

TREE CONDITION ASSESSMENT OF ASH TREE LOCATED AT 18 WHITEACRE LANE, BARROW

Client: Mr G Thompson, 18 Whiteacre Lane, Barrow (Resident)

Date of Tree Inspection: 1.6.21

Weather conditions: Clear and hot.

SUMMARY CONDITION REPORT.

1. The Ash Tree in question is located on the rear boundary of the property. The tree is late mature with a DBH of more than 1000mm with an open canopy.
2. We understand that the tree is covered by Tree Protection legislation administered by RVBC and any planned works will have to be discussed with the Local Authority and no works (excepting the removal of deadwood) carried out without formal permission from the council.
3. The client has noted a decline in canopy quality this spring. We can now advise that the symptoms of Ash Die Back disease are very evident. The canopy has now reached *ash vitality class 2 using the Tree Council scale*. The landscaping and garden design was meant to incorporate the tree. While tree removal is now an unfortunate requirement, a non-ash tree replacement will be planned for.
4. It is our view that while catastrophic failure is not likely for 4-5 years, leaving the tree to deteriorate further will increase the cost of felling/reduction and the likelihood of greater collateral damage during the felling process.



The Tree Inspector

I am Ken Linford, a consulting arborist, trained in Pre-development Tree assessment, Quantified Tree Risk Assessment and Tree Defect identification. I have experience as a tree care contractor for more than 25 years and have been providing a consulting service for Local Councils, private persons and architects for 20 years. My CPD record is open to inspection if required. I am covered by PI insurance by Trust Insurance to £1m.

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