

TREE SURVEY & REPORT

For

Mr Andrew Woodhead

Crimble Hall Farm

Bamford

OL11 4AB

TREE SURVEY / SCHEDULE AND REPORT

Date: 19/11/2023

Location: Crimble Bungalow OL11 4AB

Order TPO name: TPO Heywood MB No 1 Heywood Municipal Borough
ID T195TPO010
Local Authority: Rochdale

The following report was compiled by Mr S Patrick, an Arborist with over 20 years experience and having a BTEC 3 qualification in Arboriculture, triple distinction who has worked for the general public, National Trust (Cragside), English Heritage and private estates.

The report has been requested by the above who is not the owner of the tree but who has the owners permission.

The tree survey carried out was designed to gather information on the age, condition, species, type and size of the tree within the curtilage of the adjacent property Crimble Bungalow. The survey is not for the owner, but who may want to carry out works to the tree. However, the survey allows the owner to monitor the general health of the tree population and identify any possibly dangerous trees. Also allowing to plan for ongoing maintenance which may be needed to prevent failure of trees.

The results of the survey allow the owner to plan and budget for a cost-effective work programme over a 2 year period should permission to work on the tree be granted.

The owner holds a responsibility to carry out such surveys as a duty of care. This would avoid any potential future claims of negligence against them should a hazardous or a potentially dangerous tree be identified.

Tree reports assess a range of risks represented by a tree and also investigate any specified defect. It will cover from the roots upwards, paying particular attention to any mechanical defects or signs of decay. The report will also recommend any remedial action (see Tree Schedule below).

Proposed Tree Schedule of Works

TREE NO.	SPECIES	D.B.H (CM)	HEIGHT (M)	AGE	CATEGORY BS 5837	RECOMMENDATION
T1	ACER PSUEDOPLATANUS (SYCAMORE)	80	20	MA	SS PPP C2	POOR TREE WITH CROWN DYING BACK. CAVITIES AND DISEASE AND ROT. REMOVE BY SECTION DOWN OR FELL. REPLANT WITH SUITABLE HARD WOOD EG LIME

Glossary of Terms.

Y Young, SM Semi mature, MA Mature

SS Single Stem, TS Twin stem, MS Multi Stem

Crown, Stem, and overall Health of the tree are noted as:

P Poor, R Reasonable, H Quality: A High, B Moderate, C Low.

sub category 1, mainly arboricultural value. 2 mainly landscape value.

Example SS HRH M1 (single stem Healthy crown, reasonable stem, Healthy overall, moderate arboriculture value.

Tree Report: -

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A site and tree assessment was carried out at the above location to gain information on how healthy a tree is and what sort of ongoing maintenance is required before proposed work.

The proposed work is to fell or section down 1 x *Acer pseudoplatanus*; which is in decline and over mature dangerous or dying or diseased.

The tree is situated behind the boundary barn wall of Crimble Hall Farm, but within the curtilage of Crimble Bungalow. The tree is a protected tree in the Greater Manchester TPO Heywood MB No1 group TPO195004 and 010. The owner has granted permission for this report and any subsequent work; a site inspection by a Local planning officer (David Jones) and Mr A Woodhead of Crimble Hall Farm earlier this year concluded that a report and application to remove the tree be submitted to the Local Authority.

The area can be accessed from Crimble Lane off the B6222 Bury and Rochdale Old Road. The tree stands alone in the field in front of Crimble Bungalow.

Assessment

The amenity value the tree gives to the area is very limited. It is clear from the inspection that the tree has had no maintenance or management, resulting in the need for immediate good arboricultural management and remedial pruning work to BS3998. 2010.

However the tree presents a hazard to the close proximity to Crimble Hall farm barn as the tree is overhanging and within the drop zone to the barn which would cause damage and possible injury should it fail.

Proposed work

T1 - Sycamore - FELL

Fell Mature Sycamore tree which is showing crown decline and main stem decay. It has several cavities through out the main stems.

This is an over mature Sycamore tree within the grounds of an old farm, it is a poor specimen and has some very bad wounds leading to decay.

The tree is extremely close to the neighbouring barn and its crown predominantly overhangs the property so its crown leans more over the barn by several metres, causing great concern given its size, proximity and the fact it has a decaying main stem and declining canopy; which will only decay further and get worse, making the tree dangerous & unsafe and more liable to fail in a bad storm.

Any work to the tree or management granted must be subject to wildlife considerations. Ideally work should be timed to avoid the bird-nesting season wherever possible. If not, the tree will need to be searched for nesting birds prior to work commencing. If a nest is found then the tree and its immediate surroundings will need to be left undisturbed until nesting is complete.

It should be noted that the proposed work in the schedule would not impact on bat corridors. If a roost is found, the tree and its immediate surroundings will need to be left undisturbed.

Future Observations

Trees grow and can develop weaknesses, the climate is changing and many factors that affect trees are rarely static. An Arborist should undertake regular inspections so that changes in the trees can be monitored and management implemented, thus ensuring the maintenance and preservation of trees continues.

Conclusion

The recommendation is for the mentioned works in the tree schedule within the curtilage should be maintained through good practice and any surgery completed to BS3998, 2010.

The owner of the property and the authority placed conservation area have a responsibility and duty of care for the upkeep of the curtilage. The maintenance of trees will aid the retention of the trees and amenity value in the area.

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Stephen Patrick

T1 Located next to Crimbla
Hall Farm Barn



Wounds at the base of the
main stem





T1 Showing a declining canopy

Decay creeping up the main stem from the base



Location map of T1

