

Arboricultural Inspection Report

Enquiry by:	PEM No.	N/A		Email						
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Enquiry date		Contact	Joanne Gill. Whalley Highways Office.							
Tel		Email								
Location of trees. 1 highway tree	Tree within narrow grass verge, on the eastern side of Road, immediately South of Sawley Village Hall. C.P. See attached location plan.				CRN. No.					
					OS Grid Ref.	377608 - 446321				
Tree protection?	Tree Preservation Order ?		No	Conservation Area ? Sawley Village.		Yes				
Nature of Enquiry	Requested inspection for Highways.									
Problem recognised on site	Low branches causing a clearance issue above the entrance to the village hall car park. Ivy growth was obscuring trunk and main branch union, which prevented a full inspection.									
Tree Species	Fraxinus excelsior (European ash)			SM (Semi-mature-Upto 50% life expectancy)						
Height	~ 11m.									
DBH	~ 50cm.									
Overall condition	Fair B2. Tree vitality was fair. There was no significant dead wood in the crown, and no obvious Ash Die Back symptoms.									
Foliage	Seasonal absence.									
Branch Structure	Tree has a dense symmetrical crown. There are 2 primary branches from the main union at ~ 1.2m. There are low hanging branches of insufficient vertical clearance on the North side. There was a small amount of dead wood present < 5cm dia. this was not a concern.									
Trunk	Short upright to ~1.2m. Bi-forks. Significant ivy growth. No significant defects were observed.									
Rooting Zone	Tree is within a 1m grass verge. Surface permeability is fair. There were no signs of recent ground disturbance or ffb. The tree had an exposed root mass at the surface. No signs of root decay were observed.									
Potential target	Highway and property opposite. Village Hall car park. The adjacent highway is a quiet rural road, traffic was occasional.									
Risk of failure	Failure of small dead wood < 5cm dia. ----- Foreseeable. Vehicle strike to small dia. low branches. ----- Foreseeable. Risk of serious structural failure ----- Insignificant.									
Recommend -ations	Crown lift the tree to remove highway clearance issues. Doing so will also remove the low branches over the C.P entrance. Severe ivy stems on lower trunk. Reinspect the tree summer 2022. Liaise with RVBC Planning due to conservation area designation.									
Action Required	Crown lift the tree to ~ 5m. Removing only branches of 10cm dia. or less. Include 2 x 7-10cm dia. branches on West side over highway at ~5m. Carefully double cut the thick ivy stems on the lower trunk. Reinspect the tree in the summer of 2022 to check for symptoms of Ash Die Back disease.									
Urgency	Urgent		One Month		Three Months	X	Six Months		One year	

Additional comment	Low key traffic management will be sufficient.
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Inspection Date:	01.11.2021	Report Date:	10.12.2021
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ffbs = fungal fruiting bodies.

KEYS

Age Class	
NP	Newly planted - still in establishment phase
Y	Young - fully established and up to 25% of expected life for the species
SM	Semi-mature - up to 50% of expected life for spp.
M	Mature - between 50% and 75% of expected life for spp.
OM	Over-mature - greater than 75% of expected life for spp.
V	Veteran - significantly older than expected life for spp.

Overall Condition		
Physiological		
A	Good	Good vitality & no significant defects
B	Fair	Fair - Normal or slightly impaired vigour and/or currently acceptable defects
C	Poor	Poor vitality and with unacceptable defects that must be addressed
D	Dangerous	Potentially imminently dangerous physiological defects
DD		Dead
Structural		
1	Good	Good structural integrity with no defects
2	Fair	Normal or slightly impaired structural integrity and/or currently acceptable defects
3	Poor	Significant structural defects that must be addressed
4	Dangerous	Potentially imminently dangerous structural defects