). Due to the findings, it is recommended that all three be removed (see photos 1 of 2 to 10 of 2 inclusive). Also included are photos 1 – 6 of 3 showing the heave present not only to the front wall, which is already cracked, obviously due to the pressure of roots of T1 and is now quite curved and would need to be repaired. In addition, the side of the property from photos 2 of 3 onwards shows the pathway lifted, broken and raised and a small wall has been pushed over by the roots which have trespassed under the property.

**Recommendation: Removal**

#### **T4 – Sycamore (Acer Pseudoplatanus)**

Photo 1 of 4 is self-explanatory. Not only is the large buttress root very visible it has travelled under the old toilet block and is quite obvious that it has lifted and twisted the left side of the block so that it will require rebuilding. Also the large slab has been raised considerably (see photos 2 / 3 of 4) and the roots have penetrated and blocked the soil pipe system. Although the one side of the tree leans away from the property a large section curls back over the roof of the properties (see photos 4 / 5 of 4). This back weight starts from a considerable weak inclusion at the main fork (see photo 6 of 4) and can be seen to run down to ground level (see photo 7 of 4).

**Recommendation: Removal and ground out**

#### **T5 – Common Hawthorne (Crataegus Monogyna Jacq)**

This tree will just require a general tidy up and removal of small deadwood.

**Recommendation: Retain**

#### **T6 – Common Hawthorne (Crataegus Monogyna Jacq)**

This tree has two pockets of decay (see photos 1 / 2 of 5) and a large inclusion on the main stem. Poor specimen.

**Recommendation: Removal**

#### **T7 – Common Hawthorne (Crataegus Monogyna Jacq)**

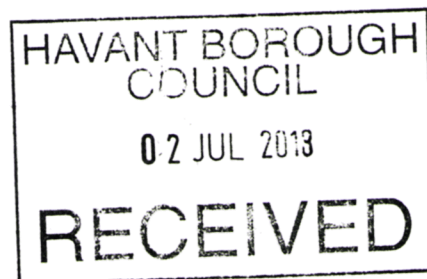
This tree will just require a general tidy up and removal of small deadwood.

**Recommendation: Retain**

#### **T8 – Common Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior.L)**

This tree is multi-stemmed and is visible in photo 1 of 6. The central stem has a soft pocket either side of it in the two forks. The pocket to the south which leans over the neighbouring roadway is much deeper than the soft pocket to the north which has a lean directly toward the owner's listed buildings.

**Recommendation: Removal**



### **T9 – Common Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior.L)**

A multi-stemmed specimen again with a weak inclusion at the base. Concern, of course, is that this is also over the roadway; the neighbouring property and the owner's listed buildings (see photos 1 / 2 of 7). The spread and weight loading of the two stems is putting tremendous strain on the inclusion at the base of the tree.

**Recommendation: Removal**

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### **NOT PART OF THIS REPORT, BUT WITH RESPECT TO THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC.**

Large Common Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior.L),

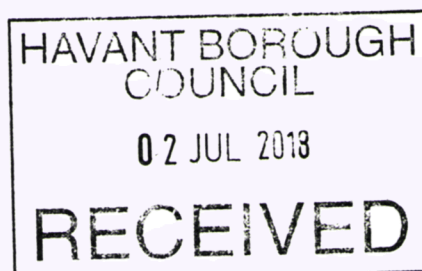
4 metres approx north of 59 - 61 Langstone Road.

**T10** – Whilst carrying out the above survey it was noted that a very large Common Ash with a very large canopy extends some 14 metres from the centre of the trunk over and through the adjacent Hornbeams and is clearly visible in photo 1 of 8.

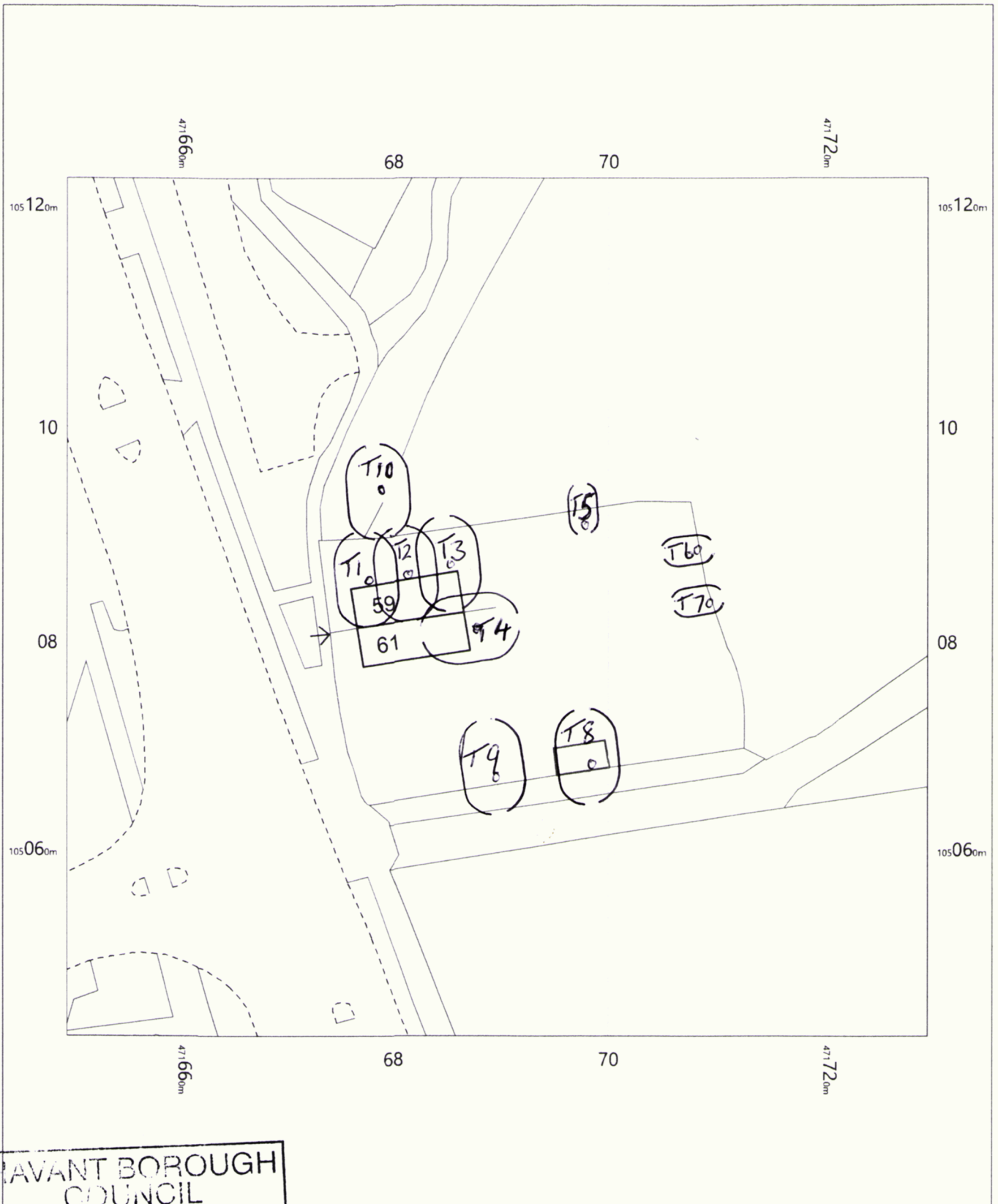
Whilst carrying out the inspection of this tree it was discovered having a large amount of bracket fungi protruding from a rot pocket of the central stem. This stem goes right over the Hayling Billy Cycle Way/footpath; the pavement and the public highway (see photos 2 – 6 of 8). As you can see from these photos until the tree is made safe no works can be carried out on the listed building's roof as the property is completely encapsulated by this tree.

**Note:** The condition of this tree was passed onto Mr Andrew Skeet on 25<sup>th</sup> June as a matter of urgency due to the high usage by the public.

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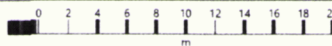
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