



Ribble Valley
Borough Council

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TREE WORK ASSESSMENT

DATE INSPECTED: 15 October 2025

TPO: 93 - 1988 Woodfold Park Mellor

CONSERVATION AREA: No

APPLICATION NO: 3/2025/0751

SPECIES: Horse chestnut

BS5837 CAT: U ASSESSOR: A Shutt

SIGNATURE: LH

VISUAL TREE ASSESSMENT / COMMENTS

T1 is a mature tree that forms part of Woodfold Parks historic landscape. T1 has a number of obvious defects primarily on the Northwest side including colonisation of honey fungus (*Armillaria* which is a contributor to the trees decline), apical dieback and basal and stem decay on the Northwest side.

The southeast side of the stem and canopy is in good condition and showing good vigour however due to the high target areas removal is the only option.

Due to the sound wood on the southeast side the tree could be left as a habitat pole to retain the stem and enhance biodiversity.

Replacement planting will be conditioned to mitigate the loss.

RELATED ISSUES:	YES	NO		YES	NO
Planning Application		☒	Highway issue		☒
Statutory Undertaker		☒	Damage to property (proven)		☒
Health & safety issues	☒		Nuisance		☒
Other (describe)*		☒			

AMENITY EVALUATION:	YES	NO		
Carried out	N/A	N/A		
Necessary	N/A	N/A		

Application works appropriate? YES ☒

Why?

T1 has a number of defects and historic failures and the risk of further failures is intolerable. Replacement planting will be conditioned and retention of the stem as a habitat pole would be beneficial to the historical landscaping and biodiversity of the area.

Alternative works more appropriate? YES ☒

Describe Alternative Works:

Leave the stem as a 2- 3m habitat pole to retain stem and enhance biodiversity