

**ARBORICULTURAL REPORT
to BS 5837:2012
at
Land off Providence Street
Dewsbury
West Yorkshire
WF12 8JB**

Client:
ID Planning

Client Address:
9 York Place
Leeds
West Yorkshire
LS1 2DS

Client Contact:
0113 243 6116 (Tel)

JCA Ref:
21873/EW

Contents

1. Introduction.....	3
1.1 Purpose of the Report.....	3
1.2 Terms of Reference.....	3
1.3 Tree Survey Details and Methodology.....	3
2. Status of the Trees.....	4
3. Tree Survey Details.....	5
3.1 Tree Retention Categories.....	5
3.2 Recommended Work for Arboricultural Reasons.....	6
4. Tree Related Design Advice.....	7
5. Summary.....	9
Appendix 1: Tree Descriptions and Recommendations.....	11
Appendix 2: Explanation of Tree Descriptions.....	12
Appendix 3: General Guidelines.....	15
Appendix 4: Author Qualifications.....	16
Appendix 5: Tree Constraints Plan.....	17

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1.1 JCA Limited has been instructed by **ID Planning** to survey the trees on the land off **Providence Street, Dewsbury** and prepare the findings in a report.
- 1.1.2 This report provides detailed, independent, arboricultural advice on the trees in the context of potential development, conducted in accordance with the guidelines contained within BS5837: 2012 '*Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations*' (BS5837:2012).
- 1.1.3 This report will categorise the trees in accordance with the British Standard, which will help guide the design of potential development in terms of constraints and opportunities related to trees and provide details of which trees should be retained and which could be removed.
- 1.1.4 Once a proposed development scheme has been formalised, the full implications for trees should be assessed within an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA).
- 1.1.5 Where necessary, recommendations will be given with a view to the long-term management of sustainable tree cover and to uphold the interests of health and safety.

1.2 Terms of Reference

- 1.2.1 For this purpose, a topographical survey (**Ref: 1120-104**) has been supplied, which forms the basis for the Tree Constraints Plan at **Appendix 5**. The topographical survey, along with all other documents supplied to JCA, is assumed to be correct. No checking of such documents will be undertaken and JCA cannot be held responsible for incorrect data supplied by other parties.

1.3 Tree Survey Details and Methodology

- 1.3.1 The survey took place during June 2024 and was conducted by **Emily Wilde FdSc (Arboriculture)**.
- 1.3.2 During this survey, all trees were inspected from ground level. Further investigations, such as a climbed inspection or a decay detection survey, have not been undertaken.
- 1.3.3 Only those trees within the site boundary with a stem diameter above 75mm have been included. Where applicable, trees outside the site boundary, but close enough to be affected by a proposed development, are also included.
- 1.3.4 Tree data was collected in accordance with **Section 4.4** and **Section 4.5** of BS5837: 2012. Full details of all trees surveyed are recorded in the tables at **Appendix 1** which can be cross referenced with the Tree Constraints Plan at **Appendix 5**. A full explanation of the tables can be found at **Appendix 2**.

1.3.5 Measurements were obtained using clinometers, specialist tapes or electronic distometers. Where this was not possible, due to restricted access or other mitigating circumstances, measurements were estimated to the best ability of the surveyor. Where measurements have been estimated, these are clearly highlighted at **Appendix 1** with a ‘#’ symbol.

2. Status of the Trees

- 2.1 A check was made with *Kirklees Metropolitan Council* in **March 2024** to determine whether any of the trees surveyed as part of this report are subject to any statutory controls.
- 2.2 We are informed that there are two Tree Preservation Orders (**TPO Ref: 02/24/G1 and 02/24/W1**).
- 2.3 No work must be undertaken to those trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order until an approved Works to Protected Trees application has been granted, or until planning permission has been granted which includes accurately specified tree works.
- 2.4 Prior to any works being undertaken to trees, those instructing and proposing to carry out the work should satisfy themselves that all appropriate consents are in place to prevent potential breach of legislation.
- 2.5 The presence of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) represents the Local Authority’s desire to retain trees within the landscape. As such, trees covered by a TPO are generally more likely to require retention within a proposed scheme and this should be taken into account during the design process. In some cases, the removal of TPO trees may be agreed upon, providing the benefits of the proposed development are deemed greater than the material loss of the trees. The value of existing vegetation is just one factor in the decision making process; all benefits of the proposed development will be taken into consideration in the usual manner.

3. Tree Survey Details

3.1 Tree Retention Categories

3.1.1 Below is a summary of the surveyed vegetation with retention categories identified in accordance with BS5837: 2012. For a full explanation of the retention categories, please refer to **Appendix 2 (Section A2.3)**.

Retention Categories of the Surveyed Vegetation				
Retention Category	Trees	Groups	Woodlands	Totals
A	1	0	1	2
B	19	4	0	23
C	9	3	0	12
U	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	7	1	37

3.1.2 As a general rule, those trees listed as retention category 'A' are the most valuable items of vegetation lowering to category B thereafter. Those items listed as retention category 'C' are of lesser value.

3.1.3 The above information should guide the design in terms of which trees could be removed and which trees should be retained. However, due to changing attitudes with regards to environmental awareness, it should be noted that all trees are considered to have value. As such, it is advised that as many trees as possible be retained, regardless of their BS5837: 2012 retention category status.

3.1.4 The retention of trees is further advised to avoid the need to plant replacement specimens, which are usually required to be planted on a 2:1 or 3:1 ratio, and due to their ecological value, which will be assessed as linear habitat units in accordance with the Statutory Biodiversity Metric.

3.2 Recommended Work for Arboricultural Reasons

3.2.1 Where necessary, recommendations have been prescribed for reasons of public safety, to benefit the trees and/or for general maintenance purposes. Such recommendations have been made for Arboricultural reasons and should be undertaken irrespective of development, as follows.

Ref No	Species	Height (m)	Stem Diameter (cm)	Recommendations
T1	Sycamore	15	32 32 40	Crown lift to 3m over neighbouring garden.
T2	Sycamore	15	34 17	Crown lift to 3m over neighbouring garden.

3.2.2 The removal of Ivy to aid future inspections has been recommended for trees **G8, T9, T10, T11, T12, T13, T14, T31, T32** and **T33**. This is due to there location adjacent to high target areas.

3.2.3 Full details of all recommended works are detailed in the ‘Recommendations Column’ of the Tree Data Tables at **Appendix 1**.

3.2.4 For an explanation of the priority ratings, see **Appendix 2 (A2.2.5)**.

3.2.5 All trees which are to be retained within the proposed development should be inspected on a regular basis in the interests of risk management. They should have a biennial re-inspection regime, ideally with each inspection being undertaken during a different season, in order to observe any defects, pests and diseases that are only evident at certain times of year.

4. Tree Related Design Advice

- 4.1 The location of each tree is plotted on the Tree Constraints Plan at **Appendix 5**. The canopy spread of each surveyed item is colour coded as follows; Retention Category A: **Green**, Retention Category B: **Blue**, Retention Category C: **Grey**, Retention Category U: **Red**. The associated Root Protection Area (RPA) is also shown in **Gold**.
- 4.2 In order to enable the survival of trees shown to be retained within any proposals, encroachment into the canopy of the tree and/or its RPA should be avoided wherever possible. This relates to not just the location of new buildings, but also to the location of new areas of hard standing, proposed utility routes and any ground level changes (both excavations and soil piling). Where this is not possible, specialist construction methods and materials will need to be used.
- 4.3 Where information is available, the water demand of each tree is provided at **Appendix 1**, in accordance with current NHBC Standards. The water demand of trees can affect adjacent structures, and this is therefore included to inform foundation design, depth and the proximity of proposed structures to trees.
- 4.4 Retained trees will require adequate protective measures during development. Such measures typically entail temporary protective fencing, installed to the full extent of the RPA. Where this is not entirely possible, ground protection may also comprise part of the protective measures. This includes a compaction reducing construction detail which enables a degree of construction traffic over/within the RPA.
- 4.5 As the RPAs of the trees will require fencing off as a protection measure, this should be brought into consideration when planning such things as access routes and material storage during development. It is accepted that in some cases it is not entirely possible to completely avoid the RPA or canopy lines within a new development. The consulting arboriculturalist should therefore be made aware of any such incursions to make comment and, where possible, advise on mitigation actions. Such details should be contained within an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA).
- 4.6 No material storage is permitted within the RPA of retained trees unless confirmed to be acceptable by the consulting arboriculturalist. The exact details and location of protective measures should be included within an Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS).
- 4.7 The position of the site compound is a major consideration. It is recommended that this, which typically includes the site office, facilities, toilets, storage of materials and parking, is located away from trees and outside the RPA.
- 4.8 Any shade that may be cast by the retained trees must also be considered. Where buildings are to be positioned within the shade cast area of trees, these should be designed in order to maximise light levels.

- 4.9 Many development sites contain areas of nature conservation interest. Trees and hedgerows, in particular, can provide an important habitat for birds, bats, invertebrates and fungi and appropriate attention needs to be paid to preserving habitats throughout the development process.
- 4.10 If a landscape planting scheme is proposed, consideration must be made at the planning stage as to where this is to be implemented on site. Such locations should be protected in order to prevent soil compaction and/or contamination and should therefore form part of the Construction Exclusion Zone.
- 4.11 Once the development proposals are finalised, the implications of this design on the existing trees should be assessed within an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA).

5. Summary

- 5.1 The trees at **Providence Street, Dewsbury** have been surveyed in accordance with BS5837: 2012 in order to provide independent advice relating to the constraints posed by trees to the potential development of the site.
- 5.2 Some trees are subject to a Tree Preservation Order. Prior to any works being undertaken to protected trees, those instructing and proposing to carry the work should satisfy themselves that all appropriate consents are in place to prevent potential breach of legislation.
- 5.3 Recommendations have been prescribed for reasons of public safety, to benefit the trees and/or for general maintenance purposes. Such recommendations have been made for Arboricultural reasons and should be undertaken irrespective of development.
- 5.4 General tree related advice to assist the design proposals has been provided in **Section 4**, which should be used in conjunction with the Tree Constraints Plan at **Appendix 5**.
- 5.5 Upon provision of specific proposals, site-specific advice should be given with regards to the impact on trees. In accordance with **Section 5.4** of **BS 5837: 2012**, the next stage should be the preparation of an **Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA)**, which will illustrate and discuss the impact of the proposals on the trees.
- 5.6 The data gained during the survey provides an indication of the health of the trees. However, it does not enable a comprehensive assessment of their condition over time. Trees are living organisms which are affected by many factors including weather conditions, diseases/disorders, light levels and human activities. Due to this, this report is only valid for a period of 1 year from the date of issuing. Should an update or revision of this report be required outside of this time period, JCA may require a further site visit to ensure that the condition of the trees has not significantly changed. It is advised that the trees are inspected regularly, in the interests of risk management.

Appendices

Tree Ref.	Age	Height (m)	Crown Height (m)	Height (m) and Direction of the Lowest Branch	Diameter (cm)	Crown Spread			Observations	Recommendations Priority	Physiological Condition	Structural Condition	Amenity Value	NHBC Water Demand	Life Expectancy (yrs)	Retention Category	Root Radius (m)
	Common Name Botanical Name					N	W	E									
T 1	Mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	15	0	0 n/a	32 32 40	5.5 7		6	Multiple-stemmed at the base. The crown overhangs the road and neighbouring boundary. Fused stems providing natural bracing. Cavity at approximately 1m which is occluding well.	Crown lift to 3m over neighbouring garden. Moderate	GOOD	GOOD	HIGH	MOD	40+	B 2	1 2 7.25
T 2	Mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	15	0	0 n/a	34 17	5 7		3	Twin-stemmed at 0.5m with a slightly unbalanced crown. The crown overhangs the boundary of the neighbouring garden. Occluding cavity to the lower stem.	Crown lift to 3m over neighbouring garden. Moderate	GOOD	GOOD	HIGH	MOD	40+	B 2	1 2 4.5
T 3	Mature Common Ash <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	15	1	2 n/a	35	0 4		1	Single-stemmed, suppressed form from T2. Epicormic growth at the base. Onset of Ash Dieback (ADB).	No action required. n/a	FAIR	FAIR	MOD	MOD	20+	C 1	4.2
T 4	Early-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	15	0	0 n/a	35#	5 5		5	End tree of a row of Sycamores. Inaccessible due to containers and dense surrounding vegetation. Appears to be in an acceptable condition.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	MOD	MOD	40+	B 2	1 2 4.2
G 5	Semi-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	to 14	0	0 n/a	to 25	See plan			Sycamore and Cherry. Boundary group providing screening.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	MOD	MOD	40+	B 2	to 3
T 6	Young Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	13	2	2 n/a	15#	3# 1#		2#	Single-stemmed and vertical. Dense Ivy prevented a detailed inspection.	No action required. n/a	FAIR	FAIR	LOW	MOD	20+	C 2	1.8
T 7	Mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	16	1.5	1.5 SW	2 x 40	5 3#		4	Twin-stemmed at 2m with a slightly unbalanced crown. Dense Ivy prevented a detailed inspection.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	HIGH	MOD	40+	B 2	1 2 6.8
G 8	Mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	16	3	3 n/a	to 45	See plan			Three trees, crowns overhanging the boundary. Dense Ivy into the crowns which prevented a detailed inspection. Boundary trees providing screening.	Sever Ivy to allow future inspections. Moderate	GOOD	GOOD	HIGH	MOD	40+	B 1	to 5.47
T 9	Early-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	16#	8	8 n/a	42	2# 2#		3#	Single-stemmed and vertical. High crown. Ivy prevented a detailed inspection. Provides screening.	Sever Ivy to allow future inspections. Moderate	GOOD	GOOD	HIGH	MOD	40+	B 2	5.04
T 10	Semi-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	9#	8#	8 n/a	24 20	2 1		0	Twin-stemmed at ground level with a slightly unbalanced crown. Ivy prevented a detailed inspection. High, sparse crown which is suppressed by adjacent trees.	Sever Ivy to allow future inspections. Moderate	FAIR	FAIR	LOW	MOD	10+	C 2	1 2 3.75

Tree Ref.	Age	Height (m)	Crown Height (m)	Height (m) and Direction of the Lowest Branch	Diameter (cm)	Crown Spread			Observations	Recommendations Priority	Physiological Condition	Structural Condition	Amenity Value	NHBC Water Demand	Life Expectancy (yrs)	Retention Category	Root Radius (m)
	Common Name <i>Botanical Name</i>					N	W	E									
T 11	Early-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	10#	4	4 SW	31	1 3 4		1	Single-stemmed and vertical with a slightly unbalanced and high crown, which overhangs adjacent land.	Sever Ivy to allow future inspections. Moderate	GOOD	GOOD	MOD	MOD	40+	B 2	3.72
T 12	Semi-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	8#	1	1 NW	22	0 1 3		0	Single-stemmed and vertical with a slightly unbalanced crown. The crown overhangs the boundary. Ivy prevented a detailed inspection. Sparse and suppressed crown.	Sever Ivy to allow future inspections. Moderate	FAIR	FAIR	LOW	MOD	10+	C 1 2	2.64
T 13	Semi-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	9	7	6 n/a	20	0 1 2		2	Single-stemmed with a slight lean and a reasonably balanced, sparse and suppressed crown. The crown overhangs the boundary. Ivy prevented a detailed inspection.	Sever Ivy to allow future inspections. Moderate	FAIR	FAIR	LOW	MOD	10+	C 1	2.4
T 14	Semi-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	12#	3	4 SW	26	3 1 2#		4	Single-stemmed with a slight lean and a reasonably balanced, sparse and suppressed crown. Ivy prevented a detailed inspection.	Sever Ivy to allow future inspections. Moderate	FAIR	FAIR	MOD	MOD	40+	B 2	3.12
T 15	Early-mature Hawthorn <i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	4	0	1 n/a	to 22	2 1 0		3	Multiple-stemmed tree. Dense Ivy prevented a detailed inspection. Sparse and suppressed crown.	No action required. n/a	POOR	FAIR	LOW	HIGH	10+	C 1 2	2.72
T 16	Mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	15	4	4# n/a	50#	4# 5# 6#		4#	Inaccessible due to dense vegetation. Appears to be in an acceptable condition. Provides boundary screening.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	HIGH	MOD	40+	B 1	6
T 17	Semi-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	14#	1	1 n/a	18 18	4 4 3		4	Twin-stemmed at 1m with a slightly unbalanced crown. Dense Ivy prevented a detailed inspection.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	MOD	MOD	20+	B 1	3.05
G 18	Early-mature Hawthorn <i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	to 5	0	0 n/a	24 avg.	See plan		See plan	Two multiple-stemmed trees with suppressed crowns. Dense Ivy prevented a detailed inspection.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	LOW	HIGH	20+	C 2	2.88 avg.
G 19	Semi-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	10#	0	0 n/a	18 avg.	See plan		See plan	Two trees. Ivy and dense vegetation prevented a detailed inspection. Acceptable condition at present.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	LOW	MOD	40+	C 2	2.16 avg.
T 20	Early-mature Silver Birch <i>Betula pendula</i>	11	0	2 N	22	0 4 6		2	Single-stemmed and leaning with an unbalanced crown. No major visible defects.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	MOD	LOW	40+	B 1 2	2.64

Tree Ref.	Age	Height (m)	Crown Height (m)	Height (m) and Direction of the Lowest Branch	Diameter (cm)	Crown Spread			Observations	Recommendations Priority	Physiological Condition	Structural Condition	Amenity Value	NHBC Water Demand	Life Expectancy (yrs)	Retention Category	Root Radius (m)
	Common Name <i>Botanical Name</i>					N	W	E									
T 21	Early-mature Silver Birch <i>Betula pendula</i>	13	1	2 n/a	30 31	5 4		4	Twin-stemmed at ground level with a balanced crown. Barbed wire through one of the stems at 1m.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	MOD	LOW	40+	B 2	1 2 5.18
G 22	Young Mixed species <i>Details in observations</i>	to 6	0	0 n/a	15 avg.			See plan	Five trees forming a homogenous crown. Single-stemmed with no major visible defects. Species are Hawthorn, Sycamore and Oak.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	MOD	MOD to HIGH	40+	B 2	1 2 1.8 avg.
W 23	Semi-mature Mixed species <i>Details in observations</i>	to 12	0	0 n/a	to 30			See plan	Mixed woodland area comprising Hawthorn, Sycamore and Oak.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	HIGH	MOD to HIGH	40+	A 2	n/a
T 24	Young Oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	10	1	1 n/a	13 17	4 5		5	Twin-stemmed at 1m with a balanced crown. No major visible defects.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	MOD	HIGH	40+	B 1	2.57
G 25	Early-mature Silver Birch <i>Betula pendula</i>	16	4	4 S	to 31			See plan	Four trees forming a homogenous crown. No major visible defects.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	MOD	LOW	40+	B 2	1 2 to 3.72
T 26	Mature Silver Birch <i>Betula pendula</i>	18	6	6 S	30	3 1		1	Single-stemmed tree. Dense Ivy prevented detailed inspection and has suppressed the crown development.	No action required. n/a	FAIR	FAIR	MOD	LOW	20+	B 2	3.6
T 27	Mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	16	0	2.5 S	60#	7 4#		4	Single-stemmed tree Dense Ivy into the crown prevented a detailed inspection.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	MOD	MOD	40+	B 2	1 2 7.2
G 28	Mature Elder <i>Sambucus nigra</i>	7	1	1 31 avg.				See plan	Two trees, deadwood to the lower crowns. Ivy prevented a detailed inspection.	No action required. n/a	FAIR	FAIR	LOW	LOW	10+	C 2	1 2 3.74 avg.
T 29	Semi-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	11	3	3 S	19	0 2		2# 5	Single-stemmed with a slight lean and a reasonably balanced crown. Ivy prevented a detailed inspection.	No action required. n/a	FAIR	FAIR	LOW	MOD	20+	C 2	2.28
T 30	Semi-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	11	4	4 n/a	21	3		4# 4#	Single-stemmed with a slight lean and a reasonably balanced crown. Ivy prevented a detailed inspection.	No action required. n/a	FAIR	FAIR	LOW	MOD	20+	C 2	2.52

Tree Ref.	Age	Height (m)	Crown Height (m)	Height (m) and Direction of the Lowest Branch	Diameter (cm)	Crown Spread			Observations	Recommendations	Physiological Condition	Structural Condition	Amenity Value	NHBC Water Demand	Life Expectancy (yrs)	Retention Category	Root Radius (m)
	Common Name					Priority	N	W		E							
T 31	Early-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	16	5	4 SE	36	2# 5#	2		Single-stemmed tree with a vertical cavity to the lower stem, occluding well. Overhanging adjacent site. Dense Ivy into the crown prevented detailed inspection. Provides screening.	Sever Ivy to allow future inspections. Low	FAIR	FAIR	MOD	MOD	20+	B 2	4.32
T 32	Early-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	15	0	1.5 SE	34	6 5#	2#	4	Single-stemmed tree with a vertical cavity to the lower stem, occluding well. Overhanging adjacent site. Dense Ivy into the crown prevented detailed inspection. Provides screening.	Sever Ivy to allow future inspections. Low	FAIR	FAIR	MOD	MOD	20+	B 2	4.08
T 33	Semi-mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	12	2	1.5 n/a	22#	2# 3.5	1	4#	Single-stemmed tree. Ivy prevented a detailed inspection. Provides screening.	Sever Ivy to allow future inspections. Low	FAIR	FAIR	MOD	MOD	40+	B 2	2.64
T 34	Mature Sycamore <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	13	0	1 n/a	# 45 45 40	7 7	5	8	Multi-stemmed at 1m with a balanced crown. Dense Ivy prevented a detailed inspection.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	HIGH	MOD	40+	1 B 2	9
T 35	Mature Myrobalan Plum <i>Prunus cerasifera</i>	9	2	1 NE	# 20 22	2 5#	3	3.5	Twin-stemmed at 1m with a slightly unbalanced crown. Dense Ivy prevented a detailed inspection and is suppressing the crown.	No action required. n/a	FAIR	FAIR	MOD	MOD	20+	C 1	3.57
T 36	Mature Goat Willow <i>Salix caprea</i>	9	1	1.5 NE	3 x 25 avg.	4 5.5	4	5	Multi-stemmed at ground level with a slightly unbalanced crown. Low spreading crown. Occasional cavities and deadwood throughout. Large deadwood stub noted.	No action required. n/a	FAIR	FAIR	MOD	HIGH	20+	B 2	5.2
T 37	Mature London Plane <i>Platanus x hispanica</i>	12	5	5 n/a	71	7 6	7	6	Street tree. Single-stemmed and vertical with a balanced crown. No major visible defects. The crown overhangs the road and footpath.	No action required. n/a	GOOD	GOOD	HIGH	MOD	40+	1 A 2	8.52

Appendix 2: Explanation of Tree Descriptions

A2.1 Measurements/ Reference Information

- A2.1.1 *REF NUMBER*. All items surveyed are allocated a reference number preceded with a letter, identifying the type of vegetation surveyed: T = an individual tree, G = a group of trees or an area of vegetation, W = woodland, H = a hedgerow.
- A2.1.2 *SPECIES: COMMON AND BOTANICAL NAME*. The common and botanical names of the species present are noted. If the species is not clear or identifiable, then a general common name and genus will be noted.
- A2.1.3 *AGE CLASS* of the tree is described as young, semi-mature, early-mature, mature, over-mature, veteran or dead.
- A2.1.4 *HEIGHT* of the tree is measured in metres from the stem base to the top of the crown.
- A2.1.5 *CROWN HEIGHT* is an indication of the height above ground level at which the crown begins.
- A2.1.6 *STEM DIAMETER* is measured at 1.5 metres above (higher) ground level. Where the tree is multi-stemmed at this point; diameter measurements are taken for each stem. If more than five stems are present, an average stem diameter is taken. If for whatever reason it is not practical to measure multiple-stemmed trees in this way, the diameter is measured close to ground level, just above the root buttress.
- A2.1.7 *CROWN SPREAD* is measured from the centre of the stem base to the tips of the branches to all four cardinal points.
- A2.1.8 *HEIGHT AND DIRECTION OF LOWEST BRANCH*. The height and direction of the lowest significant branch is noted because of potential issues relating to clearances and the need for tree pruning.
- A2.1.9 *NHBC WATER DEMAND*. The water demand of each tree is listed in accordance with current NHBC Standards. This is included to aid structural engineers, architects and other members of the design team as it determines foundation depth and other considerations with regard to trees.

A2.2 Evaluations

- A2.2.1 *PHYSIOLOGICAL CONDITION* is classed as good, fair, poor, or dead. This is an indication of the health and vitality of the tree and takes into account vigour, presence of disease and dieback.
- A2.2.2 *STRUCTURAL CONDITION* is classed as good, fair or poor. This is an indication of the structural integrity of the tree and takes into account significant wounds, decay and quality of branch junctions.
- A2.2.3 *LIFE EXPECTANCY* is classed as; 0, less than 10 years, 10+ years, 20+ years, or 40 + years. This is an indication of the minimum number of years before removal of the tree is likely to be required.
- A2.2.4 *AMENITY VALUE*. A general indication is given in respect to the amenity/landscape value of the tree/group within the surrounding area.
- A2.2.5 *PRIORITIES*. A priority rating is given concerning the time periods in which the recommended works should be undertaken. LOW priority works should be undertaken within 12 months of the survey, MOD (moderate) priority works should be undertaken within 6 months and HIGH priority works should be completed as soon as practically possible. If no works are recommended, N/A (not applicable) will be used.

A2.3 Retention Categories

- A2.3.1 ***A (marked green on the Tree Constraints Plan) = Trees of high quality.***
- These trees are of high quality and value with a good life expectancy (usually with an estimated remaining life expectancy of 40 years).
- A2.3.2 ***B (marked in blue on the Tree Constraints Plan) = Trees of moderate quality.***
- These trees are of moderate quality and value with a reasonable life expectancy (usually with an estimated life expectancy of at least 20 years).
- A2.3.3 ***C (marked in grey on the Tree Constraints Plan) = Trees of low quality.***
- These trees are of low quality and value but which are in adequate condition to remain or are young trees with a stem diameter below 15cm (usually with an estimated life expectancy of at least 10 years).
- A2.3.4 Trees categorised as retention category 'A', 'B' or 'C' are then justified by being further divided into 3 subcategories:
- 1 = Mainly arboricultural qualities.
 - 2 = Mainly landscape qualities.
 - 3 = Mainly cultural values, including conservation value.

A2.3.5 U (marked in red on the Tree Constraints Plan) = Trees usually unsuitable for retention due to poor condition.

These trees are in such a condition that they cannot be realistically retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years. This may be due to any of the following:

- 1) Failure is likely due to serious, irredeemable, structural defects.
- 2) Removal of other category U trees will render them exposed and unstable.
- 3) They are in serious, overall decline or are dead.
- 4) They are of low quality and suppressing adjacent trees of better quality.
- 5) Diseases are present which may affect the health of adjacent trees.

These trees are to be removed or managed in a way which reduces their risk of failure, where they have high ecological value, such as in a woodland setting.

Appendix 3: General Guidelines

- A3.1 All tree work must be undertaken to BS 3998: 2010 '*Recommendations for tree work*' or other recognised industry practice.
- A3.2 Staff carrying out the work must be qualified, experienced and ideally be Arboricultural Association approved contractors. They should be covered by adequate public liability insurance.
- A3.3 This report is based upon a visual inspection. The consultant shall not be responsible for events which happen after this time due to factors which were not apparent at the time, and the acceptance of this report constitutes an agreement with the guidelines and the terms listed in this report.
- A3.4 Any defects seen by a contractor or the employer that were not apparent to the consultant must be brought to the consultant's attention immediately.
- A3.5 No liability can be accepted by JCA in respect of the trees unless the recommendations of this report are carried out under the supervision of JCA and within JCA's timescale.
- A3.6 It is advisable to have trees inspected by an arboricultural consultant regularly.

Appendix 4: Author Qualifications

Principal Consultant and Managing Director

Jonathan Cocking *F.R.E.S., Tech. Cert. (Arbor.A), PDipArb (RFS) FArborA CBiol MSB. MICFor.* Jonathan is a Registered Consultant and Fellow of the Arboricultural Association and sits on its Professional Committee. He has 31 years' experience in the Arboricultural profession and served for eight years as Senior Arboriculturist with a large local authority before establishing JCA in 1997. Jonathan has since developed JCA's portfolio of services and its extensive client base. He is a Chartered Biologist, a Chartered Arboriculturalist and an Expert Witness with much experience of litigation work.

Technical Director

Toby Thwaites *BSc (Hons), HND (Arboriculture), MArborA.* Toby joined JCA in 1998 after graduating in Ecology at the University of Huddersfield and has since graduated in Arboriculture at the University of Central Lancashire. A former JCA team leader and Consulting Arboriculturist, Toby is now Technical Director and oversees all office and on-site activities at JCA and is on hand to offer technical support and advice.

Operations Director

Charles Cocking *FdSc (Arboriculture), MArborA.* Charles joined JCA in January 2014 having previously worked for the company on a part time basis during 2013. Charles obtained his Foundation Degree in Arboriculture at Askham Bryan College, York, and is a Professional Member of the Arboricultural Association. Charles now oversees all internal operations for the company.

Consulting Staff: Arboriculture

Andrew Bussey. Andrew started working in consultancy at JCA in 2006 having spent 12 years working as an arborist for various private companies before joining a Local Authority forestry team. He has various NPTC qualifications, is QTRA qualified and is a LANTRA Accredited Professional Tree Inspector.

Emily Wilde *FdSc (Arboriculture).* Emily joined JCA having previously worked for various private tree surgery and consultancy companies over the past 8 years. She initially obtained a ND in Forestry & Arboriculture, followed by a FdSc in Arboriculture at Askham Bryan College, York. Emily has various NPTC certificates and is QTRA qualified.

Mick Eltringham *ND (Forestry).* Mick joined JCA after spending 12 years working in the industry for various private companies in the north and south of England. He has also spent the last five years working as a consultant for two canopy research projects in the Amazon Rainforest, working with Oxford University and the University of Arizona. He has various NPTC Qualifications.

Dan Kemp *FdSc (Arboriculture), BTEC National Diploma(Arboriculture), National Certificate In Horticulture, City & Guilds In Horticulture.* Dan joined JCA in February 2019 with nearly 30 years' experience in arboriculture with extensive Botanical and Mycological expertise. He worked as a London Tree Officer for 12 years and in several arboricultural and horticultural management posts, specialising particularly in tree risk assessments and tree related subsidence.

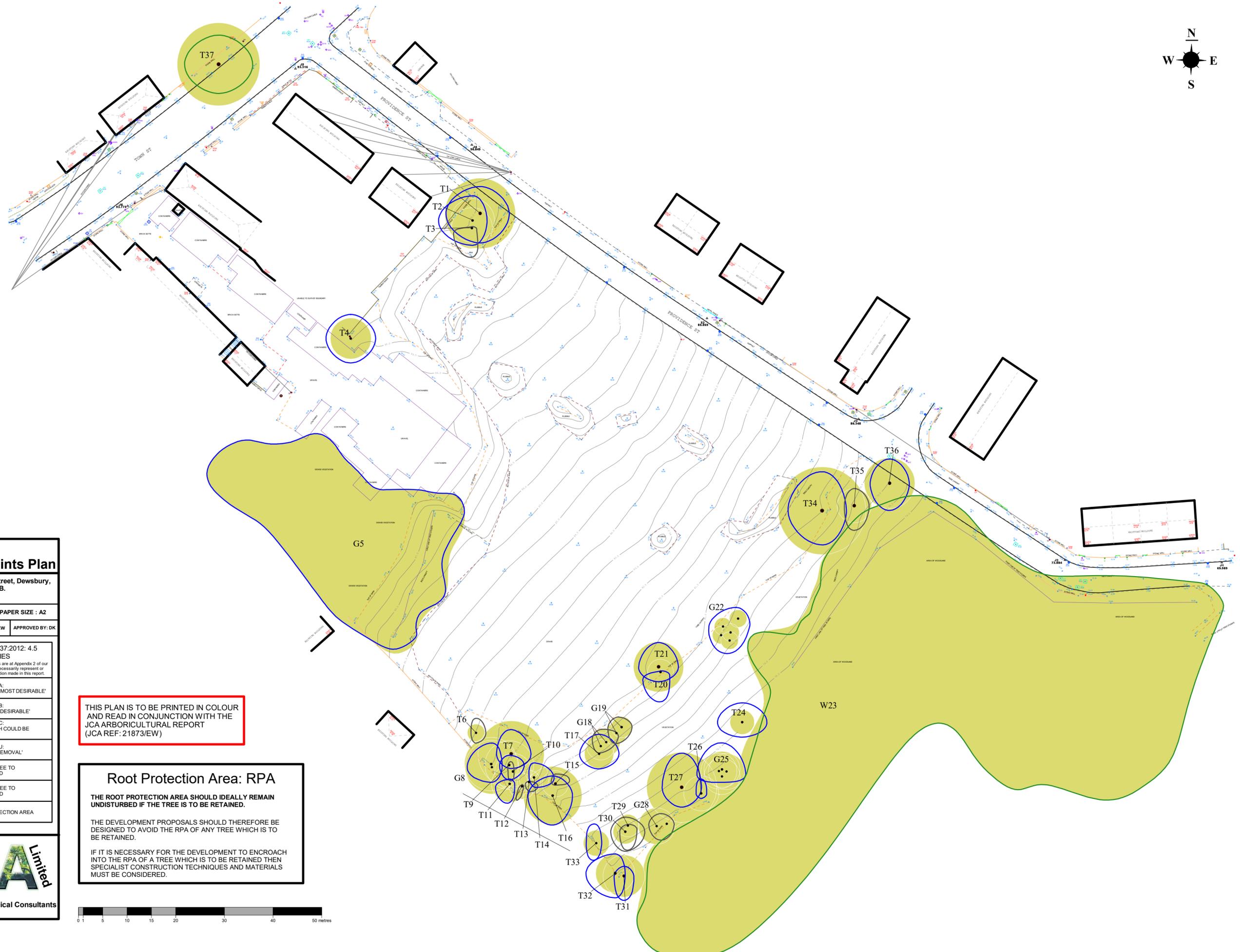
Luke Wickham *FdSc (Arboriculture and Urban Forestry), TechArborA.* Luke joined JCA in 2021 after obtaining his Foundation Degree in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry at Askham Bryan College. Having previously worked within the industry for the past 4 years, running his own small business and sub-contracting for local firms, Luke brings a sound knowledge and understanding of the practical and academic sides of the industry.

David de Peña *BSc (Hons) Ecology and Conservation.* After earning his degree from Manchester Metropolitan University, David worked as an ecologist at various consultancies, contributing to a wide range of projects, including major infrastructure projects across the UK. More recently, David transitioned to arboriculture and served as a surveyor for Manchester City of Trees, where he participated in a project to quantify the value of Greater Manchester's woodlands and trees.

Administrative Staff

Catherine Cocking Accounts Manager.
Kelly Saunders Accounts Assistant.

Lorraine Spink Administrative Assistant.
Adie Gray I.T. Officer.



Appendix 5: Tree Constraints Plan

ADDRESS: Providence Street, Dewsbury,
West Yorkshire, WF12 8JB.
JCA REF: 21873/EW

SCALE : 1:500 PAPER SIZE : A2
SURVEYED BY: EW DRAWN BY: EW APPROVED BY: DK

BRITISH STANDARD 5837:2012: 4.5
RETENTION CATEGORIES

Detailed definitions of these categories are at Appendix 2 of our report. N.B. These categories do not necessarily represent or correspond to recommendations for action made in this report.

	CATEGORY A: 'RETENTION MOST DESIRABLE'
	CATEGORY B: 'RETENTION DESIRABLE'
	CATEGORY C: 'TREE WHICH COULD BE RETAINED'
	CATEGORY U: 'TREE FOR REMOVAL'
	STEM OF TREE TO BE RETAINED
	STEM OF TREE TO BE REMOVED
	ROOT PROTECTION AREA

**THIS PLAN IS TO BE PRINTED IN COLOUR
AND READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
JCA ARBORICULTURAL REPORT
(JCA REF: 21873/EW)**

Root Protection Area: RPA

THE ROOT PROTECTION AREA SHOULD IDEALLY REMAIN UNDISTURBED IF THE TREE IS TO BE RETAINED.

THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS SHOULD THEREFORE BE DESIGNED TO AVOID THE RPA OF ANY TREE WHICH IS TO BE RETAINED.

IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT TO ENCROACH INTO THE RPA OF A TREE WHICH IS TO BE RETAINED THEN SPECIALIST CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES AND MATERIALS MUST BE CONSIDERED.



I hope that this report provides all the necessary information, but should any further advice be needed please do not hesitate to contact the author.

Signed

Redacted

.....
Emily Wilde *FdSc (Arboriculture)*.

19th June 2024

For and on behalf of *JCA Ltd*

Registered Office:

**Unit 80
Bowers Mill
Branch Road
Barkisland
Halifax
HX4 0AD**

**Tel. 01422 376335
Fax. 01422 376232
Email: info@jcaac.com**

www.jcaac.com

JCA Ltd. Arboricultural and Ecological Consultants

Professional Tree and Ecology Advice nationwide

ARBORICULTURAL SERVICES

Guidance for Architects and Developers

- British Standard 5837 Tree Surveys
- Arboricultural Implication Assessments (AIA)
- Arboricultural Method Statements (AMS)

Advice for Engineers, Loss Adjusters and Insurers

- Tree Surveys for Subsidence
- Heave Assessment
- Tree Root Identification

Advice for Local Authorities and Social Housing

- Tree Safety Surveys
- Specialist Decay Detection
- Landscape and Orchard Design

Tree Advice for the Legal Profession

- Subsidence Litigation
- Personal Injury and Accident Investigation
- Expert Witness, Planning Inquiries and Appeals

Veteran Tree Management

- Ancient Woodland Management
- Veteran Tree Management

Tree Health and Pest and Disease Management

- Pest and Disease Surveys
- Tree Health Checks
- Disease Mitigation and Control

ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

Ecological Pre-Planning Services

- Phase 1 Habitat Surveys
- Great Crested Newt eDNA Sampling
- Protected Species: Bat, Wintering and Nesting Bird, Badger, Amphibian, Otter, Water Vole, White-Clawed Crayfish, Dormice and Reptile Surveys.
- Preparation for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- Invasive Species Surveys
- Code for Sustainable Homes

Ecological Post-Planning Services

- Biodiversity Enhancement Plans
- Protected Species Mitigation
- Ecological Management (Bat and Bird box installation and inspection)

HEAD QUARTERS:

Unit 80 Bowers Mill,
Branch Road,
Barkisland,
Halifax, HX4 0AD.

Tel: 01422 376335
Email: info@jcaac.com
Website: www.jcaac.com

