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(please quote)

Dear Mrs Freestone

Re: Tree Safety Survey

Further to your recent instructions I have pleasure in submitting the following report.

REPORT

1.0 BRIEF

Carry out general health and condition survey of all trees on the The Bartons, Much Marcle and tree at The Slip Tavern junction, and make recommendations for the immediate safety and long term management.

All trees on the site to be inspected, any found to require attention to be listed in report and categorized:

- 1 Urgent, as soon as practical
- 2 Safety within 6 months
- 3 Safety, general maintenance within 12 months
- 4 Long term management

2.0 REPORT LIMITATIONS

- 2.1 The inspection has been carried out from ground level using only visual observation methods as this is a preliminary report. Should a more detailed inspection be required then this will be highlighted in the recommendations. A climbing inspection was not undertaken, therefore possible defects to the upper sides of the branches were not detected from ground level.
- 2.2 Trees are living organisms whose health and condition can change rapidly; the health, condition and safety of trees should be checked on a regular basis, preferably at least once a year. The conclusions and recommendations in this report are only valid for a period of one year. The period of validity may be reduced in the case of a change of conditions to or in proximity to the tree.



- 2.3 I have not contacted the local planning authority to determine whether any Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) cover the trees, nor to determine if the site is in a Conservation Area. It would be advisable to check whether either of these planning controls are in operation; if they are, it would be necessary to obtain consent (or in the case of a Conservation Area give six weeks notice of intent) before undertaking any work. In the event of tree felling it may be necessary to obtain a licence before commencement of work.
- 2.4 This report does not deal with the effect trees and vegetation may have or have had on the structural integrity of property and the possibility of structural movement, subsidence and heave.
- 2.5 No investigation was made into the presence of any protected species in the trees surveyed. Before any works commence, this must be undertaken.

3.0 THE TREES

THE BARTONS

Tree No 1 Oak, situated on roadside boundary, at east end
Condition: Ivy covered main stem. Ivy can hide defects. No obvious defects identified.
Recommendation: Sever Ivy to aid future inspections.
Category: 2

Tree No 2 Willow
Condition: Collapsed and now resting on boundary fence. Children could potentially use tree to climb over fence towards adjacent pond.
Recommendation: Remove collapsed Willow, retaining short trunk clear of fence as habitat feature.
Category: 2

MEMORIAL TREE ADJACENT TO SLIP TAVERN JUNCTION

Tree No 3 Oak
Condition: Minor dead wood. No significant defects identified.
Recommendation: No safety works required.



4.0 GENERAL COMMENTS

There are some dead branches within the crowns of the Oak trees at The Bartons. They generally are in low risk areas and therefore I would recommend that they are retained as habitat.

The majority of trees around the boundary have low branches which are restricting access for mowing equipment. It would be advisable to lightly lift the canopies of these trees to aid mowing.

The Ash tree at the east end, although showing some minor indicators of *Chalara* dieback of Ash, no immediate safety works were identified.

Yours sincerely

ADRIAN HOPE