

TREE INSPECTION REPORT

Riverside Park Tree Survey

Riverside Park, Mill Lane, Exampleton EX1 2AB

Client	Exampleton Borough Council - Parks Department
Site	Riverside Park, Mill Lane, Exampleton EX1 2AB
Date of inspection	1 October 2026
Weather conditions	Dry and overcast, light westerly breeze
Inspector	Alex Morgan
Qualifications	Lantra Professional Tree Inspection; FdSc Arboriculture
Trees inspected	6
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Report summary

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Trees inspected

5Trees with recorded
defects**2**Trees in proximity to a
target**8**Approved recommended
actions

RECOMMENDED WORKS

Action	Trees	Tree references
Sectional dismantle / Fell to ground level	1	T1
Close the adjacent footpath section until works are complete	1	T1
Re-inspect in 12 months	1	T2
Crown reduction or lateral pruning	1	T3
Crown clean / removal of deadwood	2	T4, T6
Assess the extent of decay at the stem cavity	1	T4
No works required	1	T5

1 Introduction and scope

This report records the findings of a tree inspection carried out by Alex Morgan (Lantra Professional Tree Inspection; FdSc Arboriculture) at Riverside Park, Mill Lane, Exampleton EX1 2AB on 1 October 2026, on behalf of Exampleton Borough Council - Parks Department. Weather conditions at the time of the inspection were recorded as: Dry and overcast, light westerly breeze.

6 trees were inspected. For each tree the inspector recorded its reference, species, age class, dimensions (stem diameter at breast height in millimetres, height and crown spread in metres) and location, any defects from the defect library, whether the tree is in proximity to a target, and field notes. Photographs of the base, stem and canopy are included where they were taken.

Where the knowledge base maps a recorded condition to a tree work action (for example, deadwood to a crown clean), that action was offered to the inspector as a candidate recommendation. All descriptions, condition statements and recommended works in this report have been reviewed and approved by the inspector.

RECORDED DEFECTS BY TYPE

Defect	Trees
Included bark	1
Co-dominant stems	1
Fungal fruiting bodies (brackets)	1
Cavities	2
Basal decay	1
Desiccation	1
Crown dieback	1
Deadwood	3

TREES BY AGE CLASS

Age class	Trees
Young	1
Semi-mature	1
Mature	2
Over-mature	1
Veteran	1

Inspector's site notes

Inspection limited to trees within 10 m of the riverside footpath and the eastern car park, as instructed by the client.

2 Site plan

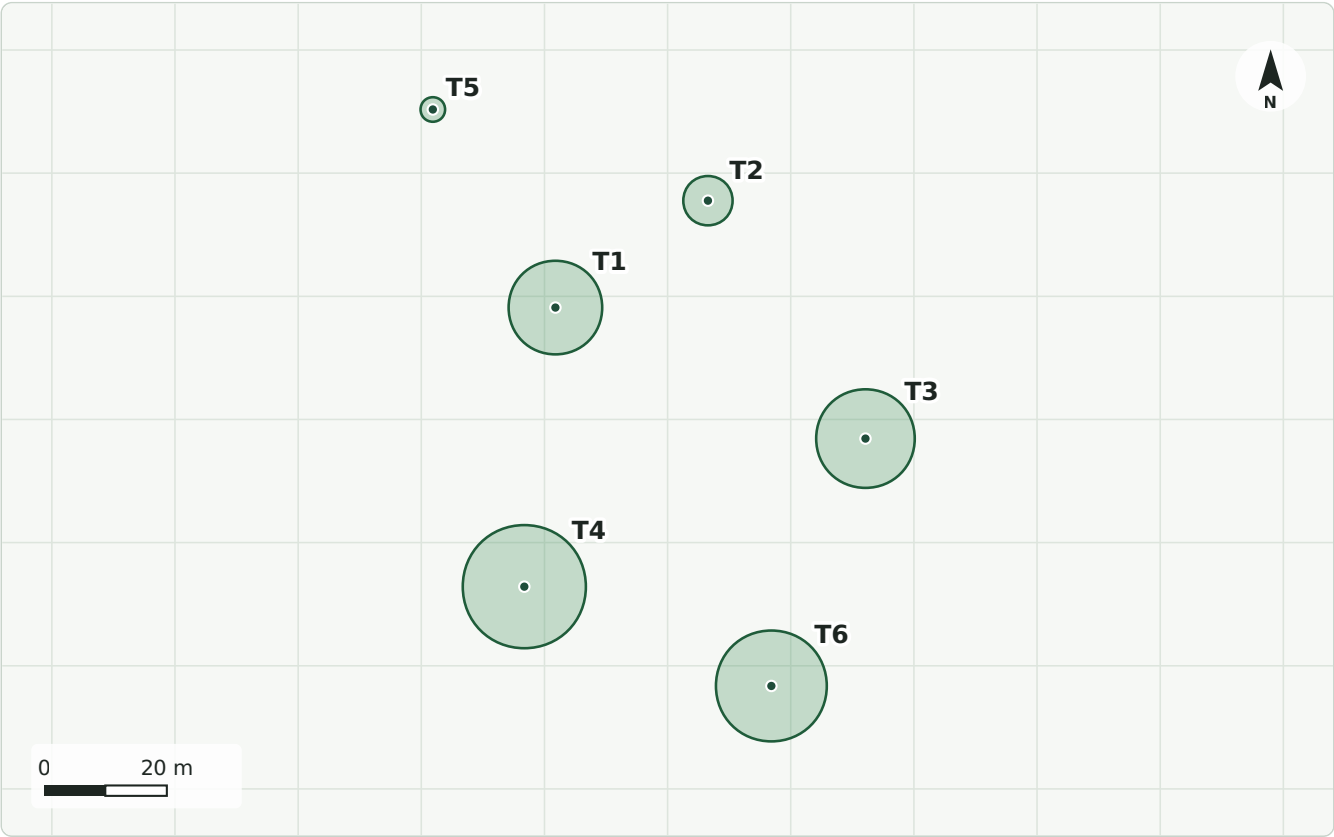


Figure 1. Positions of the surveyed trees (grid and scale bar in metres). Circles show recorded crown spread to scale. Scale bar: 20 m. Positions are indicative and accurate only to the precision recorded for each tree.

PLAN KEY

Tree	Species	Crown spread	Position (latitude, longitude)	Recorded by
T1	English oak	15.2 m	52.205312, 0.121804	±4 m, GPS
T2	Ash	8 m	52.205468, 0.122167	±5 m, GPS
T3	London plane	16 m	52.205121, 0.122542	±6 m, GPS
T4	Beech	20 m	52.204905, 0.121730	±7 m, GPS
T5	Silver birch	4 m	52.205601, 0.121512	±5 m, GPS
T6	Horse chestnut	18 m	52.204760, 0.122318	±8 m, GPS

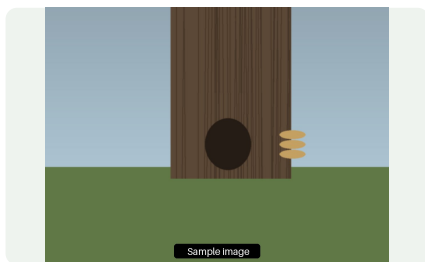
3 Tree schedule

Tree	Species	Age class	DBH (mm)	Height (m)	Crown spread (m)	Recorded defects	Recommended works	Timescale
T1	English oak <i>Quercus robur</i>	Mature	820	18.5	15.2	Fungal fruiting bodies (brackets); Cavities (severe); Basal decay (severe); Deadwood (moderate)	Sectional dismantle / Fell to ground level; Close the adjacent footpath section until works are complete	Within 1 month; Immediately
T2	Ash <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Semi-mature	310	12	8	Crown dieback (moderate)	Re-inspect in 12 months	12 months
T3	London plane <i>Platanus x hispanica</i>	Mature	690	22	16	Included bark (minor); Co-dominant stems	Crown reduction or lateral pruning	Within 6 months
T4	Beech <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Over-mature	1050	24	20	Cavities (moderate); Deadwood (minor)	Crown clean / removal of deadwood; Assess the extent of decay at the stem cavity	Within 3 months
T5	Silver birch <i>Betula pendula</i>	Young	140	7	4	None recorded	No works required	—
T6	Horse chestnut <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Veteran	1320	16	18	Desiccation (minor); Deadwood (severe)	Crown clean / removal of deadwood	Within 3 months

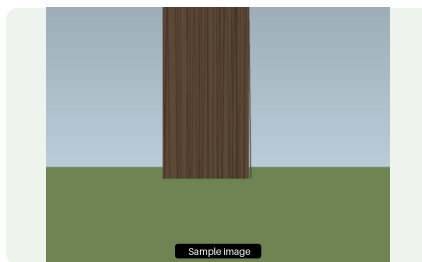
4 Tree records

T1 English oak (*Quercus robur*)

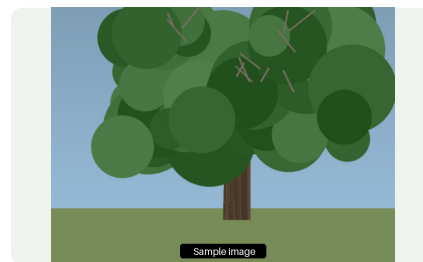
Age class	Mature	DBH	820 mm
Height	18.5 m	Crown spread	15.2 m
Location	52.205312, 0.121804 ±4 m, GPS	Proximity to target	Overhangs the riverside public footpath



Base — Basal cavity and brackets, NE side (1 October 2026)



Stem (1 October 2026)



Canopy — Deadwood over the footpath (1 October 2026)

DESCRIPTION

T1 is a mature English oak (*Quercus robur*) with a stem diameter (DBH) of 820 mm, a height of approximately 18.5 m and a crown spread of 15.2 m. The crown overhangs the riverside public footpath.

CONDITION

A large cavity was recorded in the basal region of the main stem on the north-east side, with severe basal decay associated with it. Fungal fruiting bodies (brackets) were present on the north-east buttress root. Moderate deadwood was recorded in the crown above the footpath.

RECORDED DEFECTS

Defect	Severity	Notes
Fungal fruiting bodies (brackets)	Not graded	Bracket fungus on NE buttress root
Cavities	Severe	Large cavity at base, NE side
Basal decay	Severe	Associated with the basal cavity
Deadwood	Moderate	Over the footpath

RECOMMENDED WORKS

Action	Timescale	Basis
Sectional dismantle / Fell to ground level	Within 1 month	Knowledge-base rule: Severe decay

Action	Timescale	Basis
Close the adjacent footpath section until works are complete	Immediately	Inspector

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T2

Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*)

Age class	Semi-mature	DBH	310 mm
Height	12 m	Crown spread	8 m
Location	52.205468, 0.122167 ±5 m, GPS	Proximity to target	Not recorded

DESCRIPTION

T2 is a semi-mature ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) with a DBH of 310 mm, a height of 12 m and a crown spread of 8 m.

CONDITION

Moderate crown dieback was recorded in the upper crown, estimated by the inspector at 25-30% of the canopy.

RECORDED DEFECTS

Defect	Severity	Notes
Crown dieback	Moderate	Upper crown

RECOMMENDED WORKS

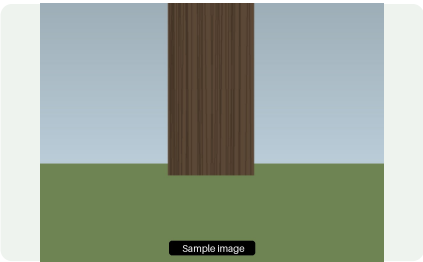
Action	Timescale	Basis
Re-inspect in 12 months	12 months	Inspector

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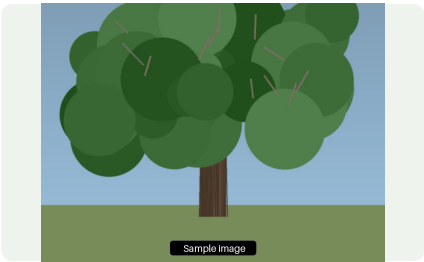
T3

London plane (*Platanus x hispanica*)

Age class	Mature	DBH	690 mm
Height	22 m	Crown spread	16 m
Location	52.205121, 0.122542 ±6 m, GPS	Proximity to target	Lateral limbs extend over parking bays 12-18 of the eastern car park



Stem — Co-dominant union at 3 m (1 October 2026)



Canopy (1 October 2026)

DESCRIPTION

T3 is a mature London plane (*Platanus x hispanica*) with a DBH of 690 mm, a height of 22 m and a crown spread of 16 m. Lateral limbs extend over parking bays 12-18 of the eastern car park.

CONDITION

Co-dominant stems were recorded with a union at approximately 3 m, where minor included bark was noted.

RECORDED DEFECTS

Defect	Severity	Notes
Included bark	Minor	Co-dominant union at 3 m
Co-dominant stems	Not graded	Union at 3 m

RECOMMENDED WORKS

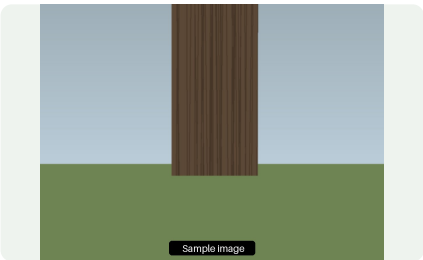
Action	Timescale	Basis
Crown reduction or lateral pruning	Within 6 months	Knowledge-base rule: Proximity to target

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T4

Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)

Age class	Over-mature	DBH	1050 mm
Height	24 m	Crown spread	20 m
Location	52.204905, 0.121730 ±7 m, GPS	Proximity to target	Not recorded



Stem — Cavity, south side (1 October 2026)

DESCRIPTION

T4 is an over-mature beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) with a DBH of 1050 mm, a height of 24 m and a crown spread of 20 m.

CONDITION

A moderate cavity was recorded on the south side of the stem at approximately 1.5 m. Minor deadwood was scattered through the crown.

RECORDED DEFECTS

Defect	Severity	Notes
Cavities	Moderate	South side of stem at 1.5 m
Deadwood	Minor	

RECOMMENDED WORKS

Action	Timescale	Basis
Crown clean / removal of deadwood	Within 3 months	Knowledge-base rule: Deadwood
Assess the extent of decay at the stem cavity	Within 3 months	Inspector

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T5 Silver birch (*Betula pendula*)

Age class	Young	DBH	140 mm
Height	7 m	Crown spread	4 m
Location	52.205601, 0.121512 ±5 m, GPS	Proximity to target	Not recorded

DESCRIPTION

T5 is a young silver birch (*Betula pendula*) with a DBH of 140 mm, a height of 7 m and a crown spread of 4 m.

CONDITION

No defects from the defect library were recorded at the inspection.

RECORDED DEFECTS

No defects from the defect library were recorded.

RECOMMENDED WORKS

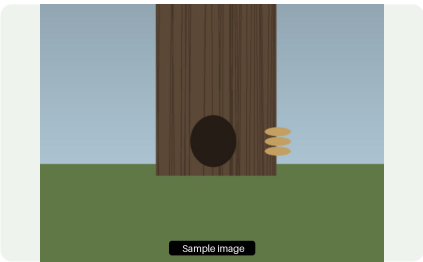
Action	Timescale	Basis
No works required	—	Inspector

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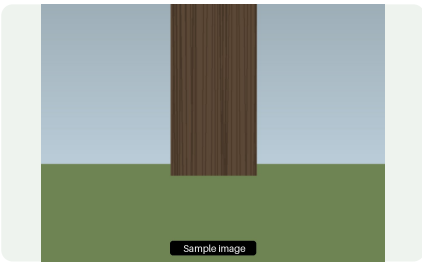
T6

Horse chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*)

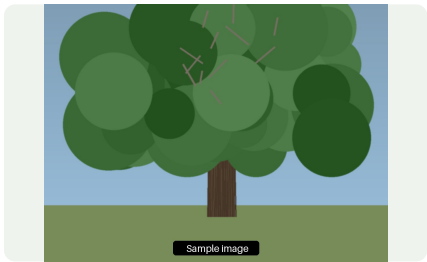
Age class	Veteran	DBH	1320 mm
Height	16 m	Crown spread	18 m
Location	52.204760, 0.122318 ±8 m, GPS	Proximity to target	Not recorded



Base (1 October 2026)



Stem (1 October 2026)



Canopy — Deadwood (1 October 2026)

DESCRIPTION

T6 is a veteran horse chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) with a DBH of 1320 mm, a height of 16 m and a crown spread of 18 m.

CONDITION

Severe deadwood was recorded throughout the crown. Minor desiccation of the foliage was noted, with early browning of the leaves.

RECORDED DEFECTS

Defect	Severity	Notes
Desiccation	Minor	Early browning of foliage
Deadwood	Severe	Throughout the crown

RECOMMENDED WORKS

Action	Timescale	Basis
Crown clean / removal of deadwood	Within 3 months	Knowledge-base rule: Deadwood

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5 Limitations

1. This report records the condition of the trees listed in the tree schedule as found on the date of inspection. Trees are living organisms whose condition changes over time and with season, weather and site conditions; the findings are not a guarantee of future condition.
2. Only the trees listed in the tree schedule were inspected. Defects that were not apparent or not accessible at the time of the inspection may not have been recorded.
3. Recommended works are based on the findings recorded at the inspection and are expressed using the terminology of BS 3998:2010 *Tree work – Recommendations*. Every recommendation in a final report has been reviewed and approved by the inspector named in this report.
4. Tree positions were recorded with a GPS-enabled device or entered manually. Plotted positions are indicative and accurate only to the precision stated for each tree.
5. Parts of the descriptive text in this report were drafted with the assistance of an AI language model, working only from the inspector's recorded findings and field notes. The AI was not used to identify defects, assess risk or determine recommendations. All such text was reviewed, edited where necessary and approved by the inspector, who is responsible for the content of this report.

6 Inspector's declaration

I confirm that I carried out the inspection described in this report and that the descriptions, condition statements and recommended works it contains reflect my findings and professional opinion at the date of inspection.

Signature

Name

Alex Morgan

Qualifications

Lantra Professional Tree Inspection; FdSc Arboriculture

Date

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