



Invicta Arboriculture
Tree and Woodland Consultancy

Arboricultural Condition Report

Hawkshill Freedown
Liverpool Road
Walmer
Kent
CT14 7PT

14th June 2024



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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **Instruction:** I am instructed by Walmer Town Council to undertake a comprehensive hazard assessment tree survey at Hawkshill Freedown, Liverpool Road, Walmer, CT14 7PT and to provide an arboricultural report on any trees which are considered to pose an unacceptable risk to the health and safety of users of the site and adjacent highway.
- 1.2 **Qualifications and experience:** I have based this report on my site observations, and I have come to conclusions in the light of my experience as an arboriculturist.
- 1.3 **Documents and information provided:** I was provided with a map of the site.
- 1.4 **Relevant background information:** This report was commissioned by Walmer Town Council in order to fulfil its duty of care in relation to its tree stock at Hawkshill Freedown
- 1.5 **Collection of data:** The survey was carried out using the following inspection aids:
 - Sounding mallet to detect cavities.
- 1.6 **Scope of this report and limitations:** This report is only concerned with the structural and physiological condition of the twelve trees and one tree group tree found that are considered to pose an unacceptable risk to the users of the site and adjacent highway and are shown on the site plan included at appendix A. This plan is for illustrative purposes only and should not be used for directly scaling measurements. All the relevant information on it is contained within this report. It takes no account of any other trees. It includes a detailed assessment based on the site visit.

This report is only concerned with the twelve trees and one tree group found that have clear, observable and detectable defects. All trees present within the site boundaries have been assessed from accessible points at ground level. Trees that are not listed within the schedule were considered to display good overall form and vitality with no significant visible structural or physiological defects; that is not to say that their condition may change over time (for example, internal decay that was undetectable, suspected or otherwise unforeseeable at the time of inspection could quite reasonably advance rapidly between inspections and lead to the structural failure of the affected part), however at the point of inspection they were deemed to pose an acceptable risk.

Trees and shrubs are living organisms whose health and stability can change rapidly especially following extreme weather events and therefore the recommendations given in this report are valid for a period of twelve months.

All tree works should be carried out to B.S. 3998:2010 *Recommendations for Tree Work* or 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 The Malthouse, Stroud Green, Standish, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3DL – 01242 522152 and can also be found on their website: <http://www.trees.org.uk/find-a-professional/Directory-of-Tree-Surgeons>.

Visual Tree Assessment.

Location: Hawkshill Freedown, Liverpool Road.

Name: Mr D.Sephton

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Tree No	Species	Condition	Recommendations	Work Priority	Cost
1	Ash	Tree is predominantly dead.	Fell to ground level.	2	
2	Ash	Tree is approximately 50% dead as a result of Ash dieback.	Fell to ground level.	2	
3	Ash	Fallen tree hung up within the canopy of an adjacent tree on the opposite site of the footpath.	Remove fallen tree.	2	
4	Sycamore	Dead roadside tree opposite 'Meadowside' sign.	Fell to ground level.	2	
5	Ash	Dead roadside tree opposite Meadowside car park and below T3.	Fell to ground level.	2	
6	Ash	Predominantly dead roadside tree immediately adjacent T5.	Fell to ground level.	2	
7	Ash	Fallen dead tree hung up within T6.	Fell to ground level.	2	
8	Ash	Predominantly dead tree located directly behind the car park. Access to the tree is restricted and the tree is not therefore marked.	Fell to ground level.	2	
9	Ash	Ivy clad, dead roadside tree. Access to the tree is restricted - number marked on road surface.	Fell to ground level.	2	
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11	Ash	Ivy clad, dead roadside tree. Access to the tree is restricted - number marked on road surface.	Fell to ground level.	2	
12	Ash	Ivy clad, dead roadside tree. Access to the tree is restricted - number marked on road surface.	Fell to ground level.	2	

Work Priority: 1= Urgent (within 24 hours). 2= High Priority (within three months). 3= Medium Priority (within six months).

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G13	Beech	Group of dead/predominantly dead roadside Beech trees approximately ten metres from Liverpool Road/ Glen Road road sign towards Kingsdown.	Fell all to ground level.	2	

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Appendix A – Site Plans:





Report on trees at Hawkshill Freedown, Liverpool Road, Walmer, Kent CT14 7SB.
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