

Report on Tree Issues

Maybush Copse, Lynhurst Road, Landford

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **Instruction:** I am instructed by Landford Parish Council to inspect the significant trees at Maybush Copse, Lyndhurst Road, Landford, and to provide an arboricultural report on their condition with appropriate management recommendations.
- 1.2 **Qualifications and experience:** This report is based on my site observations and the provided information, interpreted in the context of my experience. I have experience and qualifications in arboriculture, and list a summary in Appendix 1.
- 1.3 **Ecological constraints:** The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, provides statutory protection to birds, bats and other species that inhabit trees. These could impose significant constraints on the use and timing of access to the site in addition to any of the tree matters considered in this report. These issues are beyond my area of expertise and you must seek advice from an ecologist to check if any such constraints apply to this site.
- 1.4 **Tree preservation order (TPO) or conservation area protection:** I have not confirmed whether the trees on this site are covered by a tree preservation order or located in a conservation area. You must check this if you intend carrying out any works before a formal planning consent is issued. If there is any statutory protection, it will be necessary to consult with the council before any works other than certain exemptions can be carried out.

2 SITE VISIT, OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Site visit:** I visited the site on 23 March 2010. All my observations were from ground level without detailed investigations and I estimated all dimensions unless otherwise indicated. I did not have access to trees on other private properties and have confined observations of them to what was visible from within the property. The weather at the time of inspection was dull and drizzling, with average visibility.
- 2.2 **Brief site description:** Maybush Copse is located within the village of Landford within the New Forest National Park. It is located on the eastern side of Lyndhurst Road and is bordered on its eastern boundary by Landford recreation ground. Its northern and southern boundaries lie adjacent to private residential properties. The site consists of a small area of predominately deciduous woodland through which run several

undefined and informal pathways. The surrounding topography is relatively flat and the site is not considered to be particularly exposed.

2.3 **Location and general observations of relevant trees:** I have illustrated the approximate locations of trees which were considered to require works beyond what would be considered normal management on plan BT1, which is included as Appendix 2. A uniquely numbered oval metal tag was affixed to each of these trees in order to aid their future identification and location. Plan BT1 is for illustrative purposes only and no measurements should be taken from it. I visually inspected these trees and recorded my brief observations along with work recommendations in the schedule included as Appendix 3.

2.4 **Work recommendations**

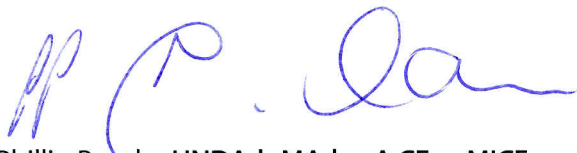
2.4.1 **Summary:** The specific works are set out in the last column of the tree schedule included as Appendix 3. The common requirement for all trees is to establish acceptable levels of risk and to enhance their contribution to local amenity. This is primarily through crown cleaning and lifting to 4m above the site but, in some instances, I propose further works above these basic requirements to address particular safety problems. Work is only listed in the tree schedule if it is more than this basic standard.

2.4.2 **Reporting during work operations:** The inspection of all these trees has been from accessible access points at ground level and only defects visible from the ground will have been identified. Any defects discovered by the contractor during the process of carrying out the work recommendations that affect the structural integrity of the tree should be reported to the supervising officer. Modification to the schedule of works may be required as a result of these reports. The contractor should be specifically instructed on this point.

2.4.3 **Implementation of works:** I advise that the work is carried out by a contractor from the local authority list and preferably one approved by the Arboricultural Association. All tree works should be carried out to BS 3998 *Recommendations for Tree Work* as modified by more recent research. It is advisable to select a contractor from the local authority list and preferably one approved by the Arboricultural Association. Their Register of Contractors is available free from Ullenwood Court, Ullenwood, Cheltenham, Glos GL53 9QS; phone 01242 522152; website www.trees.org.uk.

3 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 **Trees subject to statutory controls:** If these trees are covered by a tree preservation order or located in a conservation area, it will be necessary to consult the local authority before any pruning works other than certain exemptions can be carried out. The works specified above are necessary for reasonable management and should be acceptable to the local authority. However, they may take an alternative point of view and have the option to refuse consent.

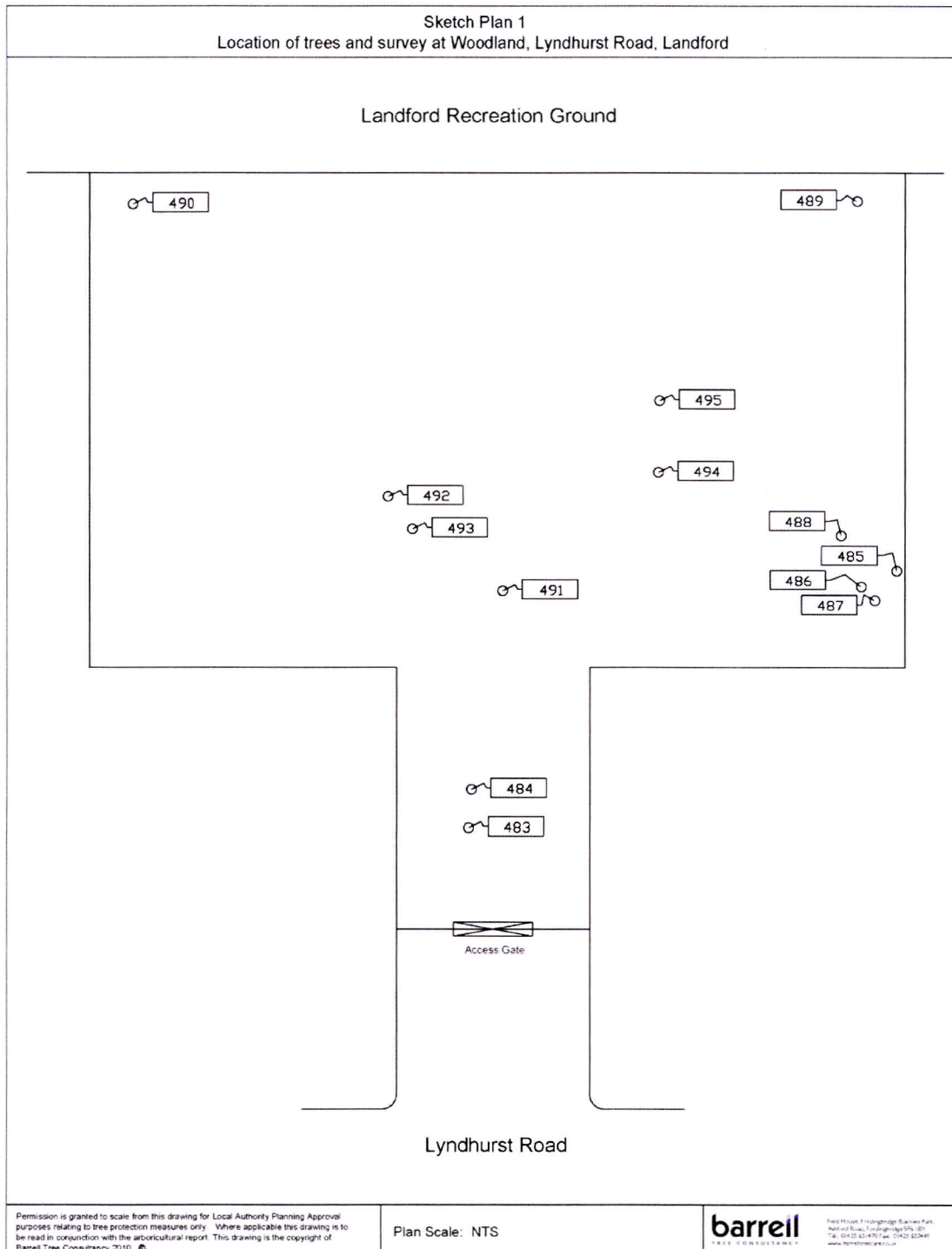


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Appendix 1: Brief qualifications and experience of Phil Brophy

- 1 **Qualifications:** I am a Chartered Forester and a Chartered Environmentalist and hold the Higher National Diploma in Arboriculture obtained from the University of Central Lancashire, hosted by Myerscough Agricultural College.
- 2 **Career experience:** I have been working in arboriculture since 1993. My first post was as an arborist with the FA Bartlett Tree Expert Co in the USA, undertaken as work experience in a placement year whilst studying. On completion of my qualification, I joined Southern Tree Surgeons, a national arboricultural contracting company. My first experience of public sector arboriculture was at Leicester City Council in 1997 as tree inspector for the Highway Authority. In this post, I played a key role in the establishment of a citywide policy for sustainable tree management. In 1999, I moved to Stratford-upon-Avon District Council as assistant arboricultural officer working within a specialist heritage and design team. In that post, I gained valuable experience in the administration of tree related statutory controls against the backdrop of a rural landscape with a myriad of social economic pressures. In 2001, I took the post of senior arboriculturist for Cherwell District Council where I was responsible for the management of the council tree stock as well as ensuring the provision of a high standard of technical advice to other departments and the general public. In August 2003, I relocated to New Forest District Council as an Arboricultural Officer where my duties were primarily focused upon urban design and commercial development within what is a unique area of the British Isles, a large area of which is now a designated National Park. In 2006, I joined Barrell Treecare as a practice consultant bringing my public sector planning expertise to the private sector.
- 3 **Continuing professional development:** I ensure that I keep professionally current through subscription to the Arboricultural Advisory and Information Service and by regular attendance at seminars and conferences.

Appendix 2: Plan BT1 illustrating tree protection and management proposals



Appendix 3: Schedule of work recommendations

Tree No	Species	Comments	Work Recommendations
483	Willow	Leaning	Fell
484	Willow		Fell
485	Birch	Leaning towards adjacent property	Fell
486	Willow		Fell
487	Willow		Fell
488	Willow		Removal of decayed stem
489	Oak	Deadwood noted throughout canopy	Removal of all deadwood where diameter exceeds 50mm
490	Sycamore	Remains of tree house noted within canopy	Remove remains of tree house. Crown raise to 3m above ground level. Sever ivy.
491	Willow		Removal of stem
492	Willow	Structural failure	Fell
493	Willow		
494	Oak	Deadwood noted throughout canopy	Removal of all deadwood where diameter exceeds 50mm
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Explanatory Notes

- **Botanical tree names:**

Oak : *Quercus robur*
 Sycamore : *Acer pseudoplatanus*
 Willow sp : *Salix* sp

- **Site limitations:** Where there is restricted access to the base of a tree, its attributes are assessed from the nearest point of access. Climbing inspections are not carried out during a walkover tree survey and, if heavy ivy is present, tree condition is assessed from what can be seen from the ground. A separate note is recorded if further investigation may be required to clarify its status.
- **Species:** Species identification is based on visual observations. Where there is some doubt over tree identity, sp is noted after the genus name to indicate that the species cannot be reliably identified at the time of the survey. Where there is more than one species in a group, only the most frequent are noted and not all the species present may be listed.
- **Notes:** Only relevant features relating to physiological or structural condition and low branches that may help clarify the categorisation are recorded. If there are no notes, then the presumption should be that no relevant features were observed.
- **Management recommendations:** The inspection of all trees was of a preliminary nature and only defects visible from the ground have been identified. Each individual tree may not have been inspected closely because of access difficulties and only defects visible from the inspection point have been identified. The following points should be noted before carrying out any works:
 1. **Reporting during work operations:** In the context of the preliminary nature of the tree inspection, any defects that may affect tree safety discovered by the contractor when carrying out the work recommendations should be reported to the supervising officer.

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3. **Statutory wildlife obligations:** The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 provides statutory protection to birds, bats and other species that inhabit trees. All tree work operations are covered by these provisions and advice from an ecologist must be obtained before undertaking any works that might constitute an offence.