



TREE INSPECTION REPORT

Client: Mike Spencer

Site: 2 Rufus Close, Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, SO53 1FL.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 I have been instructed by Mike Spencer to undertake a tree inspection relating to one (1) tree to the rear of the property and report on my findings with any recommendations for the future management of the tree as required.
- 1.2 The inspection took place on 8th October 2025. The weather at the time of the inspection was dry and warm.
- 1.3 I have been informed by Mike Spencer that the tree is covered by a Tree Preservation Order TPO No 280E made by Eastleigh Borough Council.

2.0 DETAILS.

- 2.1 The tree is a Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) and is located within the rear garden in the north east corner of the rear garden and forms part of a small group of trees, two of which are off-site.
- 2.2 This mature tree had a height of approximately 19m with the stem dividing in to 3 separate stems at 0.5m above ground level. These co-dominant stems had a stem diameter of 580mm, 590mm 600mm measured at 1.3m above ground level. The crown spread to the four compass points was as follows:

N – 10m
S – 10m
E – 6m
W – 8m

Crown heights are as follows.

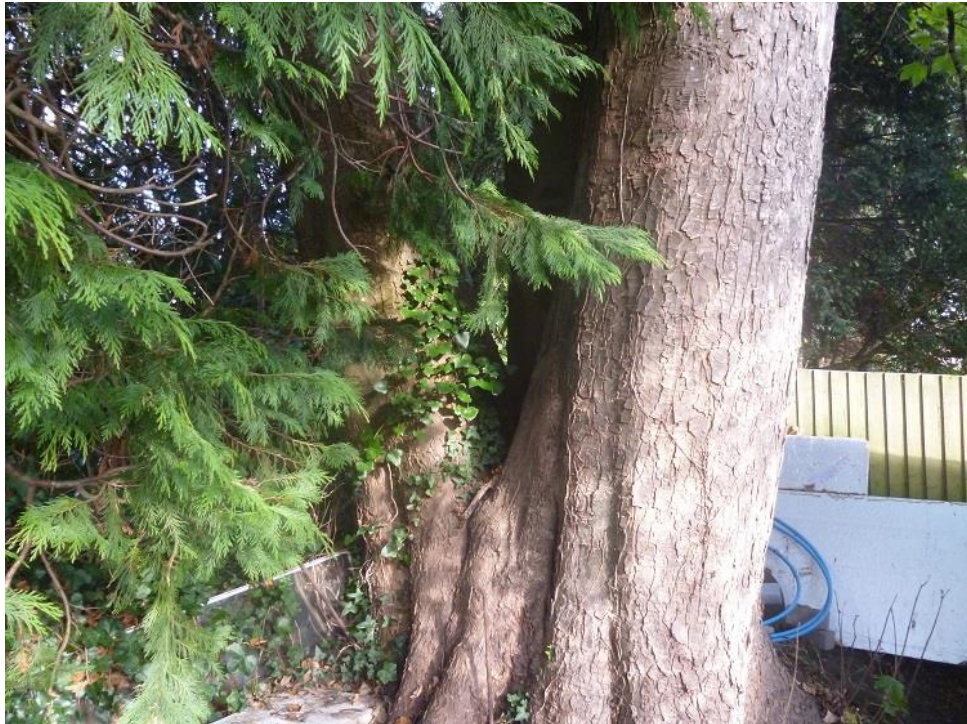
N – 3m
S – 4m
E – 3m
W – 3m

- 2.3 The tree was in good physical condition with good leaf cover and size.
- 2.4 Figure 1 Photo of Sycamore tree:



- 2.5 Structural condition was fair with the multi-stemmed union being sound and open. No cavities or decay was visibly present on the stems or within the crown considering the inspection was undertaken from ground level. For a fuller inspection of the crown, it is suggested that a full climbing inspection be undertaken by a qualified tree contractor.

- 2.6 Exposed surface roots were noted on the south and east sides close to the stem. This is not a defect but just an observation. Minor dead wood and stubs were present on the stems and within the crown less than 10mm in diameter which is totally natural for a mature tree. Small old pruning wounds were noted on the stems occluding and occluded with no signs of decay.
- 2.7 Figure 2 Photo of multi-stemmed union.



3.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 3.1 This mature Sycamore is in good physical and reasonable structural condition. However, Mike Spencer is anxious about the considerable size of the tree considering its location being close to the property and any damage it may cause if the tree were to fail in part or in whole. This is unlikely but the risk is present.
- 3.2 Therefore, it is recommended that the tree be reduced in size only where appropriate. Details are as follows. Crown reduction of 2.5-3m on the north, south and west sides, with the height of the crown reduced by 3-4m. The crown on the east side is already smaller than the rest of the crown and is not necessary to carry out any work here. This will keep the crown balanced. Any dead wood within the crown can also be removed as part of good husbandry.
- 3.3 As the tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order, it will be necessary to seek permission from Eastleigh Borough Council through a tree works application prior to carrying out any tree work. The work will also be carried out by a fully qualified tree contractor to best industry practice of BS3998:2010. This work should be carried out during the dormant period being November to February inclusive. This is also out of bird nesting season.

