

Wood's

Tree Consultancy Ltd

HEALTH AND SAFETY ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Wednesday, 07 October 2026



Introduction

The scope of the survey is to provide an evaluation of the health and safety of the trees on the aforementioned site and provide a schedule of work within a given time frame of recommended works. Each tree has been plotted on to an O.S. map by GPS coordinates and allocated a number prefixed with T for single trees and G for groups followed by a number; plan ref WTC/TS/H&S/32 Heathermount Dr/2026.

Scope and Limitations of Survey

- The survey and this report are concerned with the Arboricultural aspects of the site only.
- This survey is restricted to trees within the site or those outside the site that may be affected. No other trees were inspected.
- It is based on a ground level tree assessment and examination of external features only – described as the ‘Visual Tree Assessment’ method expounded by Mattheck and Breloer (The Body Language of Trees, DoE booklet Research for Amenity Trees No. 4, 1994).
- No plant tissue samples were taken, and no internal investigation of the trees was carried out.
- No soil samples were taken, or soil analyses carried out.
- The risk of tree-related subsidence to structures has not been assessed.
- Wood’s Tree Consultancy Ltd have no knowledge of existing or proposed underground services.

Site description

Detached property in established residential area. The housing estate has numerous similarly designed properties all with an aging population of Scots Pines.

Site Brief

Wood’s Tree Consultancy Ltd was instructed By Mr Spinks as part of the obligation to carry out a health and safety inspection of the trees within the site and compile the information in a presentable form (excel spreadsheet).

Please find detailed below our health and safety report based on the assessment of the tree situated on the property stated on the covering page. All recorded trees are fully detailed on the accompanying spreadsheet, as well as any recommendations.

This undertaking is to provide sufficient information to comply with insurance company requirements, your duty of care regarding health and safety and to develop a management plan for the necessary tree surgery works.

Any high-risk trees will be highlighted as urgent/within 3 months and brought to your attention as requiring immediate action.

Site visit:

The site was visited on 30th September 2026. The weather was sunny with good visibility and no wind.

Trees in general above 30cm diameter were assessed, and comments raised regarding certain trees outside the grounds as necessary, no access was made into any third-party property without permission.

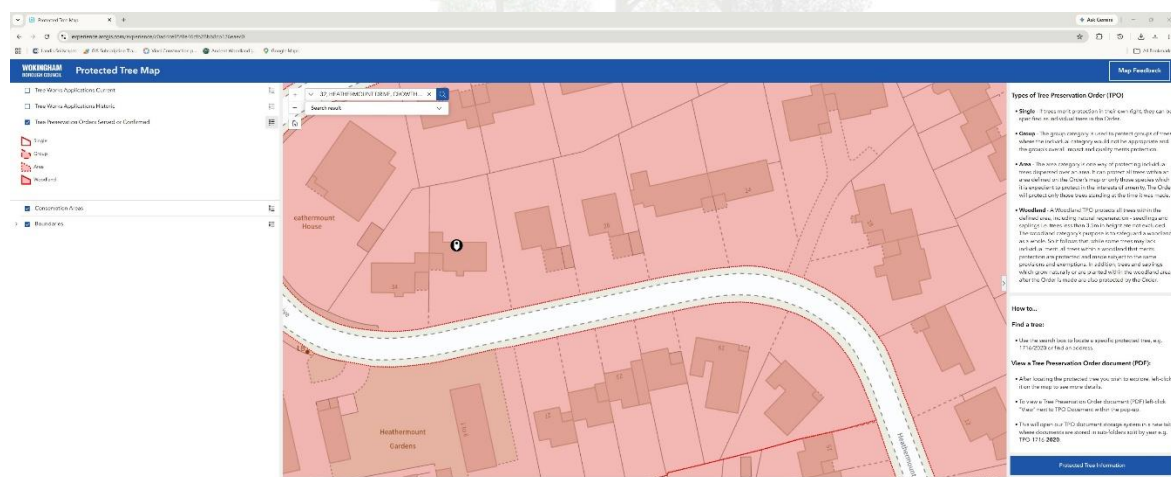
Recorded Trees

This health and safety tree survey commences at tree number 1 (from herein called T1) and concludes with tree number 4 (T4). All trees are Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*)

Trees T1 and T2 are located within the frontage of the property, with T3 and T4 in the rear garden.

On Monday, 05 October 2026, the available information from Wokingham Borough Council's website was checked for Tree Preservation Orders, Conservation Area status and other relevant restrictions. The findings are that the trees are covered by area TPO 0787-1996.

The below screenshot is proof of the above information source.



Comments:

T1 is currently in good overall condition, and no remedial action is considered necessary at this time. The tree was observed with a distorted, descending growth habit, together with a crown that is noticeably biased towards Heathermount Drive. A hammer test was carried out around the accessible stem to assess for indications of internal dysfunction or decay; the test produced no audible evidence of decay.

T2 is displaying signs of physiological decline. This is considered likely to be associated with the tree's maturity, combined with the climatic conditions and environmental stresses it has experienced over the past two years. Major deadwood is present throughout the crown and should be removed. A hammer test was undertaken around the accessible stem; no audible evidence of internal decay was detected during this assessment.

T3 is situated in the rear garden, close to the boundary with 30 Heathermount Drive. The tree is showing slight defoliation, estimated at less than 15% when compared with the previous inspection. Foliage appears comparatively denser within the inner crown, while the outer crown and peripheral branch structure display a lower foliage density. Although the observed change is currently limited, the variation in foliage distribution should continue to be monitored during future inspections. This will help establish whether the reduction in foliage remains stable, improves over time, or shows evidence of further progression.

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A hammer test was conducted around the accessible stem and produced no audible indications of internal decay or dysfunction.

T4 is located approximately 6m from Mr & Mrs Spink’s house, with the crown notably biased towards the east. Major deadwood and damaged branches are present throughout the crown, the identified defects that should be addressed through the removal of the deadwood and damaged branches as part of the recommended remedial works.

A relatively recent tear wound is present on the main stem at approximately 10m above ground level, on the south-east side. At present, the wound appears to have only a minor effect on the tree’s structural condition. However, the affected area should be monitored during future inspections for any increase in decay, deterioration, or reduction in structural integrity. It is also strongly recommended that the tree be re-inspected following any major storm event so that its ongoing structural condition can be reassessed.

At present, there are no immediate concerns regarding failure of the tree. However, as the identified decay advances, removal of the tree is likely to become necessary to

manage the developing risk appropriately. A small borehole, presumed to have been caused by an insect, is present on the north-west side of the stem at approximately 1m above ground level. This feature is not currently considered likely to cause structural concern, but it should be included in future inspections and monitored for any enlargement, associated deterioration, or further evidence of decline.



Tree work recommendations:

To ease with the identification of the urgent and priority works they have been highlighted on the spread sheet in green to be completed within one year.

There are certain trees with defects or issues, we would recommend an annual inspection of T4 and triennial inspections of T1, T2, & T3, this can be found on the survey schedule spreadsheet.

All work recommendations will be detailed in the survey schedule.

All the work is spread over a one-year period and detailed in the main survey. Any alterations to the time scales will be detailed on the survey schedule.

Prior to commencement of any tree work it will be necessary to contact the Local authority to determine if there are any restrictive orders affecting the site and if necessary, apply to which this report can be used to support it.

A copy of this report should be made available to the Tree contractors who are providing quotes for the recommended works and to ensure that when carrying out the work, it is to the report's standard and level of work.

All recommended work should be carried out to meet current BS 3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations or its superseded release, to a minimum. The work should be carried out by a competent professional contractor who complies with the latest health and safety requirements.

If there are any defects which the Arboricultural contractor observes during the works that additional advice is required, then we would advise that they contact us to discuss them, so an alternative procedure can be determined. If trees are densely covered in ivy, this prevents a full inspection of the trees and should be severed and a 2m section removed from ground level upwards, this should be severed over a three-year period in accordance with the work schedule, this will avoid the disruption to wildlife and allow re inspection to be carried out.

The purpose of carrying out these inspections is to maintain a safe site for all persons entering it. If the works are not implemented, then this safety aspect cannot be maintained.

Where tree felling is recommended, if the volume exceeds 5 cubic metres in a calendar quarter and more than 2 cubic metres is sold, a felling licence will be required. You can access the digital service to apply for or manage a tree felling permit through the [Felling Licence Online Portal](#). It is the responsibility of the appointed tree contractor to obtain this if required.

We hope this report meets and supersedes all the requirements, and should you require any further assistance or advice please do not hesitate to contact us.

The purpose of carrying out this Health and Safety Tree Survey and as important instigating the recommended works is to comply with the legal aspects under the Occupiers Liability Act 1957 & 1984, Chapter 3, in addition to comply with the insurance conditions imposed upon the sites. Failure to uphold these conditions could result in prosecution of the senior site person and exclusion for insurance cover. The latter section comes under the CORPORATE MANSLAUGHTER AND CORPORATE HOMICIDE ACT (2007) Chapter 19 (Corporate Homicide in Scotland) companies or organisations whose gross negligence causes death of an individual could now face prosecution for manslaughter. The fines are unlimited. Immunity from prosecution from the Crown has been removed.

Yours faithfully



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