# Tree Survey Report

**Undertaken On The**
**14th January 2012**

**at**

**14**
**Alness Road**

**Whalley Range**

**Manchester**

**M168ET**

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## Introduction

After a site meeting with the Borough tree officer and the concerns of direct neighbours this is a re-submission application regarding tree's 1,5 and 7.
This site is situated within the Borough of Manchester. All the tree's on the site are in a conservation area. The tree's contained within the survey have been inspected individually to assess their health. It is the intention of the tree owners to replace any removed tree's with more suitable species for the urban environment and to maintain the visual, amenity value of the remaining tree's.

For ease of reference each tree has been given an approximate age, aesthetic/visual amenity value, condition and a priority of work's rating as follows:

## Age

**Y** Young specimen either self sown or of nursery origin.

**SM** Semi mature tree - an established tree up to one third of the expected ultimate height.

**EM** Early mature tree - an established tree between one third and two third's the expected ultimate height.

**M** Mature tree - an established tree more or less the expected ultimate height.

**OM** Over mature tree - a fully established tree at the full expected ultimate height which may be showing some signs of decline.

## Visual Amenity Value

**A** Tree of significant importance visually or of unusual or well developed character.

**B** Attractive specimen, typical of species type, contributing to the overall visual amenity of the site.

**C** Tree of no particular merit. May have some form of defect.

**D** Tree in decline or dead giving a negative contribution to the site.

## Condition

**1** Tree in good condition and in good form.

**2** Tree in overall good condition but may have some minor defects.

**3** Tree in decline with a number of defects.

**4** Dead tree.

## Priority

**1** Work needs completing with some urgency. May be hazardous or simply posing a threat.

**2** Work needs completing but is not hazardous or posing an immediate threat at this time.

**3** Work will need completing at some point in the near future but could be left for now.

## Glossary Of Terms Used

**RST** Removal of stake and tie.

**REG** Removal of epicormic growth - Unwanted shoots at the base or on the stem of a tree.

**CLT** Crown lift - Removing lower branches from the crown of a tree to improve light, encourage growth underneath, give sufficient headroom for machinery, vehicles and people.

**CTH** Crown thin - Removal of branches within the crown of a tree allowing more light to penetrate the canopy, paying particular attention to any dead, diseased or crossing branches.

**RRS** Reduce and reshape - Reduction in the overall size from the crown of a tree which may have outgrown its surroundings or have top heavy branches.

**DWC** Deadwood clean - Removal of all dead branches from the crown of a tree reducing the risk of damage and or injury.

**CBB** Clear broken branch - Removal of split, snapped or hung up branches from within the crown of a tree reducing the risk of damage or injury.

**FOP** Formative prune - To prune back the crown of a tree which is miss-shaped or to re-form the usual character of a tree.

**RSP** Reduce side of property - To prune back the crown of a tree growing close to a property.

**RSH** Reduce side of highway - To prune back the crown of a tree growing close to the highway.

**CSF** Clear street furniture - To prune back the crown of a tree growing close to a street sign, street light, telephone line, etc .....

**FEL** Fell - To cut down a whole tree, leaving just a stump.

**GRD** Grind - To grind out a stump with the use of a stump grinder.

**POI** Poison - To poison a stump preventing re-growth.

**DIG** - To dig out an unwanted stump.

**RPT** Root prune - To prune the roots of a tree which may be lifting a pathway, damaging underground apparatus or just be a trip hazard.

**NWR** No work required - Where it has been deemed no work is required on a tree at this time.

**MON** Monitor - To monitor a tree on a regular basis, usually the tree will have a structural defect, included union or be suppressed but not have signs of decline at this time.

**Structural Defect** - Internal and/or external weaknesses which reduce the stability of a tree.

**Included Union** - Development at acute branch union where bark is turned inwards.

**Suppressed** - Trees that have been outgrown and whose crown development is restricted.

| No | Species | Age | Approx Diameter Breast Height (cm) | Approx Height (mtrs) | Visual Amenity Value | Condition | Approx Crown Width (mtrs) | Comments | Recommendations | Priority |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T1 | Holly | SM | 15 | 5 | A | 1 | 2 | Good form, concerning nieghbours | Reduce by 20% | 2 |
| T2 | Ash | SM | 40 | 10 | C | 2 | 6 | Inapropriate,undesired tree that will outgrow its surroundings,growing into telephone lines,roots lifting driveway. | FEL & POI | 2 |
| T3 | Sycamoore | EM | 60 | 13 | B | 2 | 5 | Ivy covered,hung up broken branches & low branches. | Cut & poisen ivy at knee height allowing natural die-back, CBB & CLT too 5mtrs. | 1 |
| T4 | Sycamoore | EM | 60 | 14 | B | 2 | 7 | Ivy present,low & dead branches,crown spreading towards property. | Cut & poisen ivy at knee height allowing natural die-back, DWC, RSP by 3mtrs & CLT too 5mtrs. | 2 |
| T5 | Sycamoore | EM | 60 | 15 | B | 2 | 7 | Ivy present,low branches,crown growing onto neighbouring property. | FEL & POI | 2 |
| T6 | Holly | SM | 30 | 5 | A | 1 | 3 | Good form, concerning nieghbours | Reduce by 20% | 2 |
| T7 | Lime | EM | 70 | 16 | C | 3 | 6 | Multi stemmed with included unions.Inapropriate,undesired tree already outgrowing its surroundings taking light from garden & property. | FEL & POI | 1 |
| T8 | Sycamoore | SM | 50 | 16 | C | 3 | 5 | Inapropriate,undesirable tree that is already outgrowing its surroundings taking light from garden & property. | FEL & POI | 2 |