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PRE-PLANNING TREE SURVEY & CONSTRAINTS ADVICE

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GOODCHILD ROAD
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BERKSHIRE

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 AUTHORSHIP

This BS:5837 Arboricultural Survey has been prepared by Sarah Duckworth, Arboricultural Consultant.

I have been instructed by David Smith of Wokingham Borough Council to survey trees growing on and adjacent to land at the Northern end of the King George V Playing Field to ascertain the constraints posed by trees to a proposed new SUDs project in this area.

1.2 SCOPE

The British Standard 5837:2012 'Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction' is designed to assist those concerned with trees in relation to construction to form balanced judgments.

The tree plan which accompanies this report is illustrative and should only be used for dealing with tree issues.

This report is for planning purposes only and does not constitute a detailed health and safety survey. A quotation can be provided for this service upon request.

This report is not a structural report, and it does not consider the structural integrity of the property and its use as such is invalid.

The report is for the sole use of the client and its reproduction or use by anyone else is forbidden unless written consent is given by the author.

DISCLAIMER: This is an independently produced Arboricultural Report. I have no connection with any of the parties involved in this site or application that could influence or bias the opinions expressed in this report.

1.3 DOCUMENTS

A topographical survey is not available for the property. The position of trees on the tree plan have therefore been plotted by eye by the Tree Surveyor and their locations measured and triangulated against fixed objects on site.

The tree plan should not therefore be taken as exact, but it is a fair representation of the location of the trees in relation to the property and any future building works on site.

1.4 TREE PROTECTION

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

I have confirmed with Wokingham Borough Council that the trees on site are not subject of any Tree Preservation Orders.

CONSERVATION AREA

Kiing George V Playing Field is not within a Conservation Area.

ANCIENT WOODLAND

Kiing George V Playing Field is not located in Ancient Woodland nor is the survey area within an Ancient Woodland Buffer Zone.

FELLING LICENCES

Outside of domestic gardens, you must first apply to the Forestry Commission for a felling licence if you want to cut down trees containing more than five cubic metres of wood in any calendar quarter. However, there are exceptions to this rule. For example, you do not need a licence to fell trees in enclosed gardens or removing dead or dangerous trees.

The Forestry Commission usually requires felled trees to be restocked and does not normally grant licences to clear woodland permanently or to change woodland to agricultural use.

2. SURVEY

2.1 APPRAISAL

The trees were surveyed on Friday 4th July 2025.

On the day of the survey, the weather conditions were bright and sunny. Visibility was good.

Heights were estimated where part of a group. Soil samples were not taken.

Trees are dynamic living organisms subject to change, whose health and condition can be subject to significant change influenced by internal and external factors. The assessment of trees in this report are based on the conditions assessed at the time of inspection and are valid for 24 months.

If the condition of the trees evidently changes or the trees are subject to extreme weather conditions before this date, further inspection may be required. No tree is ever absolutely safe due to the unpredictable laws and forces of nature.

The tree survey identified 28 individual trees and 2 tree groups growing on or adjacent to the site which were relevant to the building works. The trees on site were assessed for their quality and benefits within the context of the proposed development and categorised in accordance with the recommendations in the BS:5837:2012.

2.2 KEY

Ref:	T001 = Tree 1 A001 = Area 1	G001 = Group 1 W001 = Woodland 1	H001 = Hedge 1
Species:	Common name (Botanical name)		
Height:	Measured with a clinometer (m) where possible or estimated when part of a group		
Stem:	Stem diameter taken at 1.5m with girth tape or rule and recorded in millimeters		
Branch spread:	Paced measurements at compass points or with a laser measure.		
Crown clearance:	Existing height above ground level of canopy and / or first significant branch direction of growth in metres e.g., 2.4 (N) where relevant.		
Epics:	Lower canopy created by epicormic growth.		
Age Class:	Newly planted - 3 years following planting. Young - Tree well established but with juvenile crown form Young Mature - Tree in first third of usual life expectancy for species Mature - Tree in second third of usual life expectancy for species Over Mature - Tree in final third of usual life expectancy for species / exhibiting signs of crown retrenchment & senescence. Veteran - Older than usual for species or with historical/ cultural / ecological value		
General Observations:	Made with reference to physiological condition (health, vigour) and structural condition, noting evidence of decay, structural weakness and physical defect and preliminary management recommendations.		
Estimated Remaining Contribution:	Estimated in years - less than 10, 10-20, 20-40, 40+		
BS: 5837:2012 category rating:	In accordance with the guidelines of the British Standard.  Category 'A' tree (Green)  Category 'C' tree (Grey)  Category 'B' tree (Blue)  Category 'U' tree – Fell (Red)		
RPA Area	BS:5837 (2012) Root Protection Area calculation in square metres		
RPA Radius	BS:5837 (2012) Root Protection Area calculation circle radius in metres. ¹		

¹ The root protection area radius is for information only and may not be appropriate in every case. BS:5837 advises that *'the RPA for each tree should initially be plotted as a circle centered on the base of the stem. Where pre-existing site conditions or other factors indicate that rooting may have occurred asymmetrically, a polygon of equivalent area should be produced. Modifications to the shape of the RPA should reflect a soundly based arboricultural assessment of likely root distributions.'*

3. BS:5837 (2012) TABLE 1: CASCADE CHART FOR TREE QUALITY ASSESSMENT

CATEGORY & DEFINITION	CRITERIA (including sub-categories where appropriate)		
Trees unsuitable for retention			
Category 'U' Those in such a condition that they cannot realistically be retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years.	Trees that have a serious, irremediable, structural defect such that their early loss is expected due to collapse, including those that will become unviable after removal of other category U trees (e.g., where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning. Trees that are dead or showing signs of significant, immediate, and irreversible overall decline. Trees infected with pathogens of significance to the health and / or safety of other trees nearby or very low-quality trees suppressing adjacent trees of better quality. NOTE: Category U trees can have existing or potential conservation value which it might be desirable to preserve		
	Mainly Arboricultural Qualities	Mainly Landscape Qualities	Mainly cultural values including conservation
Trees considered suitable for retention			
Category 'A' Trees of High Quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years.	Trees that are particularly good examples of their species especially if rare or unusual; or those that are essential components of groups or formal or semi-formal arboricultural features (e.g. the dominant and / or principal trees within an avenue)	Trees, groups, or woodlands of particular visual importance as arboricultural and / or landscape features.	Trees, groups or woodlands of significant conservation, historical, commemorative or other value (e.g. veteran trees or wood pasture)
Category 'B' Trees of Moderate Quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years	Trees that might be included in category A, but are downgraded because of impaired condition (e.g., presence of significant though remedial defects, including unsympathetic past management and storm damage), such that they are unlikely to be suitable for retention for beyond 40 years; or trees lacking the special quality to merit the category 'A' designation.	Trees present in numbers, usually growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals; or trees occurring as collectives but situated so as to make little contribution to the wider locality.	Trees with material conservation or other cultural value.
Category 'C' Trees of Low Quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150mm.	Unremarkable trees of very limited merit or such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories.	Trees are present in groups or woodlands but without this conferring on them significantly greater collective landscape value; and/ or trees offering low or only temporary / transient landscape benefits.	Trees with no material conservation or other cultural value.

4. SURVEY DATA

Ref.	Species	Measurements	Spread	General Observations	Retention Category	RPA	Condition
H001	Horse chestnut x4 (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)	Height (m): 10 4 stems, avg.(mm): 200 Crown Clearance (m): 0 Life Stage: Early Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:2.5 E:2.5 S:2.5 W:2.5	Small trees in close linear group	C2	Radius: 2.4m. Area: 33 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Good Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Moderate Inspection Limitations: Dense vegetation
H002	Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>) Horse chestnut x2 (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)	Height (m): 7.5 3 stems, avg.(mm): 200 Crown Clearance (m): 1.5 Life Stage: Semi Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:3 E:3 S:3 W:3	Small trees on boundary line. Swept stems. Multi-stem form. Ivy clad. Some evidence of dieback in Ash trees. Pests and Diseases: Ash Health Class 2 - 75%-50% remaining canopy	C2	Radius: 2.4m. Area: 51 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Fair Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low Inspection Limitations: Ivy
T001	Horse chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)	Height (m): 18 Stem Diam(mm): 820 Crown Clearance (m): 3.5 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:6 E:6 S:9 W:5	Slight swelling around base /lower trunk	B1	Radius: 9.8m. Area: 302 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Fair Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Good
T002	Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	Height (m): 16 Stem Diam(mm): 350 Crown Clearance (m): 4 Life Stage: Early Mature Rem. Contrib.: 10+ Years	N:5 E:3 S:6 W:2	Dieback in crown. Epicormic shoots in lower crown. Pests and Diseases: Ash Health Class 2 - 75%-50% remaining canopy	C1	Radius: 4.2m. Area: 55 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Diseased Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T003	Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	Height (m): 16 Stem Diam(mm): 350 Crown Clearance (m): 4 Life Stage: Early Mature Rem. Contrib.: 10+ Years	N:5 E:3 S:5 W:1	Dieback in crown. Pigeon defoliation. Foliage sparse. Pests and Diseases: Ash Health Class 2 - 75%-50% remaining canopy	C1	Radius: 4.2m. Area: 55 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Diseased Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T004	Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	Height (m): 9 Stem Diam(mm): 100 Crown Clearance (m): 4 Life Stage: Early Mature Rem. Contrib.: 10+ Years	N:1.5 E:1.5 S:1.5 W:2	Slender offsite tree Pests and Diseases: Ash Health Class 1 - 100%-75% remaining canopy	C1	Radius: 1.2m. Area: 5 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Fair Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T005	Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>)	Height (m): 12 Stem Diam(mm): 160 Crown Clearance (m): 3 Life Stage: Early Mature Rem. Contrib.: 40+ Years	N:3 E:3 S:3 W:3	Early mature offsite tree	C1	Radius: 1.9m. Area: 11 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Good Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low

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T006	Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	Height (m): 9 Stem Diam(mm): 260 Crown Clearance (m): 1.5 Life Stage: Early Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:3 E:3 S:4 W:2.5	Young tree Pests and Diseases: Ash Health Class 1 - 100%-75% remaining canopy	C1	Radius: 3.1m. Area: 30 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Good Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T007	Alder (<i>Alnus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Stem Diam(mm): 30 Crown Clearance (m): 2 Life Stage: Newly planted Rem. Contrib.: <10 years	N:0.5 E:0.5 S:0.5 W:0.5	Recent planting. Showing signs of drought stress. Suitable for transplanting.	C1	Radius: 0.4m. Area: 1 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Poor Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T008	Sweet gum (<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>)	Height (m): 4 Stem Diam(mm): 50 Crown Clearance (m): 2 Life Stage: Newly planted Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:0.5 E:0.5 S:0.5 W:0.5	Recent planting. Suitable for transplanting.	C1	Radius: 0.6m. Area: 1 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Fair Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T009	Alder (<i>Alnus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 5 Stem Diam(mm): 30 Crown Clearance (m): 2 Life Stage: Newly planted Rem. Contrib.: <10 years	N:0.5 E:0.5 S:0.5 W:0.5	Recent planting. Showing signs of drought stress. Suitable for transplanting.	C1	Radius: 0.4m. Area: 1 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Poor Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T010	Sweet gum (<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>)	Height (m): 4 Stem Diam(mm): 50 Crown Clearance (m): 2 Life Stage: Newly planted Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:0.5 E:0.5 S:0.5 W:0.5	Recent planting. Suitable for transplanting.	C1	Radius: 0.6m. Area: 1 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Fair Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T011	Alder (<i>Alnus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 5 Stem Diam(mm): 30 Crown Clearance (m): 2 Life Stage: Newly planted Rem. Contrib.: <10 years	N:0.5 E:0.5 S:0.5 W:0.5	Recent planting. Showing signs of drought stress. Suitable for transplanting.	C1	Radius: 0.4m. Area: 1 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Poor Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T012	Sweet gum (<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>)	Height (m): 3 Stem Diam(mm): 30 Crown Clearance (m): 1.5 Life Stage: Newly planted Rem. Contrib.: <10 years	N:0.5 E:0.5 S:0.5 W:0.5	Recent planting. Showing signs of drought stress. Tree dead or dying	C1	Radius: 0.4m. Area: 1 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Poor Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T013	Alder (<i>Alnus sp.</i>)	Height (m): 4 Stem Diam(mm): 30 Crown Clearance (m): 2 Life Stage: Newly planted Rem. Contrib.: <10 years	N:0.5 E:0.5 S:0.5 W:0.5	Recent planting. Showing signs of drought stress. Suitable for transplanting.	C1	Radius: 0.4m. Area: 1 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Poor Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low

Ref.	Species	Measurements	Spread	General Observations	Retention Category	RPA	Condition
T014	Sweet gum (<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>)	Height (m): 3 Stem Diam(mm): 30 Crown Clearance (m): 1.5 Life Stage: Newly planted Rem. Contrib.: <10 years	N:0.5 E:0.5 S:0.5 W:0.5	Recent planting. Showing signs of drought stress.	C1	Radius: 0.4m. Area: 1 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Poor Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T015	Sweet gum (<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>)	Height (m): 3 Stem Diam(mm): 30 Crown Clearance (m): 1.5 Life Stage: Newly planted Rem. Contrib.: <10 years	N:0.5 E:0.5 S:0.5 W:0.5	Recent planting. Showing signs of drought stress.	C1	Radius: 0.4m. Area: 1 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Poor Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Low
T016	Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	Height (m): 6 Stem Diam(mm): 660 Crown Clearance (m): 1 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 10+ Years	N:2 E:2 S:2 W:2	Topped at 5m. Dense new growth on lower trunk. Nesting birds.	C1	Radius: 7.9m. Area: 196 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Fair Structural Condition: Physical Defect Public Amenity Value: Moderate
T017	Horse chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)	Height (m): 17 Stem Diam(mm): 740 Crown Clearance (m): 3.5 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:5 E:4 S:7 W:3.5	Fluted trunk. Helical growth. 4.6m from boundary. Asymmetrical crown. Foliage dense and even.	B1	Radius: 8.9m. Area: 249 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Good Structural Condition: Good Public Amenity Value: Good
T018	Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	Height (m): 15 Stem Diam(mm): 330 Crown Clearance (m): 2.5 Life Stage: Early Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:5 E:5 S:5 W:5	Balanced crown. Fair form and vitality Pests and Diseases: Ash Health Class 1 - 100%-75% remaining canopy	B1	Radius: 4.0m. Area: 50 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Good Structural Condition: Good Public Amenity Value: Good
T019	Horse chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)	Height (m): 18 Stem Diam(mm): 860 Crown Clearance (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:4.5 E:4 S:8 W:5	Historic wounds on East side of trunk at base. Fluted trunk. Helical growth. 3m from boundary. Asymmetrical crown. Foliage dense and even.	B1	Radius: 10.3m. Area: 333 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Good Structural Condition: Good Public Amenity Value: Good
T020	Chinese juniper (<i>Juniperus chinensis</i>)	Height (m): 8 Stem Diam(mm): 250 Crown Clearance (m): 0 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:2 E:2 S:2 W:2	Offsite, fastigate conifer.	C2	Radius: 3.0m. Area: 28 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Good Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Moderate Inspection Limitations: Dense vegetation
T021	Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	Height (m): 14 Stem Diam(mm): 470 Crown Clearance (m): 2.5 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:4.5 E:4 S:5.5 W:5	Mechanical damage to exposed surface roots. Ivy clad tree. Localised dieback in crown. Pests and Diseases: Ash Health Class 1 - 100%-75% remaining canopy	C1	Radius: 5.6m. Area: 99 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Diseased Structural Condition: Unknown Public Amenity Value: Moderate Inspection Limitations: Ivy

Ref.	Species	Measurements	Spread	General Observations	Retention Category	RPA	Condition
T022	Horse chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)	Height (m): 20 Stem Diam(mm): 790 Crown Clearance (m): 2.5 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:3.5 E:5 S:6 W:5	Historic wounds on roots and lower trunk. Fluted trunk. Helical growth. 4.2m from boundary. Slender crown. Foliage slightly sparse in upper crown.	B1	Radius: 9.5m. Area: 284 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Fair Structural Condition: Good Public Amenity Value: Good
T023	Horse chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)	Height (m): 20 Stem Diam(mm): 730 Crown Clearance (m): 4 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:5 E:5 S:5 W:5	Historic wounds on roots adjacent to path. Twin stem from 5m. Slender crown. Foliage slightly sparse in upper crown.	B1	Radius: 8.8m. Area: 243 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Fair Structural Condition: Good Public Amenity Value: Good
T024	Horse chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)	Height (m): 17 Stem Diam(mm): 590 Crown Clearance (m): 4 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 40+ Years	N:2 E:3 S:6 W:3.5	Suppressed, asymmetrical crown. Foliage dense and even. Good vitality.	B1	Radius: 7.1m. Area: 158 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Good Structural Condition: Good Public Amenity Value: Good
T025	Horse chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)	Height (m): 19 Stem Diam(mm): 690 Crown Clearance (m): 3 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 40+ Years	N:7 E:2 S:4 W:5	Asymmetrical crown. Foliage slightly sparse	B1	Radius: 8.3m. Area: 216 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Fair Structural Condition: Good Public Amenity Value: Good
T026	Red oak (<i>Quercus rubra</i>)	Height (m): 16 Stem Diam(mm): 830 Crown Clearance (m): 2.5 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 10+ Years	N:11 E:8 S:3 W:8	Swept stem. Decay at base. Historic wound on large buttress root. Major dieback in canopy.	U	Radius: 10.0m. Area: 314 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Poor Structural Condition: Physical Defect Public Amenity Value: Good
T027	Common hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>)	Height (m): 6.5 Stem Diam(mm): 370 Crown Clearance (m): 2.5 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:3 E:4.5 S:3.5 W:1.5	Standard tree. Foliage slightly sparse. Minor deadwood in crown.	C2	Radius: 4.4m. Area: 61 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Fair Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Moderate
T028	Common ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	Height (m): 6 Stem Diam(mm): 100 Crown Clearance (m): 1.5 Life Stage: Semi Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:3.5 E:3.5 S:3 W:2	Regeneration from felled stump. Canker visible on branches. Foliage dense and vigorous. Pests and Diseases: Ash Health Class 1 - 100%-75% remaining canopy	C1	Radius: 1.2m. Area: 5 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Good Structural Condition: Physical Defect Public Amenity Value: Moderate Inspection Limitations: Access
G029	Shrub Honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera nitida</i>) Privet (<i>Lonicera nitida</i>)	Height (m): 2 Stem Diam(mm): 50 Crown Clearance (m): 0 Life Stage: Mature Rem. Contrib.: 20+ Years	N:0.5 E:0.5 S:0.5 W:0.5	Mature boundary hedge	C1	Radius: 0.6m. Area: 1 sq m.	Physiological Condition: Good Structural Condition: Fair Public Amenity Value: Moderate Inspection Limitations: Dense vegetation

5. QUALIFICATIONS

This Arboricultural report has been prepared by Sarah Duckworth, Independent Arboricultural Consultant, trading as Duckworth's Arboriculture Limited.

I have over 20 years' experience working in the field of Arboriculture and for the past 16 years I have worked as a Local Authority Tree Officer both directly and independently providing contracted support. Since 2010 I have worked as a private consultant carrying out a range of Arboricultural Reports and Assessments for private clients.

I hold the Royal Forestry Society's Professional Diploma (Level 6) for which I received the Lockhart Garrett Award. I also hold the Arboricultural Association's Technicians Certificate (with Distinction).

I am a LANTRA qualified Professional Tree Inspector and a Professional Member of the Arboricultural Association.