



## Royston 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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   | Lime<br>( <i>Tilia sp.</i> )               | Height (m): 15<br>Crown Radius (m): 6<br>Life Stage: Mature         | No significant defects noted                                                                              | Good      | None at time of survey                                                            |
| T002   | Yew<br>( <i>Taxus sp.</i> )                | Height (m): 14<br>Crown Radius (m): 6                               | No significant defects noted                                                                              | Good      | None at time of survey                                                            |
| T003   | Yew<br>( <i>Taxus sp.</i> )                | Height (m): 14<br>Crown Radius (m): 6                               | No significant defects noted                                                                              | Good      | None at time of survey                                                            |
| T004   | Beech<br>( <i>Fagus sp.</i> )              | Height (m): 11<br>Crown Radius (m): 4                               | Mixed group of shrubs and a a beech tree. No significant defects noted. Encroaching on adjacent building. | Good      | Reduce back from building as hard as possible.<br>Timescale: 10-Oct-2025 (1 Year) |
| T005   | Cherry<br>( <i>Prunus sp.</i><br>'Cherry') | Height (m): 13<br>Crown Radius (m): 5<br>Life Stage: Mature         | In good condition for overhangs police property. Recent crown reduced by 30%.                             | Fair      | None at time of survey                                                            |
| T006   | Holly<br>( <i>Ilex sp.</i> )               | Height (m): 9<br>Crown Radius (m): 3<br>Life Stage: Early<br>Mature | No significant defects noted                                                                              | Good      | None at time of survey                                                            |
| T007   | Elder<br>( <i>Sambucus nigra</i> )         | Height (m): 6<br>Crown Radius (m): 4<br>Life Stage: Mature          | Mixed group of elm alder and ash, elm, sycamore. Elder is now dead.                                       | Poor      | Fell elder to ground level.<br>Timescale: 10-Apr-2025 (6 Months)                  |

