

Report Introduction

✚ This survey has been commissioned by Clare Lewis to determine the condition of selected tree for suitability as use for a tree house.

✚ The site was visited during July 2023, the tree was assessed visually, and the relevant information compiled. The tree has been assessed with regard to general condition, health and hazard and then commented upon in the following manner: (if *instructed*)

Tree number, Species, General comments, recommendations, and a sliding priority key/timescale for implementation of remedial works (*expressed in risk rating*)

✚ Provision will need to be made for any further investigations as recommended by this report for example internal inspection of trees with decay or soil implications.

✚ The tree should be subject to a general re-inspection schedule of three years, from which a requirement for further monitoring or assessment can be judged. Retained trees will require reasonably frequent monitoring after any possible disturbance. For example, storms or any building or drain work.

✚ No assessment has been made of the soil conditions, implications of soil conditions and root extent is not determinate from this survey. We would urge that soil type is ascertained and tree related implications are assessed as foundation type/depth in accordance with N.H.B.C. guidelines. More obvious visual soil issues may be brought out in this report as a reason for further investigation.

✚ This visual report is ascertained from ground level.

Generally:

The object of the survey is to highlight the suitability of the tree for use as a Tree House. Other issues if found may be highlighted so that an informed decision may be reached regarding suitability.

Absorbing Carbon Dioxide and Pollutants:

The tree in question is a mature multi stemmed Sycamore with five leaders. The tree has had work carried out in the past to reduce the size leaving just the five leaders and no crown. The tree in this condition has no effects of absorbing any such pollutants or offering any absorbing properties.

Providing Food & Habitat:

Again, due to the current condition, the tree is not in a condition to offer wildlife any noticeable food source or living source. Recent advantageous growth will, in the future, help to restore this balance.

Providing Screen and Shade:

Due to its condition, the tree does not currently offer any shade or screening. This will change as the advantageous growth establishes and the canopy becomes established. At present, the tree cannot be viewed from any vantage point by either other neighbours or the public due to its secluded position.

Drainage:

The tree may at this time offer little in relation to water retention, but as the advantageous growth becomes established, these dynamics will improve.

Services:

There are no services running in the vicinity.

Suitability:

The tree is set alone and does not show signs of decay but has started to show signs of recovery with advantageous growth.

Structure Composition:

To be made up of 8"x2" pressure treated timber joists, 1" thick marine ply base, 3"x4" pressure treated wood frame and 1" marine ply roof.