



Arbtech Tree Condition Survey

**16 North Park Road
Knowsley
Liverpool
L32 2AS**

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Particulars of Instruction

Arbtech Consulting Limited (Arbtech) received instruction in October 2025 from Gill Robinson of Lytham Care Ltd to attend 16 North Park Road, Knowsley, Liverpool, L32 2AS (site) to undertake a tree condition survey and to produce this report including the General Tree Assessment (detailed) and a Tree Location Plan, to meet with the duty of care that a land owner has with regards to the trees within impacting distance of the public.

Authority

The author, Russell Pearce, is an arboricultural consultant at Arbtech Consulting Ltd. Having graduate graduated from UCLan in 2014 with a BSc (Hons) Arboriculture degree he has more than 11 years' experience within the arboriculture industry. He has experience working in the public and private sectors, having previously worked for Kent County Council, Medway Unitary Council and reputable consultancy firms. He is LANTRA certified in Professional Tree Inspection, is a QTRA registered user and has various NPTC qualifications. He also has experience carrying out CAVAT valuation surveys, and TEMPO assessments in relation to the statutory protection of trees.

The advice below and appended is underwritten by our Professional Indemnity insurance for the business practice of Arboricultural Consultancy in the sum of one million Pounds Sterling in each and every claim.

Survey Method

A site walk through survey was undertaken and all trees requiring remedial tree works were recorded. Trees were located on a site plan and observations pertaining to size, phonological age, physiological condition and structural condition were recorded. The survey was made at ground level using visual observation only. Trees which displayed outward signs of structural or physiological markers that may be associated with a raised probability of whole tree or partial failure have had management

recommendations made. A time frame in which recommended works should be completed has been included with each of the management recommendations. Detailed examinations such as climbing inspections and decay detection were not employed, though may form part of the survey's management recommendations. All observations were made from site.

Tree Survey Executive Summary

The survey was carried out on September 13th, 2025, weather conditions were clear & dry. A total of 2 No. trees and 1 No. group of trees were identified as requiring remedial works if targets are 2 No. groups were identified as requiring monitoring.

A comprehensive account of each tree's attributes can be found in the tree survey schedule at **Appendix 1**. Tree locations are shown in the tree location plan at **Appendix 2**.

In order that the school is deemed to be acting in line with their statutory duty of care, trees should be inspected on a regular basis by a competent person. This regular inspection should be recorded in an auditable fashion. This survey report constitutes a single inspection which can be included in this auditable inspection record. Arbtech recommends that the next tree inspection is within three years of the cover date of this survey.

Site Survey Location/Extents

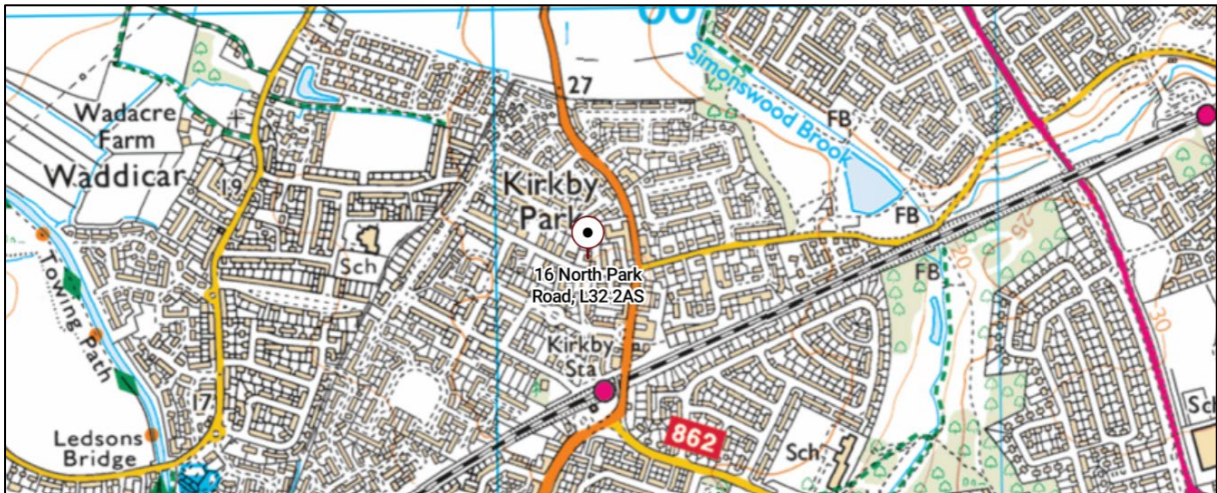


Figure 1: Ordnance Survey Map (Bing Maps) showing site location



Figure 2: Google Earth image of site with red line boundary

Summary of Tree Works

Tree works have been summarised below for ease of reference.

Table 1: Trees and management recommendations which should be completed within 6 months.

Tree ID	Common Name	Comment
T1	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>) Plate 1 & 2	Previously pollarded at 8-10m with significant regeneration growth. Recently shed large number of branches into garden - diameter of <80mm. Recommendation: Repollard at previous points - approx 10m Timescale: 6 Months
T2	Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>) Plate 3 & 4	Large Inonotus hispidus bracket on stem at 9m - concomitant with sunken strip of stem and nesting hole - indicating significant decay/cavity. Recommendation: Remove tree Timescale: 6 Months

Notes on Undertaking Tree Works

All tree work should be undertaken in accordance with British Standard BS 3998:2010, Recommendations for tree work. All arising's should be removed, and the site is to be left as found. Care should be taken of the ground around retained trees to ensure that it does not become compacted because of tree surgery operations. No equipment or vehicles such as timber Lorries, tractors, excavators or cranes should be parked or driven beneath the crowns of any retained trees without sufficient ground protection to prevent subsequent soil compaction and root death.

Common Birds

All common wild birds are protected under The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

This legislation makes it an offence to:

- Kill, injure or take wild birds.
- Take damage or destroy the nest of wild birds while it is in use or being built.
- Take or destroy the eggs of wild birds.

Certain rare breeding birds are listed on Schedule I of The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Under this legislation they are afforded the same protection as common wild birds and are also protected against disturbance whilst building a nest or on or near a nest containing eggs and or unfledged young e.g. Barn Owl *Tyto alba*.

Bats

Bats species are afforded further protection by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000; and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

This legislation makes it an offence to:

- Intentionally or deliberately kill, injure or capture bats.
- Deliberately disturb bats, whether at roost or not.
- Damage, destroy or obstruct access to bat roosts.
- Possess or transport bats, unless acquired legally.
- Sell, barter or exchange bats.

A bat roost is defined by the Bat Conservation Trust publication Bat Surveys—Good Practice Guidelines as “the resting place of a bat” (BCT 2007). Generally however, the word roost is interpreted as “any structure or place, which any wild bat uses for shelter or protection.”

Bats tend to re-use the same roosts; therefore, legal opinion is guided by recent case law precedents, that a roost is protected whether or not the bats are present at the time. This can include for summer roosts, used for breeding; or winter roosts, used for hibernating.

Site photos



Caveat

This advice and all appendices are subject to caveat as follows:

1. This report is nullified if any remedial works are undertaken on any area of the site, on or after the date of study/survey.
2. The report is only valid on the date on inspection and any deletion, editing or alteration will void it in its entirety.
3. The responsibility for any works undertaken on the basis of the recommendations of this report does not form part of this contract. No responsibility is assumed by the author of this report or by ARBTECH for any legal matters that may arise as a consequence.
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5. No liability is assumed by the author or by ARBTECH for any misuse, misinterpretation or misrepresentation of information contained herein.
6. This report has been compiled using only the information made available to the author as at the above date of inspection.
7. The assessment, unless described as “detailed” was of a preliminary nature, conducted from ground only; no soil samples were taken for analysis, no trees were climbed or inspected below ground level (including roots).
8. The author did not have at the time of writing any information as to the integrity of the site’s main structures, annexes or the drainage system.
9. Arbtech is not responsible for any works other than those invoiced for.

Appendices

The following are appendices to this report, see below:

- Tree Survey Schedule (PDF)
- Tree Location Plan drawings (PDF)

If you require clarification of information contained herein, please do not hesitate to contact us via 01244 661170.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Pearce", on a light blue background.

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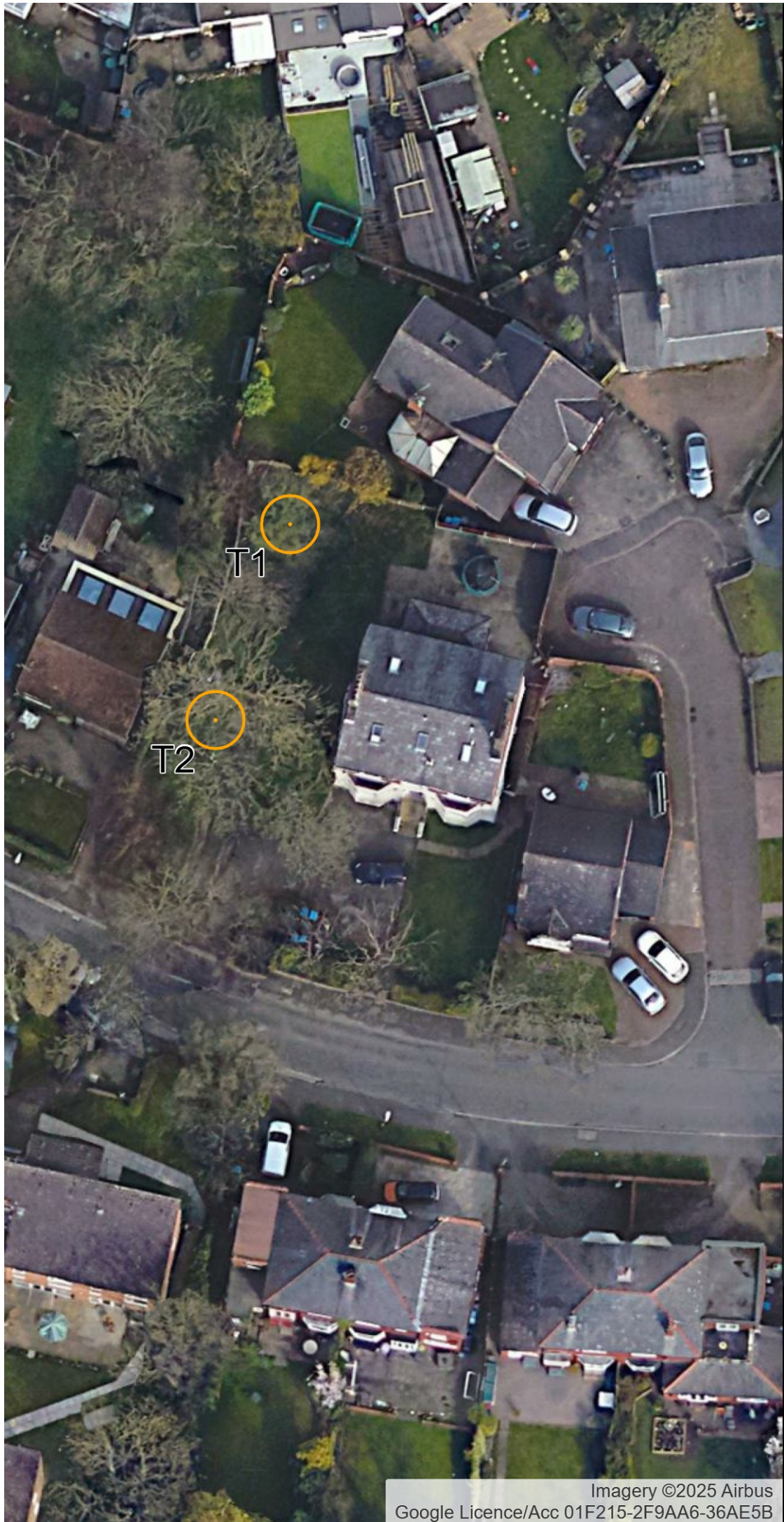
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Appendix 1: Tree Survey Schedule

TREE SURVEY SCHEDULE				ARBTECH
Site	16 North Park Road, Knowsley, L32 2AS	Surveyor	Russell Pearce	
Client	Gill Robinson	Survey Date	12th October 2025	
Brief	VTA of trees within site boundary	Conditions	Clear & dry	

Tree No.	Species	Measurements	Survey Notes	Inspect Period	Recommendations
T1	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	Height (m): 16 Crown Radius (m): 6 DBH (cm): 610 Life Stage: Early Mature Life Exp.: 20+ Years	Previously pollarded at 8-10m with significant regeneration growth. Recently shed large number of branches into garden - diameter of <80mm. Dense ivy covering stem and primary branch framework.	3 Years	Repollarded at previous points - approx 10m Timescale: 6 Months
T2	Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	Height (m): 22 Crown Radius (m): 6 DBH (cm): 650 Life Stage: Early Mature Life Exp.: <10 years	Primary union at 10m. Large <i>Inonotus hispidus</i> bracket on stem at 9m - concomitant with sunken strip of stem and nesting hole - indicating significant decay/cavity. Multiple partially occluded pruning wounds. Poor vitality. Dieback in crown. Large deadwood throughout.	3 Years	Remove tree Timescale: 6 Months

Appendix 2: Tree Location Plan

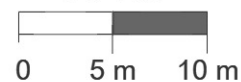


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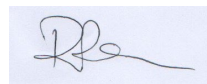
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