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Report for

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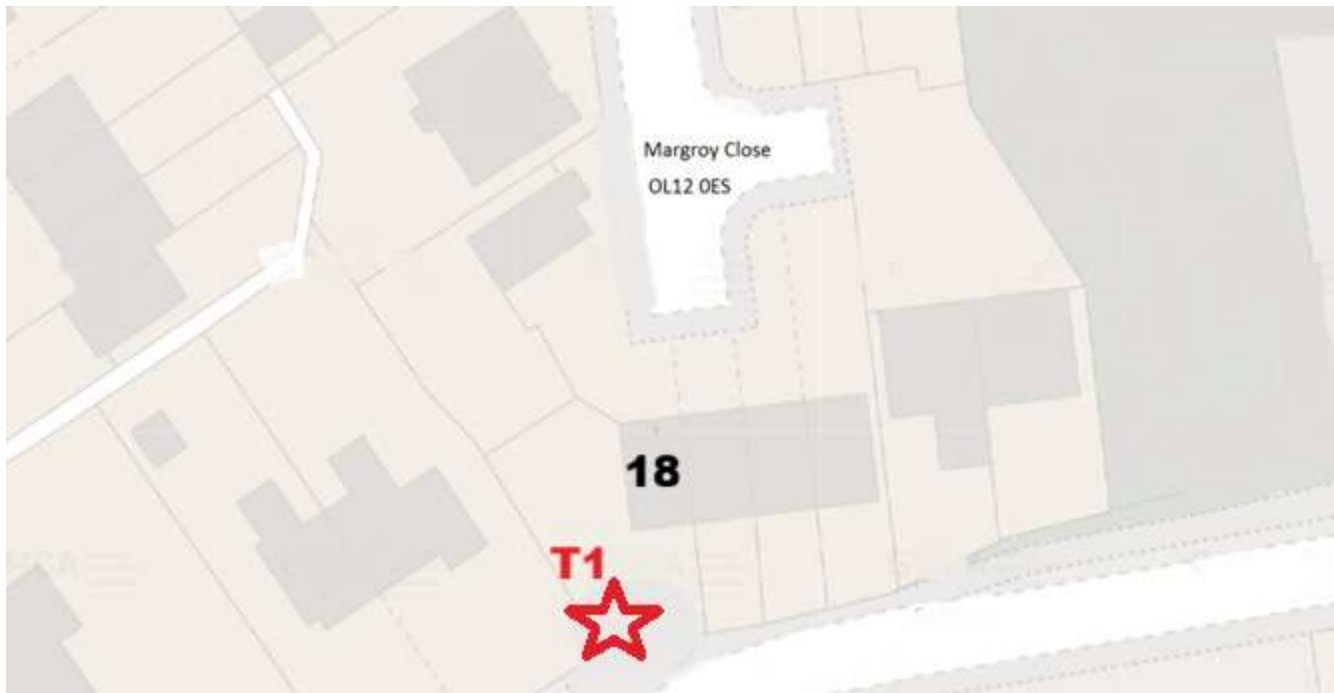
As requested, please see the completed tree report, as discussed this offers no guarantees as trees are living organisms and can fail at any time. We would also like to advise that no indemnity or insurance cover is offered. This report is in "my opinion" only and covers only the trees that have been inspected.

Trees in question are subject to a Tree preservation order – TPO161

Local authority; Rochdale.

Location

Rear garden of 18 Margroy Close.



Work provided

Site visit, arboricultural inspection, photography, report, and quotation.

All trees have been thoroughly inspected and only the tree with any defects or concerns have been noted.

Proposed Works

The applicant is seeking consent to undertake arboricultural management works to the following protected tree:

- **T1 – Sycamore:** Fell the previously pollarded Sycamore to as close to ground level as reasonably practicable.

As part of the proposed management, the applicant also commits to planting **two replacement trees** within the site at suitable locations, with species and planting positions to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority if required.

All works are proposed to be undertaken in accordance with:

- **BS3998:2010 – Tree Work Recommendations**
- **Current arboricultural best practice standards**

Reason for Works

The proposed works are required due to the poor physiological and structural condition of the tree. The Sycamore has been subject to previous pollarding and is now exhibiting a declining condition, with limited long-term retention potential.

Whilst pollarding can be an effective management technique, repeated pruning and the resulting physiological stress have contributed to the tree's decline. In its current condition, the tree is unlikely to provide a sustainable long-term landscape feature, and retention would require ongoing management with no certainty of long-term viability.

Removal is therefore considered the most appropriate arboricultural option.

To mitigate the loss of the protected tree and maintain the site's overall tree cover and amenity value, the applicant proposes to plant **two replacement trees** within the site following removal.

Arboricultural Impact Assessment

The proposed works are limited to the removal of a single previously pollarded Sycamore that is now in poor condition and has limited future life expectancy.

Whilst the removal of the tree will result in the loss of an existing landscape feature, the impact will be offset through the planting of two replacement trees. This will provide a net gain in future canopy cover and ensure the continued contribution of trees to the character and appearance of the site.

The proposed replacement planting will enhance the long-term resilience, sustainability and visual amenity of the site whilst reducing the need for continued management of a declining tree.

Tree Ownership

The tree is situated within private ownership. This application has been submitted to obtain the necessary consent for the proposed works in accordance with the requirements of the Tree Preservation Order.

Conclusion

The proposed removal of **T1 (Sycamore)** is considered reasonable, proportionate and arboriculturally justified due to the tree's poor physiological condition and limited long-term retention potential following previous pollarding.

The applicant is committed to replacing the tree with **two new trees**, ensuring the long-term enhancement of the site's tree population and maintaining its landscape and amenity value.

As all works will be undertaken in accordance with **BS3998:2010 – Tree Work Recommendations** and recognised arboricultural best practice, it is respectfully requested that consent is granted for the proposed works.

The proposed management represents a balanced approach, removing a declining protected tree whilst providing appropriate replacement planting that will deliver long-term arboricultural and environmental benefits.

Kind regards,
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