

# PRELIMINARY TREE SURVEY SCHEDULE

(TO BE FINALISED UPON COMPLETION OF LAYOUT PROPOSAL)



PROJECT: LAND AT DINTING LANE, GLOSSOP  
CLIENT: BROADWOOD INVESTMENTS  
REF: CW-7596-SS

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## REVISIONS:

No.	Species	Age Range	Height (m)	Crown Spread (m)	Stem Dia. (mm)	Vitality	Comments	Management	Visual	Retention Value Existing	Retention Value Proposed	BS5837 RPA Radius (m)
T1	Yew ( <i>Taxus Baccata</i> )	SM	4.5	6	250 (EST)	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off-site boundary tree</li> <li>Crown on west side overhangs subject site by around 1m</li> </ul>	• No work required	2	B		3.0 (EST)
T2	Oak ( <i>Quercus</i> sp.)	Y	4.5	6	150	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off-site field boundary tree, most probably natural colonisation</li> </ul>	• No work required	2	B		1.8
T3	Oak	Y	5	6	190	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young boundary tree, most probably natural colonisation</li> <li>Crown extends almost to ground level</li> </ul>	• No work required	2	B		2.4
T4	Oak	EM	9	9.5	430	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off-site tree on adjacent railway land</li> <li>Crown extends almost to ground level</li> <li>Pruned in the past on the south side</li> </ul>	• No work required	2	B		5.1
T5	Oak	EM	13	11	550	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear stem to 3m</li> <li>Ground clearance on north side down to 1.5m and could be raised to a height of around 3.5m by removal of low lateral and sub-lateral branches</li> <li>Crown on south side overhangs adjacent railway land</li> </ul>	• No work required	2	B		6.6

Data in this schedule are time limited and subject to limitations described elsewhere.

## HEADINGS & ABBREVIATIONS

Age Range	Y = young SM = semi-mature EM = early-mature M = mature PM = post-mature V = veteran
Stem Dia	Stem diameter (measured in accordance with Figure C.1 of BS5837: 2012) (MS = multi-stemmed EST = estimated)
Crown Spread	Maximum crown spread (EST = estimated)
Vitality	D = dead MD = moribund P = poor M = moderate G = good
Visual (Visual Prominence)	Broad indication of prominence in the landscape (0 = none 1 = very low up to 5 = very high) (G = contributes to a wider group)
Retention Category Existing	Broadly in accordance with Table 1 of BS5837: 2012 (considers the merits of the tree or group in the context of the existing land-use)
Retention Category Proposed	Broadly in accordance with Table 1 of BS5837: 2012 (considers the merits of the tree or group in the context of a development proposal)
BS5837 RPA Radius	Calculated in accordance with Table D.1 of BS5837: 2012

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T6	Oak	SM	11	9	370 & 300	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off-site boundary tree, most probably natural colonisation</li> <li>Twin-stemmed from ground level</li> <li>Crown on north side overhangs subject site by 4m with branch tips extending almost to ground level, and could be raised to a height of 1.5m by removal of minor sub-lateral branches</li> </ul>	• No work required	2	B		5.7
T7	Ash ( <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> )	EM	12	10	430	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off-site boundary tree fronting the public highway</li> <li>Dense basal shoots</li> <li>Clear stem to 5m, save for basal and epicormic shoots and branches</li> </ul>	• No work required	3	B		5.1
T8	Oak	SM	10 (EST)	8 (EST)	400 (EST)	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off-site tree within rear garden of neighbouring property</li> <li>Restricted access and not assessed in detail</li> <li>Crown on west side overhangs subject site by around 3m with ground clearance of around 4m</li> <li>Heavily topped in the past at 5m</li> </ul>	• No work required	3	B		4.8 (EST)
T9	Sycamore ( <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> )	SM	8 (EST)	5 (EST)	300 (EST)	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off-site tree</li> <li>Dense basal shoots</li> <li>Heavily topped several years ago with dense regrowth from the old topping points</li> </ul>	• No work required	2	B		3.6 (EST)
G1	Hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus monogyna</i> ) Blackthorn ( <i>Prunus spinosa</i> )	-	≤5	-	-	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dense natural colonisation</li> </ul>	• No work required	1	C		-
G2	Oak	Y	≤4	≤3	≤150	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closely spaced group of young, off-site natural colonisation on adjacent railway land</li> <li>Crowns on north side overhang the subject site by up to 1.5m and could be cut back to the boundary</li> </ul>	• No work required	2	C		≤1.8

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G3	Oak	SM	≤13	≤9	≤300 (EST)	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closely spaced group of off-site boundary trees on adjacent railway land</li> <li>Most probably natural colonisation</li> <li>Pruned in the past on the south side</li> <li>Crowns on north side overhang subject site by up to 5m with ground clearance down to 1.5m and could be raised to a height of around 4.5m by removal of low lateral and sub-lateral branches</li> </ul>	• No work required	2	B		≤3.6 (EST)
G4	3 Oak	Y	≤6	≤4	≤150 (EST)	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young off-site boundary trees on adjacent railway land</li> <li>Most probably natural colonisation</li> <li>Crowns on north side overhang subject site by up to 1m and could be cut back to the boundary</li> </ul>	• No work required	2	C		≤1.8 (EST)
G5	Hawthorn Holly ( <i>Ilex aquifolium</i> )	Y-EM	≤5	≤6 (EST)	≤300 (EST)	D-G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closely spaced group of off-site trees on adjacent railway land</li> <li>Probably the remnants of a former boundary hedge</li> <li>Branches at the eastern end overhang the subject site by up to 1.5m and could be cut back to the boundary</li> </ul>	• No work required	1	C		≤3.6 (EST)
G6	2 Sycamore	EM	≤14	≤10 (EST)	420 & 560	G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off-site boundary trees in rear garden of adjacent property</li> <li>Ground clearance on east side of around 5m and could be raised to a height of 6m by removal of minor low lateral and sub-lateral branches</li> <li>Restricted access and unable to assess in detail</li> </ul>	• No work required	3	B		5.1 & 6.6
G7	2 Hawthorn	EM-M	≤4.5	≤6	≤500 (EST)	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remnants of a former field boundary hedge</li> </ul>	• No work required	1	C		≤6.0 (EST)
G8	Elder ( <i>Sambucus nigra</i> ) Hawthorn	M	≤7 (EST)	≤8 (EST)	≤400 (EST)	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remnants of a former field boundary hedge</li> <li>Contains birds' nests</li> </ul>	• No work required	1	C		≤4.8 (EST)

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G9	Ash Oak	Y-SM	≤12	≤8 (EST)	≤250 (EST)	M-G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closely spaced linear group growing along the top edge of a steep south facing bank to rear edge of highway</li> <li>A mix of mainly multi-stemmed hedgerow trees, (most probably regrowth from cut stumps, which have been allowed to grow on) and recent young natural colonisation of mainly ash with occasional oak</li> <li>Would benefit from re-spacing</li> <li>Individual trees not assessed in detail</li> </ul>	• No work required	3	B		≤3.0 (EST)
A1	Oak Silver birch ( <i>Betula pendula</i> ) Sycamore Hawthorn	Y	≤7 (EST)	≤5 (EST)	≤180 (EST)	G	• Locally dense mainly off-site young natural colonisation on adjacent railway land	• No work required	2	C		≤2.1 (EST)
A2	Privet ( <i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i> ) Hawthorn Ornamental shrubs	-	≤4	≤3	≤150	M-G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off-site garden boundary trees, shrubs and hedges</li> <li>Minimal overhang on east side over subject site, which could be cut back to the boundary</li> </ul>	• No work required	1	C		≤1.8
H1	Leyland cypress ( <i>Cupressus x leylandii</i> )	-	2 - 3.5	-	-	G	• Tightly clipped garden boundary hedge	• Maintain at current dimension by annual clipping	1	-		-
H2	Hawthorn Elder Sycamore	-	≤7	≤4 (EST)	-	M-P	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overgrown boundary hedge in neighbouring garden to west</li> <li>Rather poor quality and would benefit from management by laying and gapping-up or alternatively, removal and replacement with a new boundary hedge</li> </ul>	• No work required	1	-		-

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








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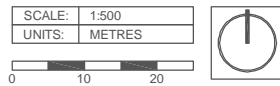
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H3	Hawthorn Holly	-	≤5	-	-	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unmanaged field boundary hedge to rear edge of a narrow grass verge fronting the highway</li> <li>• Colonising in places along the southern edge into the field</li> <li>• Sparse in places where shaded by trees in G9</li> <li>• Would benefit from management by laying, gapping-up and selective re-spacing and pruning of G9</li> </ul>	• No work required	3	-		-

# TREE CONSTRAINTS PLAN



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JOB REF	CW/7596-P-TC
DATE	30 MARCH 2015
SCALE	1:500 asA1
	SURVEYED INDIVIDUAL TREE
	SURVEYED GROUP OF TREES
	SURVEYED AREA OF TREES
	SURVEYED HEDGE
	STEM POSITION APPROXIMATED
	BS 5837 RETENTION VALUE
	BS 5837 ROOT PROTECTION AREA RADIUS
	BS 5837 CATEGORY 'B' TREES
	BS 5837 CATEGORY 'C' TREES



## Guidance Note - Assessment of Visual Prominence and Assessment of Retention Values

### Visual Prominence Values

Determined by assessment of current and potential visual prominence and taking account of location, tree size, growth potential and useful life expectancy. Visual prominence values are classified as follows:

(0) none, (1) very low up to (5) very high

### Retention Values

Trees or groups of trees are evaluated twice in order to facilitate consideration of their relative merits. Firstly, the trees are assessed and categorised in the context of the pre-development situation to provide a broad valuation of all of their attributes and the contribution to their environs. Secondly, the trees are similarly assessed and categorised in the context of a development proposal. The evaluations consider current or projected:

- life expectancy (broad categorisation)
- visual prominence (current and potential)
- landscape function
- numbers of other trees and their maturity (continuity for landscape, amenity, habitat)
- wildlife habitats (incl. continuity)
- safety
- conflicts with the built environment or other land-use
- cultural, historical or other special value

Groups of trees are assessed and categorised as a single unit.

## **Pre-Development Retention Value**

Each surveyed tree or group of trees is valued and placed into one of the following categories (A, B, C or U). The valuation considers the benefits and disbenefits of retaining the tree or group of trees in the pre-development context; any specific issues are noted in the tree survey schedule.

**(A) Trees the retention of which in the pre-development context is most desirable and that have an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years (high value category)**

**Wholly appropriate to the pre-development situation and without significant conflict**

**(B) Trees the retention of which in the pre-development context is desirable and that have an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years (moderate value category)**

**Appropriate to the pre-development situation but not of highest value**

**(C) Trees that could be retained in the pre-development context and have an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years (low value category)**

**Ill-suited to the pre-development situation but could be retained with moderate conflicts**

**Trees of no particular merit in the pre-development context**

**(U) Trees unsuitable for retention in the pre-development context**

**Cannot reasonably be retained within the pre-development situation for longer than 10 years**



## Post-Development Retention Value

With reference to a development proposal, each of the trees or groups of trees is placed in one of the following categories (A, B, C or U). The valuation considers the benefits and disbenefits of retaining the tree or group of trees in the context of the development proposal; any specific issues are noted in the tree survey schedule.

**(A) Trees the retention of which is most desirable (high value category)**

**Retention wholly appropriate to the proposed situation and without significant conflict**

**(B) Trees the retention of which is desirable (moderate category)**

**Retention appropriate to the proposed situation but not of highest value and/or having only minor conflicts**

**(C) Trees which could be retained (low value category)**

**Retention ill-suited to the proposed situation but could be retained with moderate conflicts**

**Trees of no particular merit in the proposed situation**

**(U) Trees for removal**

**Cannot reasonably be retained within the proposed situation**

## GUIDANCE NOTE- STATUTORY CONTROLS

### TREES AND HEDGES:

Subject to certain specified exemptions, the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, requires that an application must be made to the local planning authority (LPA), to carry out works upon or remove trees that are subject to a tree preservation order (TPO).

Six weeks' notice must be given to the LPA of intention to carry out works upon or remove trees within a conservation area and not protected by a TPO.

Local planning authority consent may be required to carry out works upon or remove trees, shrubs and hedges that are the subjects of planning conditions.

LPA consent may be required for the removal of hedgerows under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997.

Your Council's planning department will advise whether or not any of the above controls apply to your trees, shrubs and hedges.

Subject to certain exemptions, the Forestry Act (1967 specified) requires that a licence must be obtained for the felling of growing trees

Your nearest Forestry Commission office will advise whether you require a felling licence.

### WILDLIFE

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (together with the amendments of 1985 & 1991, the subsequent variations to the schedule orders, and strengthening amendments made within the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) forms the basis for legislation protecting Britain's flora and fauna.

Nesting birds and all species of bat are afforded statutory protection. It is an offence to:

- disturb a nesting bird
- disturb a roosting bat or damage, destroy or block access to a bat roost
- intentionally kill, injure or take a bat
- sell, hire, barter or exchange a bat, dead or alive
- be in possession or control of a bat or anything derived from a bat

Your local Wildlife Trust or your Council's Ecologist will provide guidance on statutory controls relating to wildlife.

## GLOSSARY OF ARBORICULTURAL TERMS

**Abscission.** The shedding of a leaf or other short-lived part of a woody plant, involving the formation of a corky layer across its base; in some tree species twigs can be shed in this way

**Abiotic.** Pertaining to non-living agents; e.g. environmental factors

**Absorptive roots.** Non-woody, short-lived roots, generally having a diameter of less than one millimetre, the primary function of which is uptake of water and nutrients

**Adaptive growth.** In tree biomechanics, the process whereby the rate of wood formation in the cambial zone, as well as wood quality, responds to gravity and other forces acting on the cambium. This helps to maintain a uniform distribution of mechanical stress

**Adaptive roots.** The adaptive growth of existing roots; or the production of new roots in response to damage, decay or altered mechanical loading

**Adventitious shoots.** Shoots that develop other than from apical, axillary or dormant buds; see also 'epicormic'

**Anchorage.** The system whereby a tree is fixed within the soil, involving cohesion between roots and soil and the development of a branched system of roots which withstands wind and gravitational forces transmitted from the aerial parts of the tree

**Architecture.** In a tree, a term describing the pattern of branching of the crown or root system

**Axil.** The place where a bud is borne between a leaf and its parent shoot

**Bacteria.** Microscopic single-celled organisms, many species of which break down dead organic matter, and some of which cause diseases in other organisms

**Bark.** A term usually applied to all the tissues of a woody plant lying outside the vascular cambium, thus including the phloem, cortex and periderm; occasionally applied only to the periderm or the phellem

**Basidiomycotina (Basidiomycetes).** One of the major taxonomic groups of fungi; their spores are borne on microscopic peg-like structures (basidia), which in many types are in turn borne on or within conspicuous fruit bodies, such as brackets or toadstools. Most of the principal decay fungi in standing trees are basidiomycetes

**Bolling.** A term sometimes used to describe pollard heads

**Bottle-butt.** A broadening of the stem base and buttresses of a tree, in excess of normal and sometimes denoting a growth response to weakening in that region, especially due to decay involving selective delignification

**Bracing.** The use of rods or cables to restrain the movement between parts of a tree

**Branch:**

- **Primary.** A first order branch arising from a stem
- **Lateral.** A second order branch, subordinate to a primary branch or stem and bearing sub-lateral branches
- **Sub-lateral.** A third order branch, subordinate to a lateral or primary branch, or stem and usually bearing only twigs

**Branch bark ridge.** The raised arc of bark tissues that forms within the acute angle between a branch and its parent stem

**Branch collar.** A visible swelling formed at the base of a branch whose diameter growth has been disproportionately slow compared to that of the parent stem; a term sometimes applied also to the pattern of growth of the cells of the parent stem around the branch base

**Brown-rot.** A type of wood decay in which cellulose is degraded, while lignin is only modified

**Buckling.** An irreversible deformation of a structure subjected to a bending load

**Buttress zone.** The region at the base of a tree where the major lateral roots join the stem, with buttress-like formations on the upper side of the junctions

**Cambium.** Layer of dividing cells producing xylem (woody) tissue internally and phloem (bark) tissue externally

**Canker.** A persistent lesion formed by the death of bark and cambium due to colonisation by fungi or bacteria

**Canopy species.** Tree species that mature to form a closed woodland canopy

**Cleaning out.** The removal of dead, crossing, weak, and damaged branches, where this will not damage or spoil the overall appearance of the tree

**Compartmentalization.** The confinement of disease, decay or other dysfunction within an anatomically discrete region of plant tissue, due to passive and/or active defences operating at the boundaries of the affected region

**Compression fork.** An acute angled fork that is mechanically optimised for the growth pressure that two or more adjacent stems exert on each other

**Compression strength.** The ability of a material or structure to resist failure when subjected to compressive loading; measurable in trees with special drilling devices

**Compressive loading.** Mechanical loading which exerts a positive pressure; the opposite to tensile loading

**Condition.** An indication of the physiological condition of the tree. Where the term 'condition' is used in a report, it should not be taken as an indication of the stability of the tree

**Construction exclusion zone.** Area based on the Root Protection Area (in square metres) to be protected during development, by the use of barriers and/or ground protection

**Crown/Canopy.** The main foliage bearing section of the tree

**Crown lifting.** The removal of limbs and small branches to a specified height above ground level

**Crown thinning.** The removal of a proportion of secondary branch growth throughout the crown to produce an even density of foliage around a well-balanced branch structure

**Crown reduction/shaping.** A specified reduction in crown size whilst preserving, as far as possible, the natural tree shape

**Crown reduction/thinning.** Reduction of the canopy volume by thinning to remove dominant branches whilst preserving, as far as possible the natural tree shape

**Deadwood.** Dead branch wood

**Decurrent.** In trees, a system of branching in which the crown is borne on a number of major widely-spreading limbs of similar size (cf. excurrent). In fungi with toadstools as fruit bodies, the description of gills which run some distance down the stem, rather than terminating abruptly

**Defect.** In relation to tree hazards, any feature of a tree which detracts from the uniform distribution of mechanical stress, or which makes the tree mechanically unsuited to its environment

**Delamination.** The separation of wood layers along their length, visible as longitudinal splitting

**Dieback.** The death of parts of a woody plant, starting at shoot-tips or root-tips

**Disease.** A malfunction in or destruction of tissues within a living organism, usually excluding mechanical damage; in trees, usually caused by pathogenic micro-organisms

**Distal.** In the direction away from the main body of a tree or subject organism (cf. proximal)

**Dominance.** In trees, the tendency for a leading shoot to grow faster or more vigorously than the lateral shoots; also the tendency of a tree to maintain a taller crown than its neighbours

**Dormant bud.** An axial bud which does not develop into a shoot until after the formation of two or more annual wood increments; many such buds persist through the life of a tree and develop only if stimulated to do so

**Dysfunction.** In woody tissues, the loss of physiological function, especially water conduction, in sapwood

**DBH (Diameter at Breast Height).** Stem diameter measured at a height of 1.5 metres (UK) or the nearest measurable point. Where measurement at a height of 1.5 metres is not possible, another height may be specified

**Deadwood.** Branch or stem wood bearing no live tissues. Retention of deadwood provides valuable habitat for a wide range of species and seldom represents a threat to the health of the tree. Removal of deadwood can result in the ingress of decay to otherwise sound tissues and climbing operations to access deadwood can cause significant damage to a tree. Removal of deadwood is generally recommended only where it represents an unacceptable level of hazard

**Endophytes.** Micro-organisms which live inside plant tissues without causing overt disease, but in some cases capable of causing disease if the tissues become physiologically stressed, for example by lack of moisture

**Epicormic shoot.** A shoot having developed from a dormant or adventitious bud and not having developed from a first year shoot

**Excrecence.** Any abnormal outgrowth on the surface of tree or other organism

**Excurent.** In trees, a system of branching in which there is a well defined central main stem, bearing branches which are limited in their length, diameter and secondary branching (cf. decurrent)

**Fastigate.** Having upright, often clustered branches

**Felling licence.** In the UK, a permit to fell trees in excess of a stipulated number of stems or volume of timber

**Field layer.** Herbs, ferns, grasses and sedges

**Flush-cut.** A pruning cut which removes part of the branch bark ridge and or branch-collar

**Girdling root.** A root which circles and constricts the stem or roots possibly causing death of phloem and/or cambial tissue

**Ground layer.** Mosses, ivy, lichens and fungi

**Guying.** A form of artificial support with cables for trees with a temporarily inadequate anchorage

**Habit.** The overall growth characteristics, shape of the tree and branch structure

**Haloing.** Removing or pruning trees from around the crown of another (usually mature or post-mature) tree to prevent it becoming suppressed

**Hazard beam.** An upwardly curved part of a tree in which strong internal stresses may occur without being reduced by adaptive growth; prone to longitudinal splitting

**Heartwood/false-heartwood/ripenwood.** Sapwood that has become dysfunctional as part of the natural aging processes

**Heave.** A term mainly applicable to a shrinkable clay soil which expands due to re-wetting after the felling of a tree which was previously extracting moisture from the deeper layers; also the lifting of pavements and other structures by root diameter expansion; also the lifting of one side of a wind-rocked root-plate

**High canopy tree species.** Tree species having potential to contribute to the closed canopy of a mature woodland or forest

**Incipient failure.** In wood tissues, a mechanical failure which results only in deformation or cracking, and not in the fall or detachment of the affected part

**Included bark (ingrown bark).** Bark of adjacent parts of a tree (usually forks, acutely joined branches or basal flutes) which is in face-to-face contact

**Increment borer.** A hollow auger, which can be used for the extraction of wood cores for counting or measuring wood increments or for inspecting the condition of the wood

**Infection.** The establishment of a parasitic micro-organism in the tissues of a tree or other organism

**Internode.** The part of a stem between two nodes; not to be confused with a length of stem which bear nodes but no branches

**Lever arm.** A mechanical term denoting the length of the lever represented by a structure that is free to move at one end, such as a tree or an individual branch

**Lignin.** The hard, cement-like constituent of wood cells; deposition of lignin within the matrix of cellulose microfibrils in the cell wall is termed Lignification

**Lions tailing.** A term applied to a branch of a tree that has few if any side-branches except at its end, and is thus liable to snap due to end-loading

**Loading.** A mechanical term describing the force acting on a structure from a particular source; e.g. the weight of the

structure itself or wind pressure

**Longitudinal.** Along the length (of a stem, root or branch)

**Lopping.** A term often used to describe the removal of large branches from a tree, but also used to describe other forms of cutting

**Mature Heights (approximate):**

- Low maturing – less than 8 metres high
- Moderately high maturing – 8 – 12 metres high
- High maturing – greater than 12 metres high

**Microdrill.** An electronic rotating steel probe, which when inserted into woody tissue provides a measure of tissue density

**Minor deadwood.** Deadwood of a diameter less than 25mm and or unlikely to cause significant harm or damage upon impact with a target beneath the tree

**Mulch.** Material laid down over the rooting area of a tree or other plant to help conserve moisture; a mulch may consist of organic matter or a sheet of plastic or other artificial material

**Mycelium.** The body of a fungus, consisting of branched filaments (hyphae)

**Occluding tissues.** A general term for the roll of wood, cambium and bark that forms around a wound on a woody plant (cf. woundwood)

**Occlusion.** The process whereby a wound is progressively closed by the formation of new wood and bark around it

**Pathogen.** A micro-organism which causes disease in another organism

**Photosynthesis.** The process whereby plants use light energy to split hydrogen from water molecules, and combine it with carbon dioxide to form the molecular building blocks for synthesizing carbohydrates and other biochemical products

**Phytotoxic.** Toxic to plants

**Pollarding.** The removal of the tree canopy, back to the stem or primary branches, usually to a point just outside that of the previous cutting. Pollarding may involve the removal of the entire canopy in one operation, or may be phased over several years. The period of safe retention of trees having been pollarded varies with species and individuals. It is usually necessary to re-pollard on a regular basis, annually in the case of some species

**Primary branch.** A major branch, generally having a basal diameter greater than 0.25 x stem diameter

**Primary root zone.** The soil volume most likely to contain roots that are critical to the health and stability of the tree and normally defined by reference BS5837 (2005) Guide for Trees in Relation to Construction.

**Priority.** Works may be prioritised, 1. = high, 5. = low

**Probability.** A statistical measure of the likelihood that a particular event might occur

**Proximal.** In the direction towards from the main body of a tree or other living organism (cf. distal)

**Pruning.** The removal or cutting back of twigs or branches, sometimes applied to twigs or small branches only, but often used to describe most activities involving the cutting of trees or shrubs

**Radial.** In the plane or direction of the radius of a circular object such as a tree stem

**Rams-horn.** In connection with wounds on trees, a roll of occluding tissues which has a spiral structure as seen in cross-section

**Rays.** Strips of radially elongated parenchyma cells within wood and bark. The functions of rays include food storage, radial translocation and contributing to the strength of wood

**Reactive Growth/Reaction Wood.** Production of woody tissue in response to altered mechanical loading; often in response to internal defect or decay and associated strength loss (cf. adaptive growth)

**Removal of dead wood.** Unless otherwise specified, this refers to the removal of all accessible dead, dying and diseased branchwood and broken snags

**Removal of major dead wood.** The removal of, dead, dying and diseased branchwood above a specified size

**Respacing.** Selective removal of trees from a group or woodland to provide space and resources for the development of retained trees.

**Residual wall.** The wall of non-decayed wood remaining following decay of internal stem, branch or root tissues

**Rib.** A ridge of wood that has usually developed because of locally increased mechanical loading. Often associated with internal cracking in the wood of the stem, branch or root.

**Ring-barking (girdling).** The removal of a ring of bark and phloem around the circumference of a stem or branch, normally resulting in an inability to transport photosynthetic assimilates below the area of damage. Almost inevitably results in the eventual death of the affected stem or branch above the damage

**Root-collar.** The transitional area between the stem/s and roots

**Root-collar examination.** Excavation of surfacing and soils around the root-collar to assess the structural integrity of roots and/or stem

**Root protection area.** An area of ground surrounding a tree that contains sufficient rooting volume to ensure the tree's survival. Calculated with reference to Table 2 of BS5837 (2005) and shown in plan form in square metres

**Root zone.** Area of soils containing absorptive roots of the tree/s described. The Primary root zone is that which we consider of primary importance to the physiological well-being of the tree

**Sapwood.** Living xylem tissues

**Secondary branch.** A branch, generally having a basal diameter of less than 0.25 x stem diameter

**Selective delignification.** A kind of wood decay (white-rot) in which lignin is degraded faster than cellulose

**Shedding.** In woody plants, the normal abscission, rotting off or sloughing of leaves, floral parts, twigs, fine roots and bark scales

**Silviculture.** The practice of controlling the establishment, growth, composition, health, and quality of forests to meet diverse needs and values

**Silvicultural thinning.** Removal of selected trees to favour the development of retained specimens to achieve a management objective

**Simultaneous white-rot.** A kind of wood decay in which lignin and cellulose are degraded at about the same rate

**Snag.** In woody plants, a portion of a cut or broken stem, branch or root which extends beyond any growing-point or dormant bud; a snag usually tends to die back to the nearest growing point

**Soft-rot.** A kind of wood decay in which a fungus degrades cellulose within the cell walls, without any general degradation of the wall as a whole

**Spores.** Propagules of fungi and many other life-forms; most spores are microscopic and dispersed in air or water

**Shrub species.** Woody perennial species forming the lowest level of woody plants in a woodland and not normally considered to be trees

**Sporophore.** The spore bearing structure of fungi

**Sprouts.** Adventitious shoot growth erupting from beneath the bark

**Stem/s.** The main supporting structure/s, from ground level up to the first major division into branches

**Stress.** In plant physiology, a condition under which one or more physiological functions are not operating within their optimum range, for example due to lack of water, inadequate nutrition or extremes of temperature

**Stress.** In mechanics, the application of a force to an object

**Stringy white-rot.** The kind of wood decay produced by selective delignification

**Storm.** A layer of tissue which supports the fruit bodies of some types of fungi, mainly ascomycetes

**Structural roots.** Roots, generally having a diameter greater than ten millimetres, and contributing significantly to the structural support and stability of the tree

**Subsidence.** In relation to soil or structures resting in or on soil, a sinking due to shrinkage when certain types of clay soil dry out, sometimes due to extraction of moisture by tree roots

**Subsidence.** In relation to branches of trees, a term that can be used to describe a progressive downward bending due to increasing weight

**Taper.** In stems and branches, the degree of change in girth along a given length

**Target canker.** A kind of perennial canker, containing

concentric rings of dead occluding tissues

**Targets.** In tree risk assessment (with slight misuse of normal meaning) persons or property or other things of value which might be harmed by mechanical failure of the tree or by objects falling from it

**Topping.** In arboriculture, the removal of the crown of a tree, or of a major proportion of it

**Torsional stress.** Mechanical stress applied by a twisting force

**Translocation.** In plant physiology, the movement of water and dissolved materials through the body of the plant

**Transpiration.** The evaporation of moisture from the surface of a plant, especially via the stomata of leaves; it exerts a suction which draws water up from the roots and through the intervening xylem cells

**Tree Risk Assessment.** An assessment and description of the risks and where appropriate the values associated with a tree or trees. The primary risk being considered is that from falling trees. Other risks, such as damage to infrastructure, interruption of service and building subsidence may also be considered.

- **Walkover** – A general view of the tree population considered in the context of the adjacent land-use to identify trees that present significantly elevated risks
- **Drive-by** – A general view of the tree population from a moving vehicle and considered in the context of the adjacent land-use to identify trees that present significantly elevated risks
- **Individual** – the assessment of risks from a single tree considered in the context of the adjacent land-use to identify trees that present significantly elevated risks

**Understorey.** This layer consists of younger individuals of the dominant trees, together with smaller trees and shrubs which are adapted to grow under lower light conditions

**Understorey tree species.** Tree species not having potential to attain a size at which they can contribute to the closed high canopy of a woodland

**Vascular wilt.** A type of plant disease in which water-conducting cells become dysfunctional

**Vessels.** Water-conducting cells in plants, usually wide and long for hydraulic efficiency; generally not present in coniferous trees

**Veteran tree.** A loosely defined term for an old specimen that is of interest biologically, culturally or aesthetically because of its age, size or condition and which has usually lived longer than the typical upper age range for the species concerned

**Vigour.** The expression of carbohydrate expenditure to growth (in trees)

**Vitality.** A measure of physiological condition expressed through the health and growth of foliage, shoots and adaptive woody tissues.

**Volunteer trees.** Trees arising from natural colonisation rather than having been planted

**White-rot.** A range of kinds of wood decay in which lignin, usually together with cellulose and other wood constituents, is degraded

**Wind exposure.** The degree to which a tree or other object is exposed to wind, both in terms of duration and velocity

**Wind pressure.** The force exerted by a wind on a particular object

**Windthrow.** The blowing over of a tree at its roots

**Wound dressing.** A general term for sealants and other materials used to cover wounds in the hope of protecting them against desiccation and infection; only of proven value against fresh wound parasites

**Woundwood.** Wood with atypical anatomical features, formed in the vicinity of a wound