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Tree Report

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Tree Survey undertaken by Kim Gifford 23rd March 2012 for Mr Chris Jenkins 9am in fine weather conditions.

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Brief: To inspect 2 no. Corsican Pines on a bank rear of 23 Pennants Hill Bedhampton Hampshire PO9 3JZ.

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The site is an area of verge type land adjacent to Portsdown Road to the rear of the above property, on the southside. There are presently 2no. Large Mature Corsican Pines and 3 no. young semi mature Sycamore trees within a steep bank approximately 8 m from the retaining wall to the rear fence of the property. The area of ground cover comprises of mainly overgrown weed type growth Nettles/Bramble/Budlia etc. with a layer of mulch of pine needles leaves and loose debris. There is evidence of previously removed trees as old stumps and wood chipping on the steep incline. The subsoil appears to predominately chalky. I am informed that the house was built in the 70s.

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The Corsican Pines are approximately 4m from the rear wall of the property the area is roughly level from the rear wall then dipping away toward the road at <45°. T1 Corsican Pine stands at an estimated 20m with a diameter of 50cms at 1.5m from ground level. First branch break at approximately 8m from ground level. General condition is poor overall with a thinning crown structure and several large dead hanging branches indicating low vigour. The main stem appears sound at the time of inspection. T2 Corsican Pine is in a similar condition to T1 above. I would estimate that both trees were are approximately 70+ years of age and planted as part of a screening /wind break along the bank of the Portsdown Road.

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Conclusion and recommendation: Both T1 and T2 are in a poor structural condition as described as above. They are situated precariously on the bank which shows evidence of erosion below the main trunks on the roadside. It is appropriate to recommend their removal from a health and safety point of view as in the long term the risk of failure will increase.

1.5.1. There are 3 no. Sycamore adjacent to T1 and T2 which should remain and will require some remedial management in time. The removal of T1 and T2 is unlikely to cause significant changes to the banks existing soil structure and integrity. It is recommended that the stumps of T1 and T2 remain in place to decay naturally.

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Fig1. Digital photograph below T1 and T2 Corsican Pines rear of 23 Pennant Hills.

