Urban Forestry Group:	Extracted from: BS: 5837 - 2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations			
Category and definition Criteria (including subcategories where appropriate)				
Table 1: Cascade chart for tree quality assessment				
Trees unsuitable for retention. NOTE: Category U trees can have existing or potential conservation value which it might be desirable to preserve; see 4.5.7.				
Category and Definition:	**Criteria:**			**Identification on Site Plan:**
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 are 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.			**DARK RED**
Trees to be considered for retention:				
Category and Definition:	**Criteria - Subcategories**			**Identification on plan**
	1. Mainly Arboricultural Values:	**2. Mainly Landscape Values:**	**3. Mainly Cultural Values Including Conservation:**	
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).	**LIGHT GREEN**
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 remediable 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 necessary 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 visual contribution to the wider locality.	Trees with material conservation or other cultural value.	**MID BLUE**
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 150 mm.	Unremarkable trees of very limited merit or such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories.	Trees 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.	**GREY**