



Tree Condition Survey & Management Work Recommendations

SITE: 54 Mount Road, Marsden, HD7 6HP

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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 North West Tree Consultancy Ltd are commissioned to undertake a visual tree assessment (VTA) of the health and condition of one subject tree and make recommendations where appropriate on present and future management requirements.

Purpose & Scope

- 1.1.2 The scope of this report is to assess the general health and condition of the subject tree located on land owned by the client and with an emphasis on the identification of any relevant safety concerns in respect to the management of the risk from falling trees and branches.
- 1.1.3 The survey follows current best practice on tree risk including guidance given by the National Tree Safety Group (NTSG) publication, *Common Sense Risk management of Trees second edition (2024)*.
- 1.1.4 All trees inspected have been indicated on the site plan (Appendix B) and all information recorded in the Tree Survey Schedule included in Appendix A. Survey methodology used was the Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) method. This method is recognized as the industry best practice for assessing tree condition. The inspection was of a preliminary nature and no assessments were made beyond what was visible from ground level.

2 Limitations

Limitations of Survey

- 2.1.1 Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the assessment has been carried out as accurately as possible, no responsibility can be taken for the resultant damage or injury caused by a falling tree or tree part. The survey covers what is visible, not obscured or inaccessible on the day of the survey.
- 2.1.2 The survey does not account for any underground geological activity that may affect the structural condition of the trees.
- 2.1.3 The inspection was carried out from ground level and aerially using a mobile work platform and relates to arboricultural aspects only.
- 2.1.4 All observations and recommendations relate to the condition of the tree on the day of survey.
- 2.1.5 Any significant changes in soil, soil levels or changes in the surroundings along with unusual weather conditions may result in a substantial change in the trees health and condition.
- 2.1.6 Trees are living organisms whose health and condition can alter rapidly. The assessment of tree condition, and any recommendations made are limited to an 18-month period from the date of this report.
- 2.1.7 Any alterations to the site could potentially change the current circumstances and therefore invalidate this report along with any recommendations.
- 2.1.8 I did not carry out an examination of the soil or remove any samples for analysis as this exceeds the scope of this report. Should further detailed analysis be recommended then this will be highlighted within the recommendations.

Plans & Tree Positions

2.1.9 Mapping of the site has been carried out using Google Satellite imagery and the subject tree plotted manually using a hand-held laser measurer.

2.1.10 Site plans detailing the location of the subject tree can be found in Appendix B.

3 Statutory Protection and Guidance

Tree Preservation Orders & Conservation Area Designations

Works to trees which are covered by Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) or those that are within a Conservation Area (CA) require permission or consent from your Local Planning Authority (LPA).

Section 211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relates to the preservation of trees within a Conservation Area. Under section 211 anyone proposing to carry out works to any tree within a Conservation Area is required to give the Local Planning Authority (LPA) 6 weeks prior notice (A Section 211 notice).

Confirmation has been gained from the LA and the subject tree is subject to a Tree Preservation order. The appropriate application procedure is therefore required if tree surgery or any works are required in respect of protected trees.

Protected Species - Birds

It is a criminal offence under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 to intentionally kill, injure or take any wild bird, or take or destroy their eggs or nest, or damage a nest while that nest is in use or being built. It is advised not to carry out any tree works during bird nesting season which in the UK falls between mid - March to the end of July.

Protected Species – Bats

Mature trees often contain cavities, crevices and hollows, which are a potential habitat for roosting bats. Bats are afforded protection under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), as well as under Schedule 2 of the Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations 2010, and as such causing damage to a bat roost constitutes an offence.

4 Site Visit

Site Visit

- 4.1.1 A site visit was carried out in the month of June 2025. All observations made were from ground level and aurally only without detailed investigations. Dimensions were measured unless otherwise indicated as approximate.
- 4.1.2 Weather conditions at the time of survey was overcast with good visibility and no wind.

Site Description & Recent History

- 4.1.3 The site is located to the north of Mount Road and consists of a detached property with surrounding gardens.
- 4.1.4 The land is bordered by a pavement and a busy main road to the south and a public footpath to the east of the site.

The Subject Tree

- 4.1.5 The subject tree T1 *Aesculus hippocastanum* is a mature tree which is located to the south east of the property on the garden boundary.
- 4.1.6 The tree is situated on a slightly raised garden bed and overhangs the main Mount Road highway.
- 4.1.7 Large seams of decay are present on both main stem, primary ascending limbs and lateral limbs.
- 4.1.8 The tree has visible signs of *Pseudomonas syringae* located at lesions to the lower stem.
- 4.1.9 The tree has brackets of *Ceriporus squamosus* located to the upper stem along a large seam of decay on the main stem.
- 4.1.10 Overall vitality of the tree is considered fair with normal vitality present for the species and time of year.
- 4.1.11 Some dead wood is visible throughout the entirety of the crown with an estimated maximum diameter of <50mm.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1.1 Recommended tree works are set out under Recommendations within the tree survey schedule in Appendix A and should be carried out within the recommended timescales.
- 5.1.2 Please note that all tree works must be carried out to British Standard 3998: 2010 Tree Works Recommendations.

New Tree Planting

- 5.1.3 It is foreseeable that new tree planting will be required to mitigate the loss of the tree associated to the site and should be carried out as per LA Conditions state.
- 5.1.4 Trees form the dominant elements of the landscape structure and an enhancement to the biodiversity of the site in the long term. Careful consideration should be given to their characteristics such as ultimate height, crown spread, form, habit and colour, density of foliage and maintenance implications.
- 5.1.5 All new tree planting should be carried out in accordance with British Standard 8545:2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations.

6 Qualifications

- ABC Level 4 Diploma in Arboriculture
- ABC Level 4 Certificate in Arboriculture
- Professional Tree Inspection (Lantra Awards)

Membership

- Technician member of the Arboricultural Association (TechArborA)
- Associate member of the Institute of Chartered Foresters

7 Bibliography

- British Standards 3998 (2010) *Tree work – Recommendations UK; British Standards Institution*
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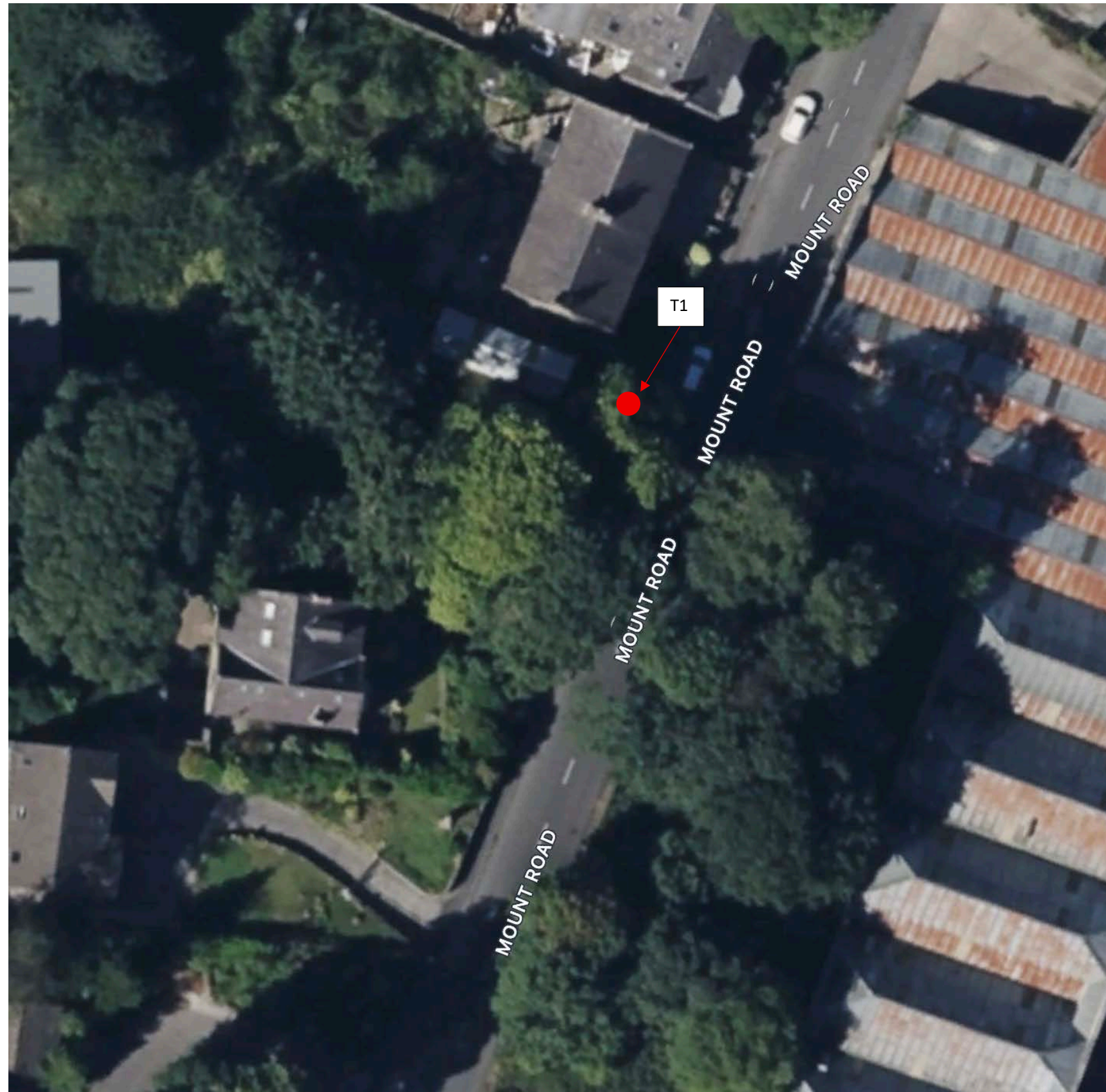
Tree Survey Report

Client: Dave Taylor
54 Mount Road
Site: Marsden

Overall Condition	No. trees
Fair	0
Good	0
Poor	1
Total	1



Ref.	Species	Description	Measurements	Survey Notes	Overall Condition	Inspect Period	Recommendations
T1	Horse chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)	Owned by the client. Target # - dwelling. Target # - Pedestrians. Target # - Traffic.	Height (m): 15 DBH (mm): 820 Life Stage: Mature Life Exp.: < 10 Years	A mature specimen of poor structural condition. Large seams of decay present on main stem and primary ascending stems and lateral limbs. Exudates visible at lower trunk consistent with Pseudomonas syringae. FFB to upper trunk identified as Cerioporus squamosus, approximately 5m from ground level on north stem quadrant. Overall vitality is fair for species. Dead wood present throughout crown with max diameter estimated at <50mm diameter.	Poor	18 Months	Fell Tree and replace. Timescale: 12 months



Photograph 1: Spots of *Pseudomonas syringae* on lower stem.



Photograph 2: *Pseudomonas syringae* on lower stem.



Photograph 3: Seam of decay on main stem with bracket of *Ceriporus squamosus* to upper stem.



Photograph 4: Seam of decay on main stem with bracket of *Ceriporus squamosus* to upper stem



Photograph 5: Large seam of decay on lateral limb overhanging public footpath and pavement.



Ref: Unique identification number given to each tree, group or hedge.

Species: Species of tree or group of trees.

Common Name: Common name of tree species.

Botanical Name: Botanical name of tree species.

Structure: Whether the trees are single specimens (Trees) or groups of trees (Group) or hedges (Hedge).

Number of Stems: Total number of stems present.

Height: Height of tree measured in metres.

DBH: Diameter of stem measured at 1.5 metres above ground level and measured in centimeters.

Life Stage: Estimated in accordance with the known lifespan of the particular tree species.

Young: Young trees

Semi mature: Trees less than half of life expectancy.

Mature: Mature trees up to 2/3 of life expectancy.

Over Mature: Declining or moribund trees of low vigour.

Veteran: Veteran trees.

Life expectancy: Estimated life expectancy of tree or group of trees.

Description: Description of ownership of trees & targets which could be affected by falling trees or tree parts.

Survey Notes: General observations of trees including visible defects.

Fungus: Any fungus visible on tree or surrounding rooting area.

Pests & Diseases: Relevant pests and or diseases present on trees.

Physiological Condition: Overall physiological condition of trees, Good, Fair, Poor.

Structural Condition: Overall structural condition of trees, Good, Fair, Poor.

Overall Condition: Overall condition of the tree scored Good, Fair, Poor.

Inspection period: Period of re-inspection.

Inspection Due: Date of next inspection.

Recommendations: Recommended works to trees and timescale.

SPECIES	QUANTITY	SIZE
Horse Chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>)	1no	8-10cm girth full standard





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