



Walk-Over Tree Survey	
Site:	Multiple
Client:	Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council
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<u>Instruction and Scope of Work</u>	Instruction was received from Andy Lowe at Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council (the client) to carry out a walk-over tree survey, in relation to likelihood of structural failure, on all trees with a stem diameter greater than 150mm (measured at 1.5m above ground level) within falling distance of client-owned formal footpaths, focal points and car parks, and public highways (occasional, frequent or constant occupied target areas) located at the following fourteen sites (the sites): A. Lapstone Playing Fields B. Lapstone Farm & Orchard C. Knowle Park Inc. Allotments D. Horton Heath Community Centre E. Oak Walk F. Fair Oak Cemetery Inc. Path G. Knowle Hill Conservation Area H. Daisy Dip I. - J. New Century Park Inc. Fountain Cafe K. Upper Barn Copse L. Crowdhill Green M. Dean Road N. St Thomas' Church O. Pembers Estate (Excluding Gore Copse) <i>Please note: the letter "I" was not used as a site designation to avoid confusion when identifying tree numbers.</i> The aim of this report is to provide an overview of the tree survey and to provide management recommendations to the person responsible for the risk management of the sites. TPO/CA status of individual trees or areas is unknown, checks will need to be made with the relevant local authority prior to commencing any works recommended within this report.
<u>Sites and Management</u>	All fourteen sites are a mixture of green spaces and recreation areas. All have public access, with some restrictions in place to protect wildlife at Knowle Park and Lapstone Farm. The main use is for community recreation with a strong management emphasis on conservation or recreation (depending on site). Given the public nature of these sites, risk tolerance is moderate. Likelihood of failure is the focus of any recommendations.
<u>Targets</u>	The sites are widely used by the public. Primary targets are people, both within the site and external to it, and third-party property. Access restrictions to the sites, or adjacent third-party property, are not considered practical. Risk mitigation by target management has, therefore, not been explored.
<u>Tree Survey Methodology</u>	All trees, identified through the scope of work, underwent a systematic, visual inspection of their external surfaces (VTA). This survey was carried out from ground level and from within public or client-owned target areas, only. Trees within target areas categorised as <i>rare occupancy</i>* were not surveyed as risk would be considered <i>low</i> (indistinguishable within TRAQ from background risk).

	The aim of the survey is to identify any significant structural or physiological conditions of concerns (defects), evident at the time of the survey from public or client-owned target areas. Where defects were found with an <i>imminent</i> and/or <i>probable</i> likelihood of failure* for the survey interval period, and where consequences to targets would be considered <i>significant</i> or <i>severe</i>*, a tree risk assessment was carried out to assess the individual tree and provide a risk rating. Only trees where recommendations have been made were recorded and communicated in this report. These may be found in the <i>Schedule</i>. Tree tags were not used as part of this survey. The tree numbers relate to the plans shown in <i>Appendix 1</i>. A preliminary inspection interval has been set at 1 year. Therefore, for all trees, including those <u>not</u> listed in the <i>Schedule</i>, the default re-inspection period is 1 year from the date of this report. <i>*As defined within the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification devised and administrated by the International Society of Arboriculture.</i>
<u>Generic Limitations</u>	Individual tree ownership was beyond the scope of this survey; trees not obviously within the site boundaries were not inspected. Obvious features were used (hedges, water courses, ditches, etc.) to determine the site parameters, where not instructed. Where access to the base of trees is restricted, observation was taken at the closest point reasonably possible. Trees are dynamic, living organisms and their condition is subject to change throughout their lifetime. All observations and recommendations relate solely to the arboricultural condition of the tree at the time of the inspection. Trees should be surveyed periodically and after significant change to their environment or situation. It is not possible to eliminate all risk associated with trees because even those of apparently good condition can fail when the forces acting upon them exceed their inherent strength; some risk must be accepted to experience the benefits that trees provide. The survey involved minimal interference with the natural environment due to the emphasis on conservation management. Where vegetative ground cover and climbing plants obscured the survey of individual trees from the target areas, removal of these obstructions was only recommended where symptoms of defects, or target occupancy, gave reasonable reason to do this.
<u>Site Visits</u>	The tree survey was carried out on the following dates: A. Lapstone Playing Fields – 17.3.26 B. Lapstone Farm & Orchards – 17.3.26 C. Knowle Park Inc. Allotments – 25.3.26 D. Horton Heath Community Centre – 17.3.26 E. Oak Walk – 18.3.26 F. Fair Oak Cemetery Inc. Path – 23.3.26 G. Knowle Hill Conservation Area – 24.3.26 H. Daisy Dip – 17.3.26

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<u>Site Specific Limitations</u>	F. Overgrown area beneath Pines adjacent to footpath. Dense understory prevented basal inspection. Recommend to clear understory to allow access for subsequent inspections. To be carried out outside of bird nesting season. G. Knowle Hill Conservation Area – Large areas of dense bramble understory prevent access to area to NW of site adjacent to 3rd party property. Recommend to clear understory to allow access for subsequent inspections. To be carried out outside of bird nesting season. H. Daisy Dip – Area of overgrown bramble prevents access to N area of site. Recommend to clear understory to allow access for subsequent inspections. To be carried out outside of bird nesting season.
<u>Recommendations</u>	See <i>Schedule</i> .
<u>Reinspection</u>	Re-inspection must occur within 1 year, by March 2027.

Schedule

Site	Tree Ref.	Common Name	Diameter Bracket (cm)	Height Bracket (m)	Observations	Recommendations	Priority	Re-survey
Lapstone Playing Fields	A1	Oak	30-60	5-10	Hazard beam on lowest limb to South.	- Remove limb back to main stem. ///thinks.noses.repair	Moderate	March 2027
	A2	Oak	60-90	15-20	Multiple cavities on N/S/E aspect of stem at ground level. Senescent fungal fruiting body detached from stem at West at 0.5m. Sounding mallet indicates decay on all compass points.	- Reduce canopy by 3m and remove major deadwood over 50mm. ///retire.lake.copper	Moderate	March 2027
	A3	Contorted Willow	0-15	0-5	Dead limb over car parking space.	- Remove dead limb. ///spark.silent.mouse	High	March 2027
	A4	Oak	120+	15-20	Area of bark necrosis from ground level to approx. 1.5m up stem to NW. Area of decay at ground level behind loose bark. Sounding mallet indicates localised area of decay at ground level.	- Reduce entire canopy by 3-4m retaining as much internal growth as possible. Remove major deadwood over 50mm. ///ranch.loves.pound	High	March 2027
Lapstone Farm	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	March 2027
Knowle Park	C1	Oak	90-120	15-20	<i>Pseudoinonotus dryadeus</i> brackets present at approx. 1m from ground level around circumference of the stem. Good buttress root formation evident. Has been historically reduced.	- Reduce entire canopy by 3-4m, close to previous points. To suitable pruning points. ///buyers.smooth.cooks	Moderate	March 2027
	C2	Oak	90-120	15-20	Minor Stags Head formation, minor & major deadwood throughout canopy.	- Retrenchment pruning of approx. 2m all round with the aim to encourage new growth lower in the canopy. - Remove major deadwood. - Works recommended to be carried out in trees dormant phase. ///refreshed.fact.hockey	Low	March 2027
	C3	Oak	0-30	5-10	Included union with weeping evident.	- Reduce all round by 2m. ///causes.sensibly.prefer	Low	March 2027

	C4	Oak	90-120	15-20	Minor Stags Head formation, minor & major deadwood throughout canopy.	- Retrenchment pruning of approx. 2m all round with the aim to encourage new growth lower in the canopy. - Remove major deadwood. - Works recommended to be carried out in trees dormant phase.	Low	March 2027
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Horton Heath Community Centre	D1	Birch	0-30	5-10	Minor bud formation, In decline.	- Fell to ground level.	Moderate	N/A
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Oak Walk	E1	Lime	0-30	10-15	Damage to limbs in upper canopy from recent limb failure on adjacent Sycamore.	- Prune out damaged limbs & reduce remaining canopy by 2-3m to rebalance crown.	High	March 2027
	E2	Sycamore	0-30	15-20	Limb failed in recent high winds	- Clear failed limb and pollard remainder of canopy to leave a new framework at circa 8m from ground level.	High	March 2027
	E3	Sorbus	030	0-5	Grown on a lean due to potential poor historical planting. Tree in same line has failed on similar lean.	- Reduce canopy by 2m.	Low	March 2027
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Fair Oak Cemetery	F1	Oak	30-60	15-20	Included union at 1.8m	- Remove limb growing over footpath. Smaller of the 2 stems.	Moderate	March 2027
	F2	Oak	60-90	15-20	Bark discolouration on NW side, suppressed growth with asymmetrical canopy growth to NW.	- Reduce canopy on by 3m to reduce end weighting on over extended limbs.	Low	March 2027
	F3	Ash	0-30	5-10	Early signs of <i>Hymenoscyphus fraxineus</i> (Ash Dieback). Aerial roots exposed.	- Fell to ground level, to include small dead Ash adjacent.	Moderate	March 2027

	F4	Oak	60-90	15-20	Included union/codominant stem	- Reduce stem over footpath and school boundary by 3-4m. SW aspect. ///eagles.oddly.shiny	Moderate	March 2027
	F5 (G1)	Mixed	N/A	N/A	Ivy clad trees throughout grouping.	- Sever Ivy on all trees within group to facilitate basal inspection.	Low	March 2027
Knowle Hill Conservation Area	G1	Willow	0-30	5-10	Heaved specimen resting in adjacent tree and overhanging desire line.	- Fell to ground level. ///complies.bleaching.wide	High	March 2027
	G2	Willow	0-30	5-10	Failed limb resting in tree over footpath.	- Fell to ground level. ///empires.rainfall.unicorns	High	March 2027
	G3	Birch	0-30	5-10	Dead standing tree adjacent to desire line.	- Fell to ground level. ///library.dignify.back	High	March 2027
	G4	Willow	0-30	5-10	Snapped hanging limb adjacent to desire line.	- Remove failed limb ///training.grudging.trees	High	March 2027
	G5	Oak	30-60	5-10	Major deadwood over desire line.	- Remove major deadwood over 50mm ///snowmen.doors.stiff	Moderate	March 2027
	G6	Willow	0-30	5-10	Dead tree leaning towards footpath.	- Fell to ground level. ///dupe.dreamer.steamng	High	March 2027
	G7	Willow	0-30	5-10	Dead stems overhanging footpath.	- Fell to ground level. ///sanded.gambles.coverage	High	March 2027
	G8	Oak	30-60	10-15	Included union / co dominant stems.	- Reduce entire canopy by 3m to suitable growth points. ///steroids.pacemaker.ivory	Moderate	March 2027
	G9	Birch	0-30	10-15	Dead tree in striking distance of 3 rd party property.	- Fell to ground level ///intruders.overhead.bounding	High	March 2027
	G10	Birch	0-30	10-15	Failed hung up trees.	- Fell to ground level ///suspends.variation.mocking	High	March 2027
Daisy Dip	H1	Oak	0-30	5-10	Low hanging canopy over footpath.	- Raise to 3m from ground level. ///theme.trap.double	Low	March 2027

	H2	Oak	0-30	5-10	Low hanging canopy over footpath.	- Raise to 3m from ground level. ///zones.tight.pies	Low	March 2027
	H3	Maple	0-30	5-10	Included union at base of tree.	- Fell to ground level. ///else.lamp.patio	Moderate	March 2027
	H4	Dead Tree (Species Unknown)	0-30	5-10	Dead standing tree.	- Fell to ground level. ///agreed.stud.solved	Moderate	March 2027
	H5	Oak	60-90	15-20	Major deadwood over footpath. Dense undergrowth restricted basal assessment.	- Remove major deadwood over footpath over 50mm. - Clear basal vegetation to facilitate future inspection. ///crops.visit.meal	Moderate	March 2027
	H6	Plum	0-30	5-10	Low hanging canopy over footpath.	- Reduce over extended laterals by 2-3m & raise to 3m from ground level. ///hero.stole.priced	Low	March 2027
	H7	Plum	0-30	5-10	Low hanging canopy over footpath.	- Reduce overhang by 2m and raise to 3m from ground level. ///themes.haven.spits	Low	March 2027
New Century Park	J1	Maple	0-30	5-10	Included union at crown break adjacent to footpath.	- Reduce canopy by 2-3m all round. ///circle.tall.coffee	Low	March 2027
	J2	Sorbus	0-30	5-10	Ganoderma spp located at base of tree, minor bark necrosis on stem.	- Reduce canopy by 2-3m all round. ///trash.loss.loaded	Low	March 2027
	J3	Poplar	60-90	10-15	Bark cracking and debris/veg build up in main union at 2m.	- Reduce entire canopy by approx. 4m. ///emerge.vibes.bought	Low	March 2027
Upper Barn Copse	K1	Cherry	0-30	5-10	Included union at 1.5m, adjacent to seating area.	- Reduce canopy by 2-3m. ///healers.descended.bars	Moderate	March 2027
	K2	Poplar	0-30	5-10	Grouping of young self-sets growing on an angle out from copse.	- Fell all small diameter leaning specimens to ground level. ///became.vocal.pipe	Low	March 2027

	K3	Willow	0-30	5-10	Willow x2 growing on heavy lean out of copse. Affecting pond fencing and over desire line.	- Re-coppice at 0.5m. ///tube.pump.oasis	Moderate	March 2027
	K4	Ash	0-30	10-15	Ash with 2x <i>Inonotus hispidus</i> brackets on stem.	- Reduce to leave habitat pole same height as adjacent Ash stem. ///amuse.regard.issued	Low	March 2027
	K5	Oak	60-90	10-15	Historic hazard beam on low limb over footpath.	- Reduce limb by 2m. ///frost.gasp.bind	Moderate	March 2027
	K6	Oak	60-90 (x3)	15-20	Co-dominant stem on front stem of 3. Movement felt in gusting wind.	- Reduce front stem growing towards No. 27 & 29 by 3-4m to suitable growth points. - Install non-invasive 4t Cobra Bracing. ///police.tribes.pilots	High	March 2027
	K7	Oak	0-30	5-10	Majority of canopy has died back. In decline, adjacent to footpath.	- Monolith to nature pole at 4m from ground level. ///crest.pocket.sorters	Moderate	March 2027
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Crowdhill Terrace	L1	Ash	0-30	5-10	Failed stem hung up in Oak.	- Fell to ground level. ///frog.tips.taped	High	March 2027
	L2	Cherry	0-30 (x2)	5-10	Large area of bark necrosis at 1-1.5m.	- Fell to ground level ///bunch.hands.goals	Moderate	March 2027
	L3	Oak	30-60	15-20	Small included union at main crown break, circa 6-7m.	- Reduce path side of canopy by 2-3m. ///push.ants.decreased	Moderate	March 2027
	L4	Cherry	0-30	5-10	Dead tree leaning towards footpath.	- Fell to ground level. ///bucked.caked.incomes	High	March 2027
	L5	Cherry	0-30	5-10	Failed limb resting in adjacent tree.	- Fell to ground level. ///chip.demand.ocks	High	March 2027
	L6	Oak	60-90	15-20	Daedwood & hangers in canopy above footpath (3 rd Party)	- Remove major deadwood over 50mm and clear hanging branches over FOHHPC footpath. ///diary.rail.insect	Moderate	March 2027

	L7	Oak	90-120	15-20	Unable to inspect base due to dense undergrowth.	- Clear basal growth to facilitate future inspection. ///spout.crisis.cage	Low	March 2027
Dean Road	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	March 2027
St Thomas' Church	N1	Cypress	90-120	10-15	Included union at base of tree.	- Reduce in height by 3m. - Install non-invasive 4t Cobra Bracing ///branch.tolls.front	High	March 2027
	N2	Elm	0-30	5-10	Group of dead standing elms adjacent to Rd and 3 rd party property.	- Fell to ground level. ///gather.keeps.rainy	High	March 2027
	N3	Elm	0-30	5-10	Dead standing tree.	- Fell to ground level. ///then.boxing.speech	High	March 2027
	N4	Elm	0-30	5-10	Dead standing tree.	- Fell to ground level. ///apron.butter.fled	High	March 2027
Pemblers Estate	O1	Oak	30-60 (x2)	5-10	In decline adjacent to dwelling.	- Fell to ground level. ///fussy.champions.kilt	High	March 2027
	O2	Oak	90-120	15-20	Ivy obscures main unions.	- Sever Ivy to facilitate future inspection. ///giants.coherent.reject	Low	March 2027
	O3	Oak	90-120	15-20	Ivy growth within canopy.	- Sever Ivy to facilitate future inspection. ///space.yappy.stupidly	Low	March 2027
	O4	Oak	60-90	5-10	Canopy lacks bud formation & minor deadwood throughout.	- Re-assess in 6 months ///gobbles.explained.slide	Moderate	March 2027
	O5	Oak	60-90	10-15	Canopy lacks bud formation & minor deadwood throughout.	- Sever Ivy & Re-assess in 6 months ///intruders.eats.jotting	Moderate	March 2027
	O6	Oak	60-90	10-15	Unable to assess base due to dense basal growth.	- Clear basal vegetation to facilitate future inspection. ///nervy.important.talkative	Low	March 2027

	O7	Oak	60-90	10-15	Ownership unclear, unable to carry out full basal inspection.	- Clear basal vegetation to facilitate future inspection. ///noisy.roadshow.surgical	Low	March 2027
	O8	Oak	90-120	15-20	Only able to inspect half of basal area. Historical damage to bark, suspected mower/grounds maintenance damage. Healthy bud formation throughout canopy.	- Clear basal vegetation to facilitate future inspection. ///equity.fled.saying	Low	March 2027
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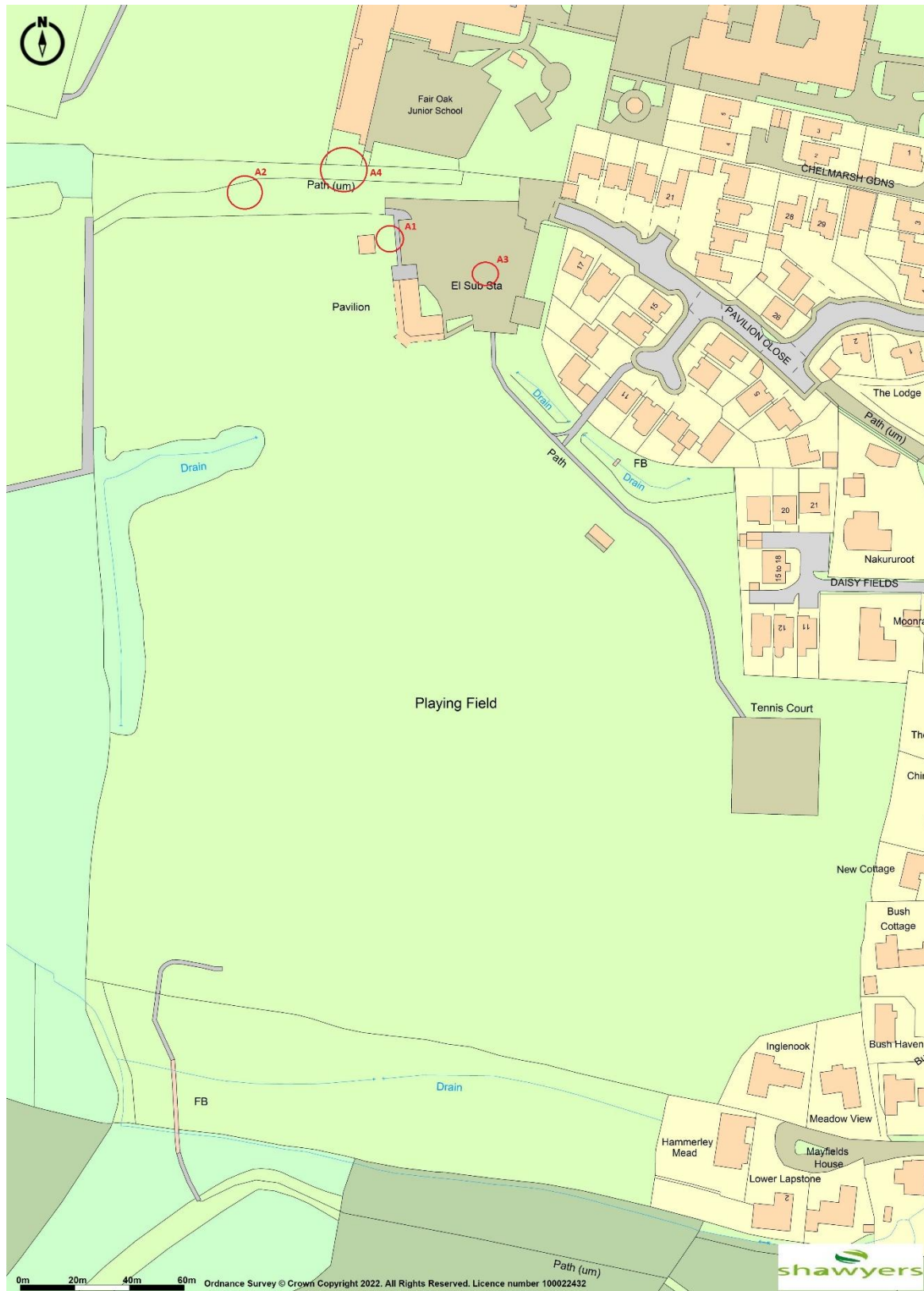
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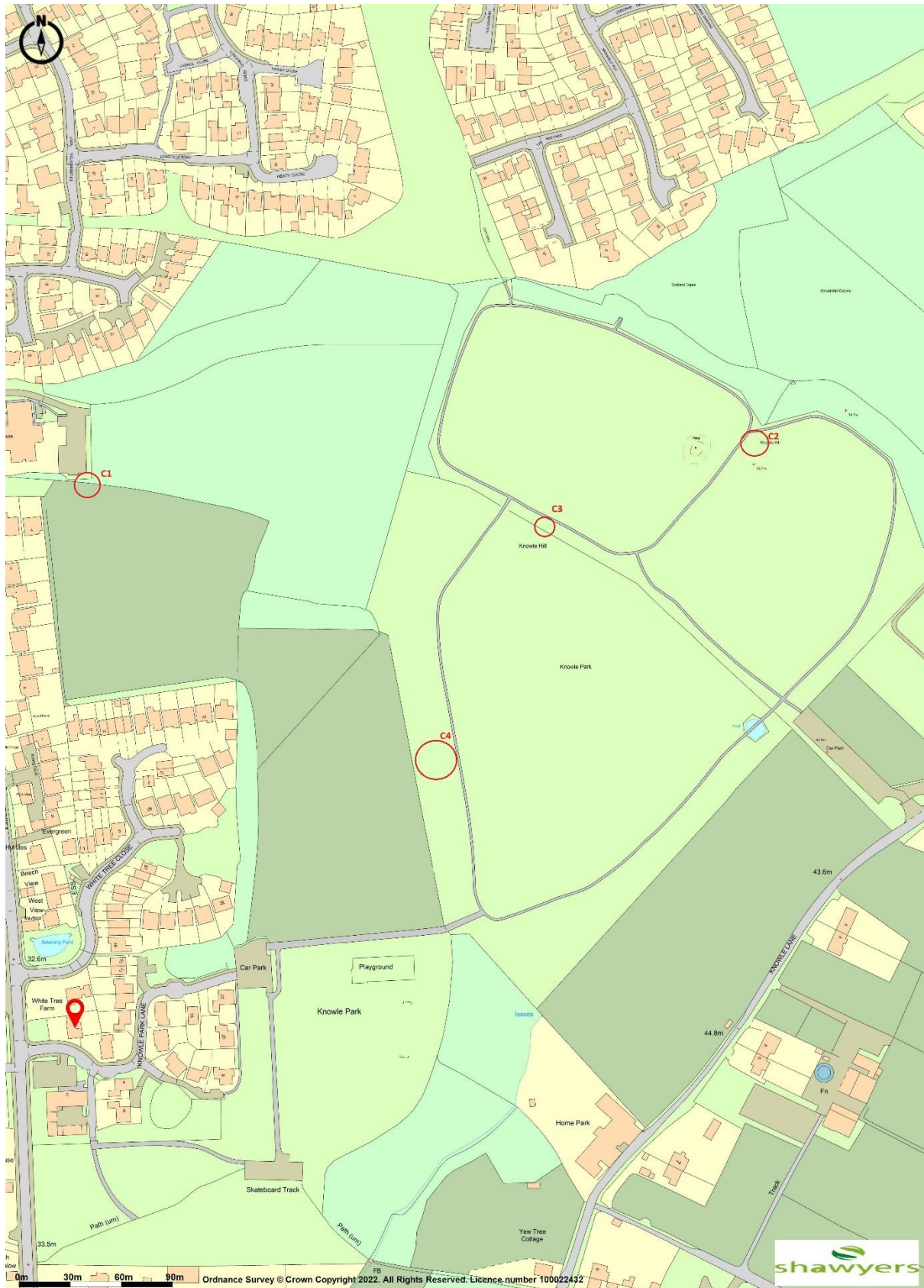
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Low	Within 12 months from report publication

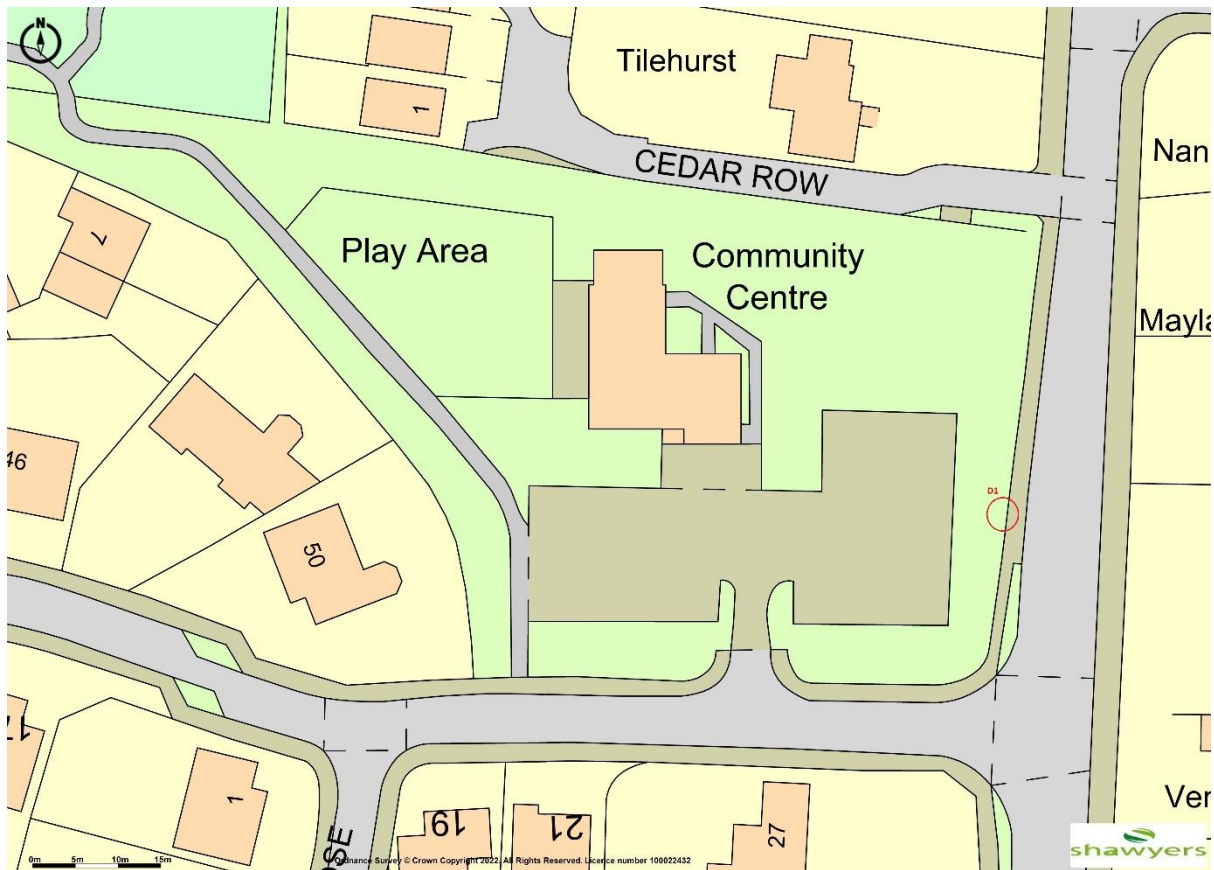
Appendix 1 - Site Plans

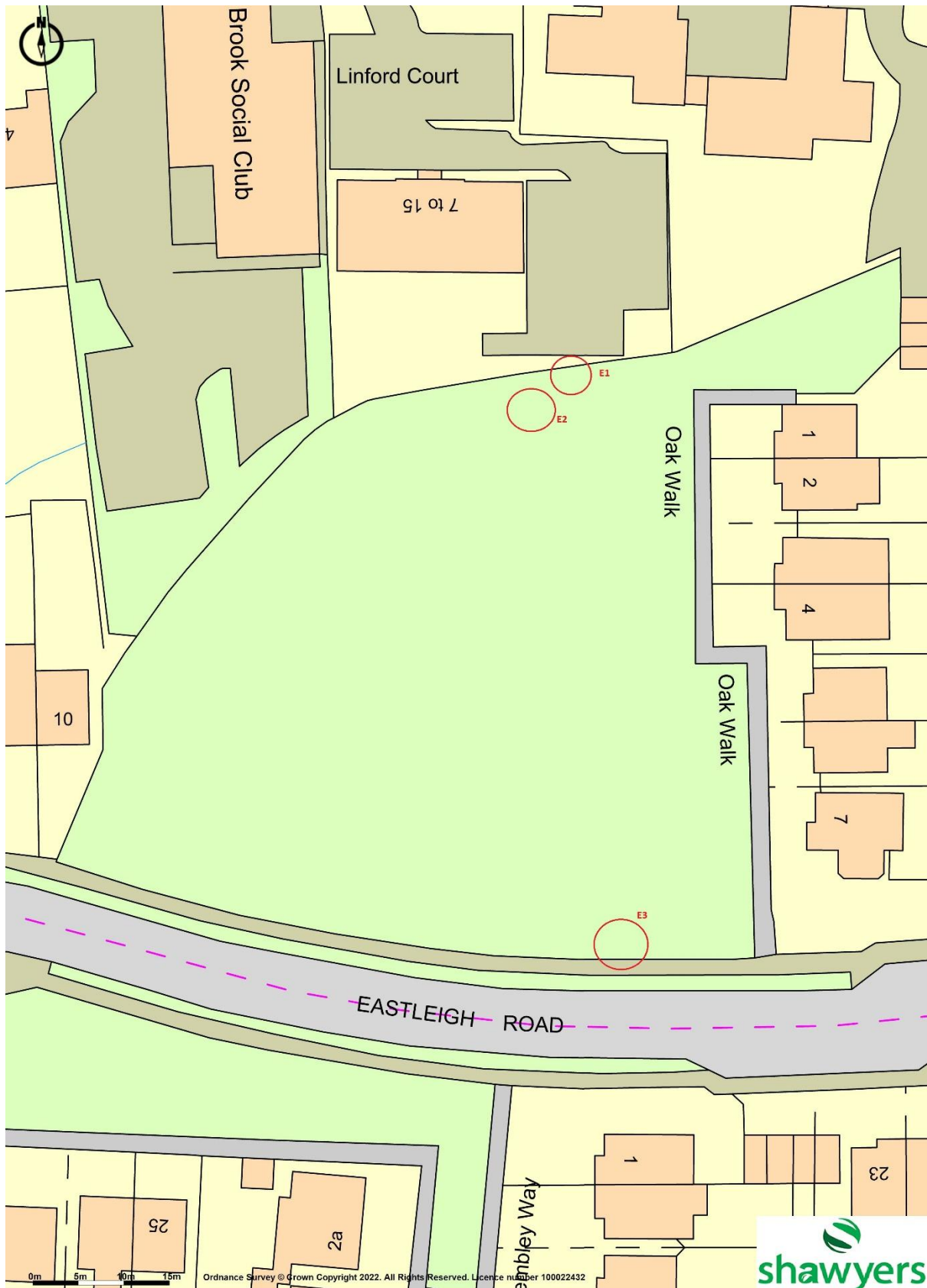
A - Lapstone Playing Fields



C- Knowle Park



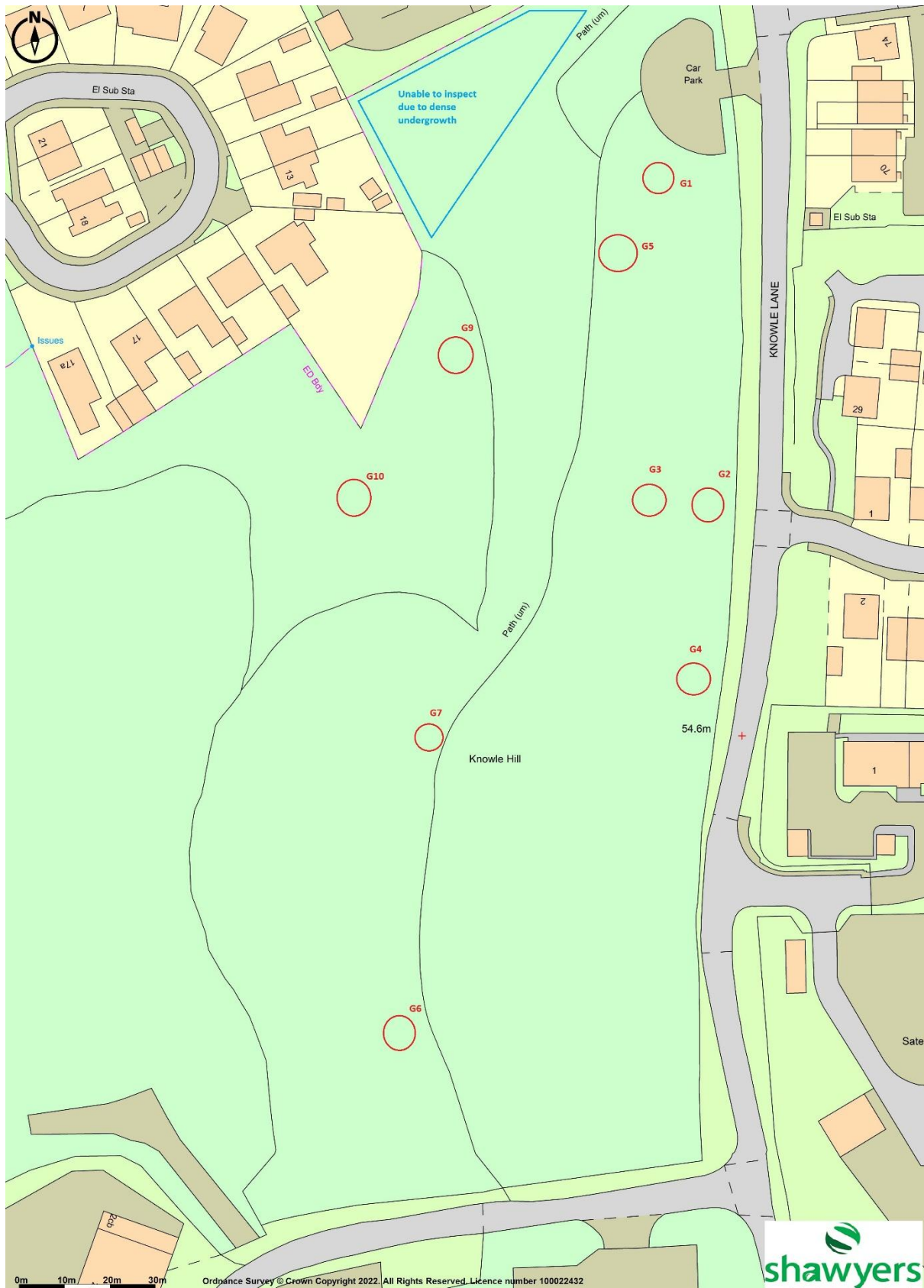


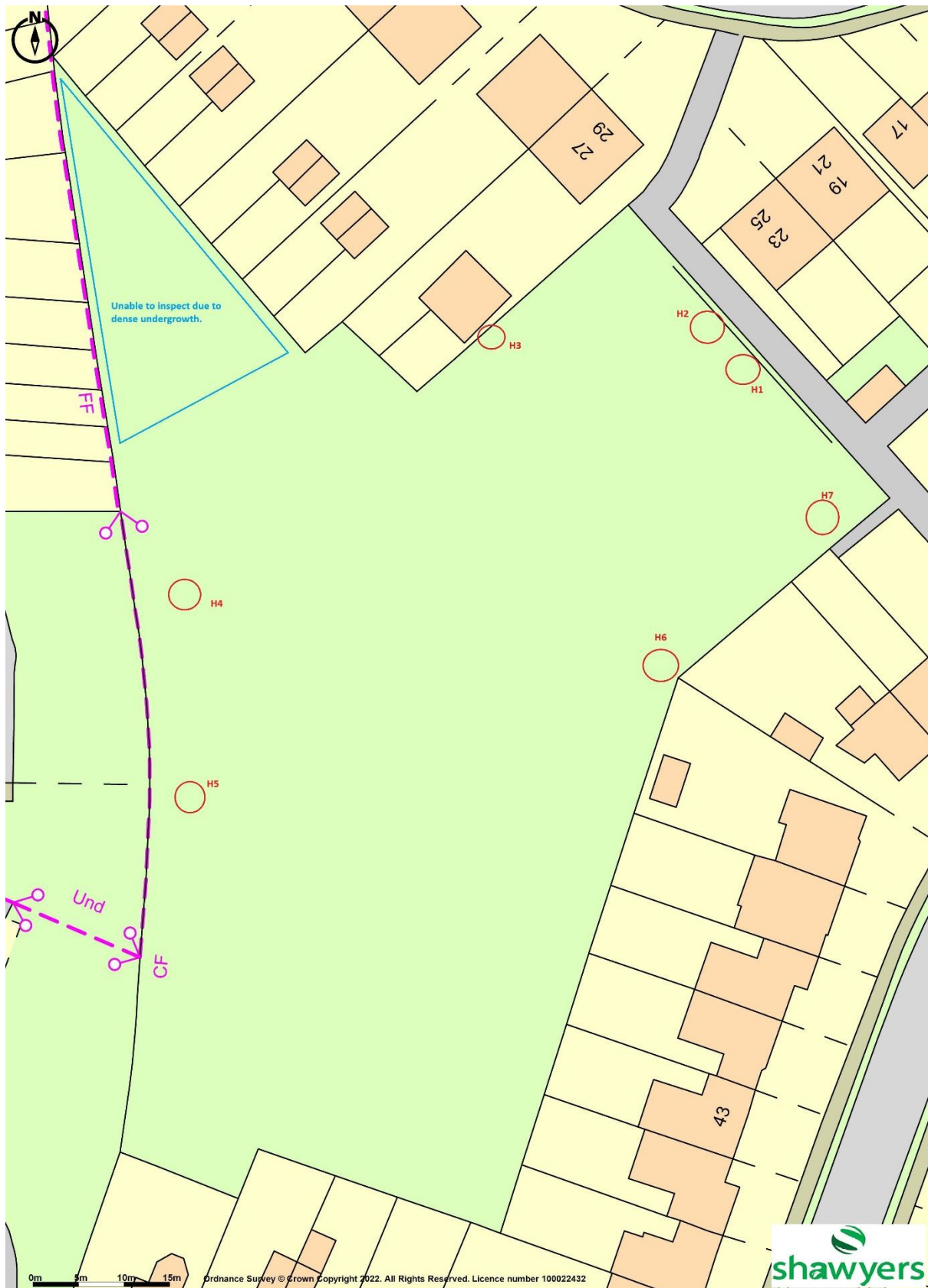


F - Fair Oak Cemetery



G - Knowle Hill Conservation Area







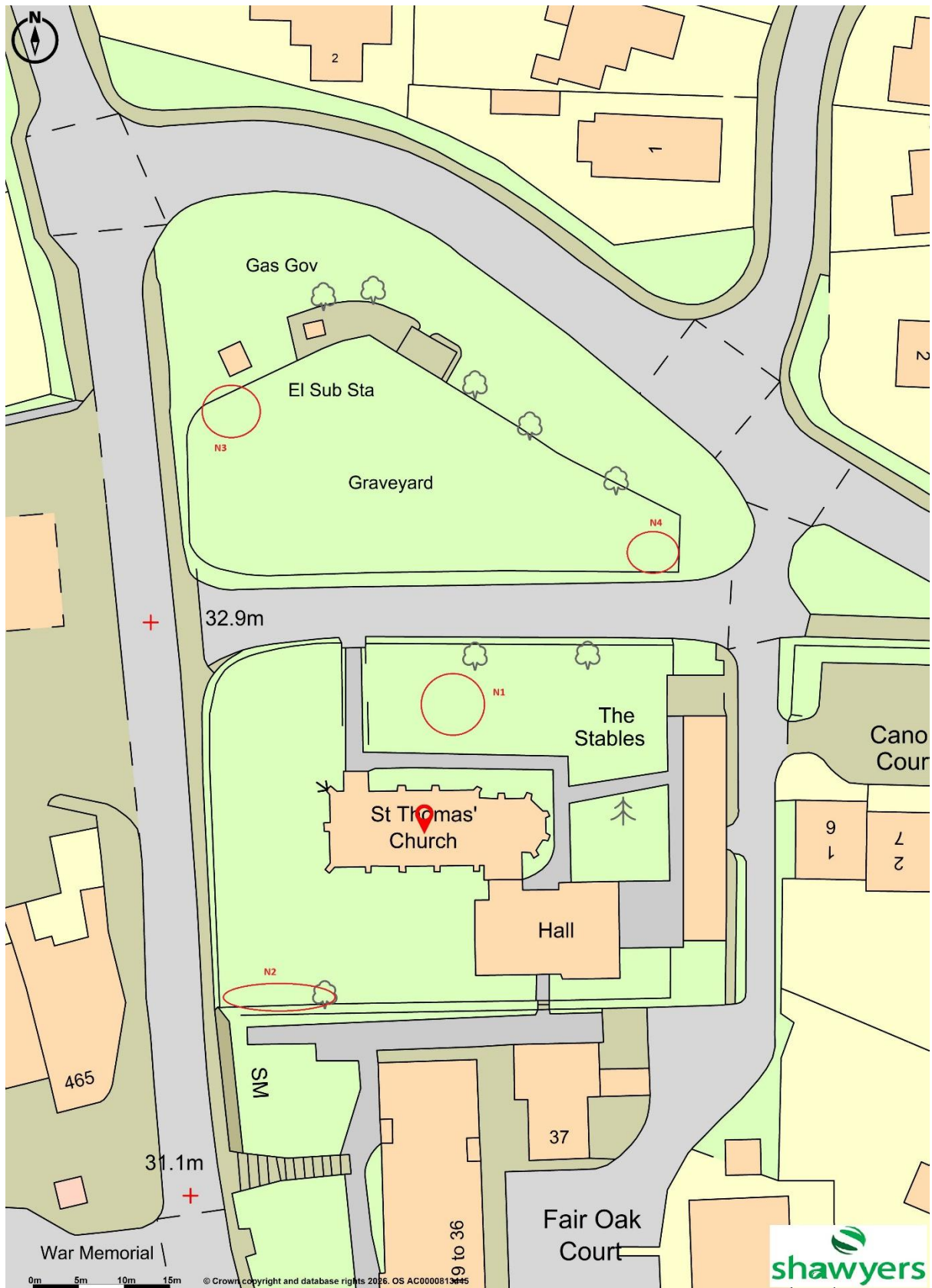
K - Upper Barn Copse (North)





L - Crowdhill Green (North)





O – Pembers Estate (North)



O – Pembers Estate (South)

