



Invicta Arboriculture

Tree and Woodland Consultancy

Arboricultural Condition Report

Moncrieff Gardens and Imperial Gardens
Hythe
Kent
CT21 6FJ

30th June 2017



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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **Instruction:** I am instructed by Mr Peter Coles of Gardens by Coles Ltd to undertake a comprehensive health and safety tree inspection and inventory at Moncrieff Gardens and Imperial Gardens, Hythe, Kent, CT21 6FJ and to provide an arboricultural report on the structural and physiological condition of all trees present.
- 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 not provided with any documents.
- 1.4 **Relevant background information:** This report was commissioned by Gardens by Coles in order to fulfil its clients duty of care in relation to the tree stock at Moncrieff Gardens and Imperial Gardens.
- 1.5 **Collection of data:** The survey was carried out using the following inspection aids:
- Digital clinometer- To calculate the height of the trees.
 - Compass- To determine the four cardinal points.
 - Binoculars- To assess the condition of the upper crown.
 - Hand held GPS device to determine the exact location of the trees.
 - 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 thirty three trees present across the two sites and are shown on the site plan included at appendix A. The plan is for illustrative purposes only and should not be used for directly scaling measurements. All the relevant information on them is contained within this report. It takes no account of any other trees. It includes a detailed assessment based on the site visit.

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 work 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>.

- 1.7 **Trees subject to statutory controls:** If these trees are covered by a tree preservation order or located within a conservation area, it will be necessary to consult the relevant local authority (Shepway District Council) before any pruning or felling works other than certain exemptions can be carried out. However, tree owners should appreciate that they may take an alternative point of view and have the option to refuse consent.
- 1.8 **Other Considerations:** 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 care must be taken before undertaking any works that might constitute an offence.

Visual Tree Assessment.

Location: Moncrieff Gardens, Hythe

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Tree No	Species	Height (Metres)	Age Class	Condition	Recommendations	Work Priority
1	Silver Birch	4	Young	Newly planted tree suffering from drought stress.	Irrigate frequently during prolonged dry spells.	2
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4	Cockspur Thorn	4	Young	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects. Brown Tail Moth 'tents' are evident within the canopy of the tree at three metres above ground level on the northern side.	Cut out and remove the branches with the Brown Tail Moth tents and burn.	2
5	Rowan	4	Young	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects.	None.	N/A
6	Cockspur Thorn	4	Young	The tree is in heavy decline with dieback throughout its canopy, possibly as a result of drought stress.	Prune out all dead branches. Immediately irrigate the tree thoroughly and continue to irrigate frequently during prolonged dry spells.	2
7	Holm Oak	9	Mature	A minor cavity measuring 125mm x 100mm and ingressing by 200mm is evident at the base of the tree on the north east side. No decay evident.	None.	2
8	Sycamore	11	Mature	The eastern most canopy is beginning to encroach close to the adjacent properties (11 and 13 Moncrieff Gardens). The canopy is not yet abrading the fabric of the property.	Prune back the eastern side of the canopy by a maximum of 1.5 metres to previous pruning points to increase clearance from the two properties.	4

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9	Pear	4	Young	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects.	None.	N/A
10	Silver birch (Multi-stem)	3	Young	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects.	None.	N/A
11	Holm Oak	11	Mature	A large cavity measuring 1.2m x 250mm and ingressing 150mm is evident on the south side of the main stem and extends up to 1.2 metres above ground level with minor decay evident. A further cavity measuring 300mm x600mm and ingressing by 125mm is evident at four metres above ground level on the north eastern side of the east facing limb with minor decay evident. A dead branch is evident at four metres above ground level and extends upwards through the eastern side of the central canopy. A further dead branch is evident at six metres above ground level on the northern side of the canopy and extends out above the adjacent driveway of 21 Moncrieff Gardens.	Remove the two dead branches. Re-inspect within two years of the date of this report.	3
12	Grey Poplar	10	Mature	A snapped hanging branch is evident at six metres above ground level on the northern side. An over-extending limb arises at seven metres above ground level on the eastern side and encroaches over the driveway of 25 Moncrieff Gardens.	Remove the snapped hanging branch and reduce the length of the over-extended, east-facing limb by a maximum of two metres to reduce the risk of structural failure.	2

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13	Lime	9	Mature	The canopy of this tree hangs low over the access road and adjacent driveway (29 Moncrieff Gardens).	Crown lift to 5.5 metres the north eastern and western sides of the canopy.	3
14	Holm Oak	9	Mature	Large diameter (>50mm) dead wood is evident throughout the canopy.	Remove all large diameter deadwood over 50mm.	3
15	Sycamore	11	Mature	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects.	None.	N/A
16	Sycamore	9	Mature	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects.	None.	N/A
17	Lime	4	Young	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects. Located in rear garden of 28 Moncrieff Gardens.	None	N/A
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19	Corsican Pine	9	Semi mature	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects. Located in rear garden of 14 Moncrieff Gardens.	None.	N/A
20	Corsican Pine	9	Semi mature	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects. Located in rear garden of 12 Moncrieff Gardens.	None.	N/A

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21	Corsican Pine	10	Semi mature	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects. Located in rear garden of 10 Moncrieff Gardens.	None.	N/A
22	Corsican Pine	10	Semi mature	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects. Located in rear garden of 8 Moncrieff Gardens.	None.	N/A
23	Corsican Pine	10	Semi mature	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects. Located in rear garden of 6 Moncrieff Gardens.	None.	N/A
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25	White Poplar	6	Semi mature	Heavily pollarded tree with dieback evident within old pollard points. Located within the rear garden of 4 Moncrieff Gardens.	None.	N/A
26	Turkey Oak	7	Semi mature	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects. Located in rear garden of 2 Moncrieff Gardens.	None.	N/A
27	Ash	6	Mature	Two low hanging, east facing branches are encroach on to the adjacent garage structure at three metres above ground level.	Remove the two low hanging, east facing branches.	3
28	Corsican Pine	10	Semi mature	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects.	None.	N/A

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Tree No	Species	Height (Metres)	Age Class	Condition	Recommendations	Work Priority
29	Corsican Pine	8	Semi mature	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects.	None.	N/A

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Tree No	Species	Height (Metres)	Age Class	Condition	Recommendations	Work Priority
30	Holm Oak	13	Mature	This tree displays a very sparse canopy for the species with large diameter (>50mm) deadwood throughout. A north facing limb arising at a height of four metres above ground level has split at approximately 2.5 along its length.	Prune out all deadwood over 50mm in diameter. Remove the split limb.	3
31	Elm	12	Mature	The tree displays good vitality with no significant visible defects.	None.	N/A
32	Corsican Pine	13	Mature	The tree displays a sparse canopy for the species with dieback evident throughout its canopy.	Re-inspect within two years of the date of this report.	4
33	White Poplar	12	Mature.	Large diameter (>50mm) is evident throughout the canopy of this tree.	Prune out all deadwood over 50mm in diameter.	3

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