

03 September 2025

Odile Wladon
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Suffolk IP23 8NA

Report Number: SPC250903/ENC2684

Dear Odile

Hazardous Tree Survey- Stradbroke Parish Council (Also enclosed Tree Survey Map)

Instructions

A hazardous tree survey was requested by Stradbroke Parish Council for the village playing field. The surveyor met with Odile Wladon of the parish council on 24 July 2025 to be shown the site boundaries.

General Remarks

The Playing Field is bordered by trees and hedges, with the most dominant species being approximately 28 lombardy poplars. Oldie Walden reported the concerns of some residents about the height and form of these trees. However, they are still young trees and are all healthy. Reducing them in height would cause rapid regrowth from the cut points. The cut points would be prone to decay leading to regular and repeated reductions being necessary.

No trees were found to be in urgent need of attention. The trees with defects are not deemed to be high risk both because of the nature of the defect and the chance of a failure causing a serious problem.

It was noted that the base of many of the trees are showing recent signs of physical damage caused by mowing equipment. The grounds team need to be made aware that they should give sufficient berth to the trees to avoid future and repeated damage which will have long-term consequences to the longevity of the trees being hit.

It was also noted that there is a large pile of grass clippings and other garden rubbish, including plastic dumped at the base of the trees on the border with the Bowls Club. This should be stopped as it can hinder the trees' ability to absorb nutrients from the soil.

There are also numerous problems caused by vandalism to the trees, where bladed tools have been used to peel bark. This needs to be highlighted at local level to hopefully reduce this anti-social behaviour damaging the tree stock. Tree 7 is not on the schedule as its condition is not one which yet requires attention. However, it is an attractive sweet chestnut in a prominent location to the north of the swimming centre and it has suffered from vandalism to its main trunk.

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Limitations of Survey

This report provides information on the health, structural integrity and longevity of the trees inspected, based on a ground based visual assessment only.

No tree can be said to be completely safe- trees are living organisms and their condition can change rapidly in response to environmental variables. Condition remarks therefore relate to the date of survey. It is also never possible to predict all failures in trees, as, for instance, a strong enough wind can cause the healthiest of trees to fail! This survey is therefore limited to report on obvious signs of structural weakness such as growth characteristics, dead limbs, crown dieback, loose bark, storm damage, disease and fungal attack which a prudent landowner would look for where a tree could pose a hazard to persons or property.

The trees listed in the survey are those whose condition has been highlighted. Trees not mentioned were not found to be in a condition worth note or whose location makes them to be low risk to persons or property.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ciprian Ostafie".

Ciprian Ostafie
Director of Operations

Stradbroke Playing Field- Hazardous Tree Survey- Date of Survey 24 July 2025.

Ref.	Common Name	Recommendation	Work Timescale	Structure	Num. Stems	Full Structure	Height	DBH (cm)	Crown Radius	Life Stage	Life Expectancy	Survey Notes	Pests and Diseases	Physiological Condition
T001	Lombardy poplar	Fell tree.	03-Sep-2026 (1 Year)	Tree	1	Tree	10	10	1.00	Dead				
T002	Lombardy poplar	Remove deadwood - greater than 25 mm.	03-Sep-2026 (1 Year)	Tree	1	Tree	18	40	3.00					
T003	Horse chestnut	Fell tree.	03-Sep-2026 (1 Year)	Tree	1	Tree	10	30	3.00	Early Mature	<10 years	Pests and Diseases: Bacterial Canker of Horse Chestnut	Bacterial Canker of Horse Chestnut	Poor
T004	Ash	Fell tree.	03-Sep-2026 (1 Year)	Tree	2	Tree 2 stems	10	40	5.00	Early Mature	<10 years	Suffered from vandalism		Poor
T005	Lombardy poplar	Remove deadwood - greater than 25 mm.	03-Sep-2026 (1 Year)	Tree	1	Tree	19	50	4.00	Mature				
T006	Horse chestnut	Fell tree.	03-Sep-2026 (1 Year)	Tree	2	Tree 2 stems	4	30	3.00	Early Mature	<10 years	Vandalism to stem and subsequent decay.		Poor
T008	Sycamore	Fell dead stem	03-Sep-2026 (1 Year)	Tree	10	Tree 10 stems	7	10		Early Mature		Dead stem near carpark		
T009	Elm	Fell tree.	03-Sep-2026 (1 Year)	Tree	1	Tree	4	10		Dead				

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Hazardous Tree Survey

Date: 03/09/2025

Surveyor: Matthew Allen

Note: trees highlighted were those whose condition

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