



Invicta Arboriculture
Tree and Woodland Consultancy

Arboricultural Condition Report

Fremantle Road Recreation Ground
Sandgate
Kent

18th September 2024



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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **Instruction:** I am instructed by Sandgate Parish Council to undertake a comprehensive hazard assessment tree survey of all trees within Fremantle Road Recreation Ground and to provide an arboricultural report on any trees which are considered to pose an unacceptable risk to the health and safety of users of the site and make recommendations for their immediate and/or future management.
- 1.2 **Qualifications and experience:** I have based this report on my site observations, and I have come to conclusions in the light of my experience as an arboriculturist.
- 1.3 **Documents and information provided:** I was not provided with any documents.
- 1.4 **Relevant background information:** This report was commissioned by Sandgate Parish Council in order to fulfil its duty of care in relation to its tree stock.
- 1.5 **Collection of data:** I undertook an unaccompanied visit to the site on the 18th September 2024. The inspection was carried out using visual observation techniques from accessible points at ground level. The weather at the time of inspection was warm, still and sunny with good visibility.

The survey was carried out using the following inspection aids:

- Digital clinometer- To calculate the height of the tree.
- Compass- To determine the four cardinal points.
- Binoculars- To assess the condition of the upper crown
- Sounding mallet to detect cavities.

- 1.6 **Scope of this report and limitations:** This report is only concerned with the structural and physiological condition of the five trees that are considered to possess noteworthy features, defects or whereby their structural and/or physiological condition is considered to be compromised in such a way that may pose an unacceptable risk to users of the site and those using private dwellings, public highways and rights of way adjacent to the site and are shown on the site plan included at appendix A. These plans are for illustrative purposes only and should not be used for directly scaling measurements. All the relevant information on them is contained within this report. It takes no account of any other trees. It includes a detailed assessment based on the site visit.

This report is only concerned with the five trees found that have clear, observable features and detectable defects. All trees present within the site boundaries have been assessed from accessible points at ground level. Trees that are not listed within the schedule were considered to display good overall form and vitality with no significant visible structural or physiological defects; that is not to say that their condition may change over time (for example, internal decay that was undetectable, suspected or otherwise unforeseeable at the time of inspection could quite reasonably advance rapidly between inspections and lead to the structural failure of the affected part), however at the point of inspection they were deemed to pose an acceptable risk.

Trees and shrubs are living organisms whose health and stability can change rapidly especially following extreme weather events and therefore the recommendations given in this report are valid for a period of twelve months.

All tree work should be carried out to B.S. 3998:2010 *Recommendations for Tree Work* or as modified by more recent research. It is advisable to select a contractor from the local authority list and preferably one approved by the Arboricultural Association. Their Register of Contractors is available free from The Malthouse, Stroud Green, Standish, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3DL – 01242 522152 and can also be found on their website: <http://www.trees.org.uk/find-a-professional/Directory-of-Tree-Surgeons>.

- 1.7 **Trees subject to statutory controls:** If these trees are covered by a tree preservation order or located within a conservation area, it will be necessary to consult the relevant local authority (Folkestone and Hythe District Council) before any pruning or felling works other than certain exemptions can be carried out. However, tree owners should appreciate that they may take an alternative point of view and have the option to refuse consent.
- 1.8 **Other Considerations:** The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 provides statutory protection to birds, bats and other species that inhabit trees. All tree work operations are covered by these provisions and care must be taken before undertaking any works that might constitute an offence.



Fremantle Road Recreation Ground

September 18, 2024
Total Tree Count: 5

Cherry species Tree ID #1

Tree Details

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Common Name: | Cherry species |
| Scientific Name: | Prunus sp. |
| Tree Height [m]: | 3 |
| Life Stage: | Young |
| Physiological Condition: | Dead |
| Structural Condition: | Poor |
| Comments: | Tree is dead. |
| Recommendations: | Remove and replant with a new tree. |
| Priority: | Priority 2 - 3 months |

Tree Location

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| Address: | |
| City: | |
| Longitude: | 1.143985 |
| Latitude: | 51.082905 |

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Cherry species Tree ID #2

Tree Details

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Common Name: | Cherry species |
| Scientific Name: | Prunus sp. |
| Tree Height [m]: | 3 |
| Life Stage: | Young |
| Physiological Condition: | Dead |
| Structural Condition: | Poor |
| Comments: | Tree is dead |
| Recommendations: | Remove and replant with a new tree. |
| Priority: | Priority 2 - 3 months |

Tree Location

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| Address: | |
| City: | |
| Longitude: | 1.143758 |
| Latitude: | 51.082962 |

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Cherry species Tree ID #3

Tree Details

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Common Name: | Cherry species |
| Scientific Name: | Prunus sp. |
| Tree Height [m]: | 2 |
| Life Stage: | Young |
| Physiological Condition: | Poor |
| Structural Condition: | Poor |
| Comments: | Tree is predominantly dead. |
| Recommendations: | Remove and replace with a new tree. |
| Priority: | Priority 2 - 3 months |

Tree Location

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| Address: | |
| City: | |
| Longitude: | 1.143574 |
| Latitude: | 51.082974 |

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Cherry species Tree ID #4

30 Fremantle Road

Tree Details

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Common Name: | Cherry species |
| Scientific Name: | Prunus sp. |
| Tree Height [m]: | 3 |
| Life Stage: | Young |
| Physiological Condition: | Poor |
| Structural Condition: | Poor |
| Comments: | Tree is predominantly dead. |
| Recommendations: | Remove and replant with a new tree. |
| Priority: | Priority 2 - 3 months |

Tree Location

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| Address: | 30 Fremantle Road |
| City: | |
| Longitude: | 1.143258 |
| Latitude: | 51.082995 |

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Lombardy poplar Tree ID #5

9 Redmill Close

Tree Details

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| Common Name: | Lombardy poplar |
| Scientific Name: | Populus nigra 'Italica' |
| Tree Height [m]: | 4 |
| Life Stage: | Young |
| Physiological Condition: | Good |
| Structural Condition: | Good |
| Comments: | The protective cage that surrounds the tree is full of weeds. |
| Recommendations: | Remove protective cage and remove all weed growth from within to maintain a weed free base around the tree. The tree is maturing well and is considered established and independent within the landscape and therefore the protective cage need not be used. Retain the supporting stakes and tie for one more year before removing. |
| Priority: | Priority 2 - 3 months |

Tree Location

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| Address: | 9 Redmill Close |
| City: | |
| Longitude: | 1.144170 |
| Latitude: | 51.082850 |

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