



Letchworth police station

Client: Mark Walker

Instruction: Following an instruction from Marco Ametrano we have conducted a safety and condition tree survey at the above address. The client requires a visual assessment of condition of the trees at the aforementioned property. The inspection took place 15th October 2024

Regulatory framework: This survey has been carried out according to HSE SIM 01/2007/05 (HSE, 2007) & Common-sense risk management of trees (Forestry Commission, 2011).

Techniques: Visual Tree Assessment (VTA; Lonsdale, 1999), desk-based enquiries (TPO / CA status, geological survey, mapping), THREATS analysis (Forbes-Laird, 2010).

Limitations: 1. The contents are intended for the sole use of the client and the property owner. No liability is accepted for their use by any other parties to advance an argument or claim (including legal or financial) without prior consent. 2. No liability is accepted for defects hidden from view by soil, vegetation or other obstacles to access. 3. Formal assessment of topography, drainage, service conduits, & soil conditions have not been made and are beyond the scope of this report. 4. Specific laboratory investigations of soil properties (plasticity index, moisture content, soil suction pressure) have not been made and are beyond the scope of this report. 5. This report considers only the potential for the tree to cause damage or injury under normally expected weather conditions. No liability for damage arising from any other source or mechanism is accepted. 6. This report will be deemed to be invalid if a history of vegetation related subsidence damage in this or surrounding properties exists but has not been made known to the surveyor. 7. This report considers risk mitigation measures, as opposed to risk elimination. Thus, if the tree is retained, a level of risk will remain. 8. It is understood that any risks associated with these limitations are accepted by the clients.

Weather conditions: Overcast, little to no wind. **Access:** Access was unhindered. **Validity:** Plants are biological organisms & change with time. Assessment remains valid for 15 months from the date of inspection, or until a major storm (Wind Force 6 +) is experienced.

Background: The trees are situated in a **conservation area** but are not subject to a tree preservation order.

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Ref No	species	Measurements (Estimated)	Notes	Condition	Recommendation
T001	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	Height (m): 5 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	Historically heavy pollard tree.	Fair	None at time of survey
T002	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	Height (m): 5 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	Historically heavy pollard tree. Now significantly encroaching on street lighting.		Hard prune back from street lighting. Timescale: 15-Apr-2025 (6 Months)
T003	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	Height (m): 5 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	Historically heavy pollard.	Fair	None at time of survey
T004	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	Height (m): 5 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	Historically heavy pollard.	Fair	None at time of survey
T005	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	Height (m): 5 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	Historically heavy pollard tree.	Fair	None at time of survey
T006	Mixed broadleaves (<i>Mixed broadleaves</i>)	Height (m): 5 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Semi Mature	Group of privet and Contoniasta	Fair	None at time of survey
T008	Lime x3 (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 5 Crown Radius (m): 3 Trees: 3 Life Stage: Mature	Group of three regularly prunes lime trees. No significant defects noted.	Good	None at time of survey
T010	Lime x3 (<i>Tilia sp.</i>)	Height (m): 5 Crown Radius (m): 3 Trees: 3 Life Stage: Mature	Significant epicormic growth preventing full visual tree inspection. Group of three regularly pollard lime trees. d	Good	Remove epicormic growth and report any defects noted. Timescale: 15-Jan-2025 (3 Months)
T011	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	Height (m): 13 Crown Radius (m): 6 Stems: 10 Life Stage: Mature	Group of sycamore and one ash. 7 of the trees sit in the neighbouring property but maintained by the police. Overall in good health.	Good	None at time of survey
T012	Not identified (<i>Not identified</i>)	Height (m): 3 Crown Radius (m): 2 Life Stage: Mature	Virginia creeper. Recently removed from the roof.	Good	None at time of survey

T013	Cherry plum 'Pissardii' (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Pissardi')	Height (m): 4 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Over Mature	It is now becoming impossible to maintain these trees safely due to the ever-present fungi <i>Phellinus pomaceus</i> . The area is a high target area with the public footpath and constantly parked cars.	Poor	Fell to ground level. Grind stumps. Replant with species of relatively small tree. Timescale: 15-Apr-2025 (6 Months)
T014	Cherry plum 'Pissardii' (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Pissardi')	Height (m): 3 Crown Radius (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature	It is now becoming impossible to maintain these trees safely due to the ever-present fungi <i>Phellinus pomaceus</i> . The area is a high target area with the public footpath and constantly parked cars.	Poor	Fell to ground level. Grind stumps. Replant with species of relatively small tree. Timescale: 15-Apr-2025 (6 Months)
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