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VISUAL TREE ASSESSMENT – 67 South Drive, Manchester**DATE**

11th May 2022

The following letter has been prepared following a Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) of one tree at 67 South Drive, Manchester.

This letter has been prepared by George Pickering *BSc (Hons), TechArborA*, Arboricultural Consultant of SEED Arboriculture Ltd. George holds a BSc (Hons) in Arboriculture and is Technician Member of the Arboricultural Association.

REFERENCE

1407-LET-001-A

The tree assessment was undertaken by George Pickering *BSc (Hons), TechArborA* on 8th March 2022. The tree was inspected from ground level only.

The assessment relates to 1 Scots Pine (*Pinus sylvestris*) The tree within a Conservation Area.

Tree Assessment Summary

T1 (Scots Pine) is located within a planting pit of a residential garden. The tree canopy overhangs the adjacent garage/shed and communal areas of the garden. The main dwelling is situated close to the tree as well.

The tree is c. 16m tall, with a stem diameter of approximately 730mm and canopy radius approximately 7m.

The tree has several over-extended branches within the canopy overhanging the adjacent shed/garage and communal areas of the garden. There is evidence of previous failures within the canopy relating to over extended branches and previous storm damage. Remedial work is required to improve the form and rebalance the crown structure and ensure longevity of the tree is improved and provide a better relationship between the property and tree going forward.



Recommendations

It is recommended that to address the issues found during the VTA:

- Reduce over-extended branches by c. 1.5m on the eastern side towards the dwelling
- Crown raise tree by a further 1m to a total height of 6m – removing lower two branches
- c. 20% canopy thin to remove congested and poorly attached branches, including any deadwood and dieback.
- Reduce remaining lateral branches and height by c.0.5m to rebalance the crown and shape of the overall tree.

I trust that the above will be of use in managing your trees. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Pickering'.

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APPENDIX 1

Site Photographs



Image 1 - T1 visible from roadside



Image 2 – T1 visible from garden with recently failed limb and branch stubs visible.

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