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**Report on the trees on the embankment at the rear of 1 and 5 Browgate, Sawley.**

**Remit**

The inspection was carried out to ascertain the general health and safety of the trees close to the neighbouring properties.

The trees were viewed from ground level using normal VTA (visual tree assessment) methods supplemented by acoustic hammer investigation techniques.

**Weather**

Overcast with a light breeze.

**Site & Situation**

The trees are on a river embankment, trees 1-4 are behind 1 Browgate, trees 5-7 are behind 5 Browgate, These are the trees closest to the properties other trees and undergrowth are on the riverbank.

**Trees**

The trees are recorded on a survey schedule, an example of which is shown below, with a brief explanation in the following paragraphs.

**Example**

Tree no.	Species	Height	DBH	Branch spread	Crown height	Age	Physiological Condition	Structural condition	Preliminary management	Useful Life	Grade
1	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	16	45	N 3 E 6 S 4 W 3	4	FM	Fair, some deadwood	Fair, double stem from 1.5m slight crown imbalance	Remove dead wood. Improve balance?	20	B

**Tree no** Trees are numbered roughly north to south as indicated on the plan.

**Species** Common name and (botanical name).

**Height** Indicates the full height of the tree in meters.

**DBH** Diameter of trunk at breast height in centimeters.

**Branch spread** These distances are measured from the trunk of the tree to the branch tips in meters and give an indication of the size of the crown.

**Crown height** Height in meters of crown clearance above adjacent ground level.

**Age** As it is not possible to accurately estimate the age of trees they are categorized into age groups; each group is represented by a code symbol. Several systems of coding may be used, and this report uses the system outlined below.

Y: Young tree  
SM: Semi mature tree  
M: Mature tree  
FM: Fully mature tree  
OM: Over mature tree  
V: Veteran

**Physiological condition**, eg. good, fair, poor, dead, this gives an indication of the tree's health.

**Structural condition** This briefly shows the structural condition of the tree including physical defects.

**Preliminary management** These are preliminary management recommendations, including initial action necessary or further investigation of suspected defects that require a more detailed assessment.

**Useful life** Estimated remaining number of years that the tree will give a useful contribution. (Eg. under 10, 10-20, 20-40, over 40).

**Grade** R or A to C category grading shows the overall quality of the trees which are categorized into quality groups, each group are represented by a code symbol. (See BS 5837)

Category R: Trees in such a condition that any existing value would be lost in a few years and which should, in the current context be removed for reasons of sound arboricultural management.

Category A: Trees of high quality and value in such a condition as to be able to make a substantial contribution (a minimum of 40 years is suggested.)

Category B: Trees of moderate quality and value in such a condition as to be able to make a significant contribution (a minimum of 20 years is suggested.)

Category C: Trees of low quality and value currently in adequate condition to remain until new planting could be established. (A minimum of 10 years is suggested.) Or young trees with a DBH under 15 cm.

Specific further comments and necessary actions are then also noted.

NB. Directions, measurements etc. are approximate.

**Plan showing approximate position of 7 trees at the rear of Browgate, Sawley.**



**Survey Schedule on the trees on the embankment at the rear of 8 Browgate, Sawley**

Tree no.	Species	Height	Stem diameter	Branch spread	Crown height	Age	Physiological Condition	Structural condition	Preliminary management	Useful Life	Grade
1	Alder ( <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> )	15	54	N 1 E 6 S 5 W 5	3	FM	Good	Leans over garage	Reduce lower limbs over garage	20	B
2	Ash ( <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> )	24	105	N 10 E 18 S 9 W 9	14	FM	Good	Poor, see notes below	Pruning required	15	B
3	Ash ( <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> )	24	100	N 8 E 10 S 6 W 8	11	FM	Poor, Ash die back	Some dead wood	Monitor deterioration	2-5	C
4	Alder ( <i>Alnus glutinosa</i> )	15	54	N 3 E 6 S 2 W 0	5	FM	Good	Leans over garden	Possible minor aesthetic reduction over garden?	20	B
5	Sycamore ( <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> )	21	97	N 3 E 10 S 10 W 7	6	FM	Good	Good but much canopy over garden	Possible aesthetic reduction over garden?	25	B
6	Sycamore ( <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> )	22	98	N 5 E 6 S 4 W 10	6	FM	Good	Good but much canopy over garden	Possible aesthetic reduction over garden?	25	B
7	Sycamore ( <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> )	20	68	N 3 E 5 S 6 W 8	8	FM	Good	Good	N/A	25	B

**Further Comments and recommendations.**

Trees 1-4 have a lot of ivy on them.

Tree 2 has broken limbs hanging up in the crown and two excessively long lower limbs over the garden which could also fail. Pruning work is needed to remove these limbs to reduce the risk of limb loss into the garden.

Tree 3 is deteriorating but at present does not appear to pose an imminent threat to the garden area.

Tree 4 leans over the garden but appears stable, pruning would be for aesthetic or nuisance reasons only.

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Trees 5-7 have had some lower limbs removed, their canopy still reaches over the garden of 5 Browgate but appears stable, pruning would be for aesthetic or nuisance reasons only.

Work should be carried out by a competent Arboriculturist to BS 3998.

NB. All measurements and directions are approximate.

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