

Tree Safety Survey Specification

Site: Weston on The Green Parish Council Land as identified by Jane Mullane. A negative tree survey will be undertaken in all areas of infrequent use, all the trees over 200mm DBH which are located within these areas will be inspected and those with significant defects will be included within the report, trees which are healthy and appear structurally sound will not be detailed within the report.

The system of tree surveying which will be employed is the Visual Tree Assessment or VTA introduced by Claus Mattheck, a biomechanically based system which is the identification of symptoms produced by a tree in reaction to a weak spot, or area of mechanical stress. VTA is a non-invasive method of examining the health and structural condition of individual trees and as such no internal measurements will be taken.

Tree Tagging. Every significant tree which has been included within the report will be uniquely identifiable with a blue plastic tag with sequential numbers. This number is used to identify the tree within the tree schedule and determine any necessary remedial action recommended. A single aluminium 65mm nail will be used to attach the tree tag, the length of the nail permits further increases in timber diameter prior to the bark being in contact with the tree tag.

Tree location. Every tree or group of trees included within the schedule will wherever possible be plotted within the aerial imagery or digital map which is available, the crown spread will be identified and the tree tag number will, where space allows, be located within the canopy area. Where tree density and scale do not permit the plotting of every tree, directional arrows will be used between trees which have been located.

Areas surveyed. Within the aerial imagery or digital map, all areas included within the survey will be outlined in blue, areas which have been specifically excluded will be labelled as such and will be outlined in red. If any of the areas which fall under your responsibility have not been included and outlined within the report, this should be brought to our attention immediately.

Species. The name of the tree is generally the common English name of the tree or the Latin name where this is commonly used.

Diameter. The stem diameter is estimated at approximately 1.5m above ground level or where a more fair reflection of the stem diameter can be achieved, the estimate is for identification purposes only and is not accurate.

Height. The height of the tree is estimated in metres and is for identification purposes only.

Condition. A brief description of the condition of the tree is often included to aid identification and direct the team undertaking the remedial works. This may be omitted where no significant features have been noted.

Recommendations. The instruction for remedial action included within the report, is generally the minimum possible to reduce the risk of failure to an acceptable level during normal conditions, this does not ensure that failure cannot occur. It is legally acknowledged that a tree is not or cannot be maintained as 100% structurally safe and failures can occur without external signs or prior warning. Recommendations may be made to undertake works which will reduce the long term cost implication of retaining the tree in its current form or condition, such as reduce an extended limb or fell; these recommendations are often within the 24 month priority and will include 'consider' within the recommendation box. Remedial works detailed as 'consider' can be excluded by the client from works which are instructed without a significant increase in risk to members of the public.

Frequency of use. Unless otherwise advised, the frequency of use is estimated whilst undertaking the survey: by the number of people seen whilst undertaking the survey; ground conditions, vegetation, infrastructure and location. If the use of an area alters significantly so as to increase the frequency with which it is used, a resurvey of the area is recommended.

Priority. The works are broken down into 5 main categories 1, 3, 6, 12 and 24 months, a contractor should be instructed to proceed within the periods specified unless the works are otherwise stated as consider.

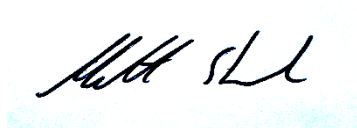
Validity. Trees are living organisms, readily affected by environmental changes, therefore, observations can only be considered as correct at the time of inspection. In the light of this, unless otherwise specified within the re-inspection column of the schedule, the report can only be considered valid for a maximum period of 30 months, provided that all factors remain unchanged. It is strongly recommended that an interim inspection is undertaken after storm strength winds or other extreme weather events. The aim of the report will be to reduce the risk of damage or injury occurring through the failure of an area of the tree, to an acceptable level during normal weather conditions.

Limitation. The survey will be undertaken from ground level unless otherwise specified, no internal investigation was undertaken, no soil samples will be taken, no judgement on the condition of the tree below ground level will be made. Where leaf cover or Ivy obscure areas of the crown, judgements on the condition of the tree will be made from what is visible at the time of inspection.

Qualifications and Experience: I (Matthew Steele) will undertake the tree safety survey on behalf of Bicester Tree Services Ltd. I have worked within the arboricultural industry for over 12 years working at all levels from groundsman to arboricultural manager. As a practicing arborist I have an up to date working knowledge of the implications of defects within the structure of a tree. My academic qualifications include an FDS in Arboriculture 2008 from Myerscough College and more recently Lantra Level 2 Professional Tree Inspection Qualification 2015.

Sub Total	£450
Vat	£90
Total for all of the above	£540

If you would like to accept this quote, please reply via an email or in writing to confirm that you agree to our Terms and Conditions and that the specification of work is correct. We look forward to being of service to you in the near future.



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