

TREE SURVEY & REPORT

For
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TREE SURVEY / SCHEDULE AND REPORT

28/02/2024

TPO name: Clay Lane adjacent to 75

Municipal Borough ID T3TPO167

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 (Craggside), 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 75 Clay Lane. 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
T3	Ash (Fraxinus)	80	20	MA	SS PPP B1	The Ash tree is suffering from Ash die-back, endemic in the area, and will inevitably decline further. As the tree declines it will become more brittle, dropping more branches and becoming more dangerous to remove. Pollarding back to the previous old scaffold limb cuts to make safe now is justified to preventing future higher risk of branches

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 make safe the tree.

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Pollarding back to the previous old scaffold limb cuts to make safe now is justified to prevent future higher risk of branches dropping onto number 71 property.

The tree is situated behind the boundary wall of 71 Clay Lane and dominates this property. It belongs to the neighbouring property number 75. The owner of the tree has granted permission for any works if given to proceed.

Assessment

The amenity value the tree gives to the area is not in question but the safety. It is clear from the inspection that the tree has had maintenance or management in the past but there is a need for immediate good arboricultural management and remedial pruning work to BS3998. 2010 to eliminate further loss of limbs due to the onset of Ash dieback.

The tree presents a hazard to the close proximity to 71 Clay Lane as the tree is overhanging and within the drop zone to the property which would cause damage and possible injury should it fail.

Proposed work

T3 - Ash- Pollard to make safe.

With the crown declining and main stems showing previous crown reductions it would be prudent to take out the crown down to the old scaffold limb cuts.

The tree is extremely close to 71 Clay Lane and its crown predominantly dominates causing great concern given its size, proximity and the fact it has a declining canopy; which will only decay further and get worse, making the tree dangerous & unsafe and more liable to fail in a bad storm.

An email notice and advice was submitted to the council giving a 5 day notice for works to make the tree safe. The council have asked for a formal application.

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 TPO 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.

28/022024 Stephen Patrick





Reduce crown to old
pollard cuts



