

Blake Tree Care Ltd Tree Surgery

Tree Condition Report

Prepared for

Eight Ash Green Parish Council

Site visit; October 2025



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1.0 Terms of Reference;

- i. We are instructed by Dean Nokes of Eight Ash Green Parsish Council
- ii. All trees have been inspected from ground level (VTA)
- iii. Trees are dynamic living organisms, whose health and condition can be subject to rapid change, depending on a number of external and internal factors. The conclusions and recommendations contained in this report relate to the trees at the time of inspection.
- iv. This report has been completed by Perry Rayner ITI (Lantra) of Blake Tree Care Limited following a site visit September and October 2025 when the weather was dry, light wind and good visibility.
- v. The tree are listed in the Schedule of Trees –

2.0 Report Methodology

I conducted a preliminary visual tree assessment (VTA) of the significant trees, recording the findings in Appendix A. The inspection, carried out from accessible ground-level points, considered:

- **Visual Assessment:** Overall shape, form, foliage colour for the season, and any abnormalities for the species.
- **Weather Exposure:** Effects of isolation or changes in surrounding tree cover leading to increased wind forces on the canopy.
- **Ground Conditions:** Soil erosion, ponding, soil type, and vegetation impacts.
- **Tree History:** Evidence of past limb failures, nearby tree removal, excavations, or visible fungal growth.
- **Species-Specific Issues:** Known vulnerabilities such as tight union failure in Beech or poor compartmentalization in Willow.
- **Health and Defects:** Cavities, dieback, fungal brackets, foliage irregularities, deadwood, and structural 'body language.'

Using this information, I assessed the likelihood of failure and its potential impact, providing recommendations such as:

- Further monitoring
- Pruning, limb removal, or complete tree removal
- Deadwood removal
- Root investigation or soil improvement
- No action if unnecessary

This approach aims to foresee potential failures, make informed decisions, and respond appropriately within available resources and the risk level to the target area.

3.0 Site Overview

The tree report covers three separate areas.

- i. Upper Heath
- ii. Lower Heath
- iii. Seven Star Green

The site comprises three distinct areas consisting of both open and woodland sections, containing a healthy mix of young, semi-mature, and mature native trees. This report focuses only on trees identified as requiring remedial works; all trees in good condition with no actionable defects are not individually noted.

4.0 Summary of Findings & Conclusions

A site inspection was undertaken to assess the condition of trees across the area. Only trees requiring attention are listed within this report; healthy trees that do not require any works have been excluded for clarity.

The inspection identified a small number of dead standing trees and trees with dead wood within their canopies, particularly in locations adjacent to footpaths and car park areas, where remedial work is recommended to reduce risk to the public.

Overall, the sites support a good mix of native tree species distributed throughout, contributing to the character and biodiversity of the area. The woodland and surrounding tree groups are in generally good health and condition, providing a strong and well-established tree cover.

With the exception of the specific works noted, no significant safety concerns were identified, and the existing trees continue to make a positive contribution to the landscape and ecological value of the site.

5.0 Statutory Obligations –

i. Conservation area and Tree Preservation Orders –

Colchester City Council – **Outside Conservation Area. No TPO**

ii. Nesting birds / Bats Officially the bird nesting season is between the end February and August (Natural England). During this time, it is recommended vegetation works (tree and hedges) or site clearance is avoided if possible

6. Key to report criteria and heading

Tree Number	Tree number shown on site plan	
Tree species	Common and Latin name of tree	
Height	Estimated in meters	
Crown spread	Estimated in meters	
Stem Assessment	Good	No apparent problems / normal optimal condition for a tree of its age and species
	Fair	Minor problems, no instabilities
	Poor	Major problems, potential instabilities
	Unstable	Extreme problems, likely to result in failure
Life age	Y	Young
	SM	Semi-mature
	M	Mature
	OM	Over mature
	V	Veteran
Visual assessment	Visual observations	
Work recommendations	Works to the tree would benefit its long term condition and/or prevent significant defects from developing, or for aesthetic purpose.	
Time Scale for work recommendations	URGENT	Works required immediately to make the tree safe
	VERY HIGH	Works required within one month
	HIGH	Works required within three months
	MODERATE	Works required within six months
	LOW	Works required within twelve months
	NONE	No works required at this stage

Tree Number	Tree Species	Height	Crown Spread	Stem assessment	Life Stage	Visual Assessment	Work Recommendations	Time Scale
T1	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	6	7	Fair	SM	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T2	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	6	7	Fair	SM	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T3	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	7	5	Fair	M	Dead limb at a height of 2 meters Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove dead limb Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	6m
T4	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	7	8	Good	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	6m
T5	Ash <i>Fraxinus</i>	5	3	Poor	Y	Split forming at base of tree compromising stability	Remove to ground level	3m
T6	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	4	3	Good	SM	Dead wood throughout canopy Ivy covered stem	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length Sever Ivy at base	12m
T7	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	7	8	Good	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	No work required Look to remove in 5 – 7 years	12m
T8	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	4	7	Fair	M	Dead wood lower part of canopy	Remove to ground level	12m
T9	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	5	5	Fair	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	Monitor	12m
T10	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	5	6	Good	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T11	Willow <i>Salix</i>	14	8	Poor	SM	Advanced basal decay and structural weakness, with previous failure likely due to internal rot. The remaining structure is compromised and	Reduce to a 5 meter eco pole	12m

Tree Number	Tree Species	Height	Crown Spread	Stem assessment	Life Stage	Visual Assessment	Work Recommendations	Time Scale
						would warrant further inspection to assess stability and potential need for removal or heavy reduction for safety.		
T12	Silver Birch <i>Betula pendula</i>	7	3	Fair	SM	Sparse crown Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length Monitor in Spring 2026	12m
T13	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	6	4	Fair	M	Dead wood through canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T14	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	6	3	Fair	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T15	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	6	5	Fair	SM	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T16	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	5	4	Fair	SM	Dead wood through canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T17	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	5	6	Good	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T18	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	5	2	Poor	Dead	Dead	Remove to ground level	3m
T19	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	4	4	Fair	M	Dead wood through canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m

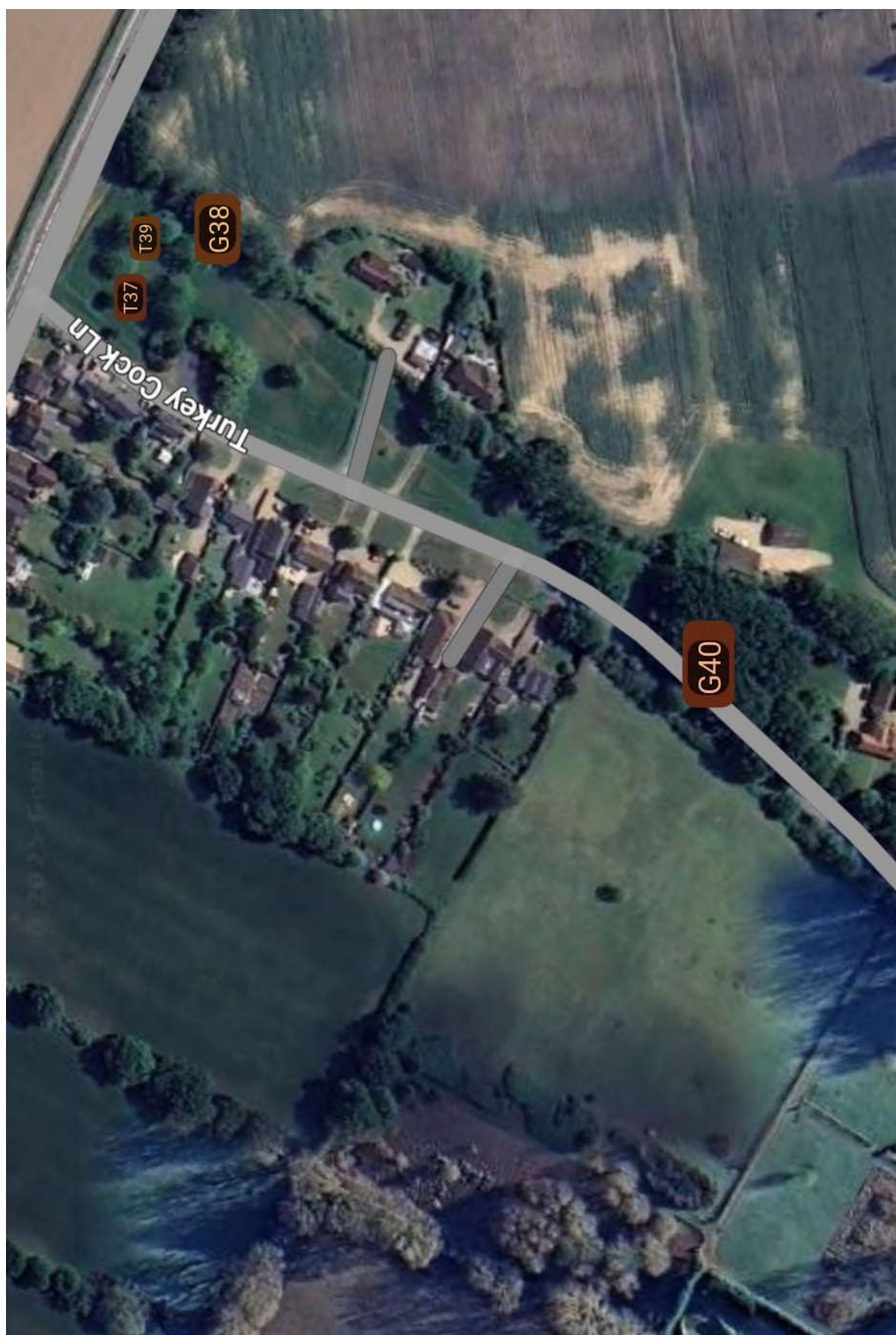
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T20	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	8	4	Fair	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
G21	Oak (X 2) <i>Quercus</i>	8	5	Fair	SM	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T22	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	7	5	Fair	SM	Dead wood through canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T23	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	7	5	Fair	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T24	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	12	5	Fair	M	Dead wood through canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T25	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	10	5	Fair	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T26	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	11	4	Fair	SM	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T27	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	11	3	Fair	SM	Dead wood through canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T28	Hawthorn <i>Crataegus</i>	4	2	Poor	Dead	Dead tree	Remove to ground level	6m
T29	Silver Birch <i>Betula pendula</i>	5	2	Poor	Dead	Dead tree	Remove to ground level	6m
T30	Hawthorn <i>Crataegus</i>	4	3	Poor	Dead	Dead tree	Remove to ground level	6m
T31	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	12	4	Fair	SM	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T32	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	10	4	Fair	SM	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T33	Hawthorn <i>Crataegus</i>	3	2	Poor	Dead	Dead tree	Remove to ground level	6m

Tree Number	Tree Species	Height	Crown Spread	Stem assessment	Life Stage	Visual Assessment	Work Recommendations	Time Scale
T34	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	9	3	Fair	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T35	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	9	3	Fair	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T36	Oak <i>Quercus</i>	10	3	Fair	M	Dead wood throughout canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T37	Ash <i>Fraxinus</i>	10	3	Poor		Inonotus hispidus fungus at height of 3 meters from ground level	Monitor	12m
G38	Oak (group) <i>Quercus</i>	9	4			Dead wood through canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
T39	Ash <i>Fraxinus</i>	9	3	Fair		Dead wood through canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m
G40	Oak (group) <i>Quercus</i>	15	4			Dead wood through canopy	Remove major dead wood; greater than 50mm diameter or 1000mm in length	12m

PART THREE; Site Maps;







Photographs – Eight Ash Green

T1 and T2 – Oak's



T3 – Oak



T4 – Oak



T5 – Ash



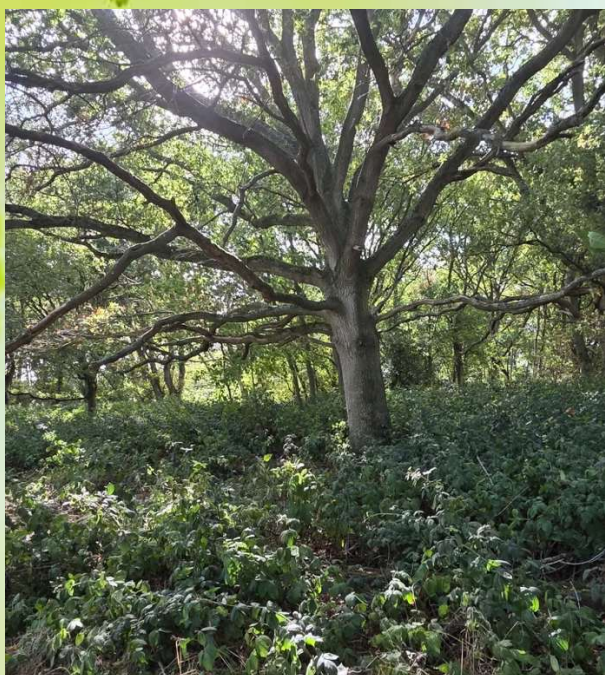
T6 – Oak



T7 – Oak



T7 – Oak



T11 – Willow



T12 – Silver Birch



T13 – Oak



T18 – Oak



T28 – Hawthorn



T29 – Silver Birch



T30 – Hawthorn



T37 - Ash



G38 – Oaks



T39 - Ash

