

Tree Safety Survey, Fleet Wood Lane Primary School, 24 March 2016

Survey carried out from ground level by Nigel Sardeson MICFor, Arboricultural Officer for Lincolnshire County Council. Previous survey carried out on 17 September 2014.

The grounds of Fleet Wood Lane Primary School have many large trees, most of which overhang the play areas and some classrooms, most of the trees are protected by Conservation Area status.

The trees with notable structural faults or features were recorded including all of the large, mature trees.

See accompanying map for tree locations:

T1. Beech tree, 20m tall, 160cm stem diameter, good condition, roots causing major lifting of playground, recommendations of previous inspection have been implemented with minor regrowth toward school. No apparent deadwood or decay, no action.

T2. Silver birch, 16m tall, 65cm diameter, good condition, recommended works have been done, ivy regrowth, no action.

G3. Group of 16 silver birch 12m-16m tall, 15cm-50cm stem diameters, generally good condition, previous recommended works complete, no significant deadwood or apparent decay. No action

T4. Euodia, 16m tall, 110cm diameter, very vigorous, (apparently planted in 1967!), recommended works mostly implemented, branch toward school has been reduced, branch over playground reduced but not thinned, minor regrowth, no action.

T5. Hawthorn, 7m tall, 30cm diameter, recommended works complete. No action.

T6. Horse chestnut, 14m tall, 1m stem diameter, reduced since last inspection, minor bleeding canker, 1m regrowth, no action.

T7. Horse chestnut, 15m tall, 65cm stem diameter, previous recommended works complete. No action.

T8. Oak 17m tall, 65cm stem diameter, good condition, minor deadwood, branches within 10cm of portacabin classroom. Recommend reduce lower branches to give classroom 3m clearance and remove deadwood thicker than 2.5cm.

T9. Red oak, 17m tall, 70cm diameter, good condition, branches within 1m of portacabin classroom. Recommend prune to give classroom 3m clearance.

T10. Lime tree, 18m tall, 1m stem diameter, good condition, very vigorous basal growth, minor deadwood, branches within 1m of building. Recommend remove "epicormics" branches growing from stem to 4m height, remove branches from within 3m of roof, remove deadwood, after bird nesting season.

T11. Goat willow, 8m tall, multiple stems of around 10cm diameter, branches resting on fence. Recommend remove branches resting on fence to prevent damage to fence, repeat for other trees resting on fence.

So the only recommended works are to trees T8, 9, 10 and 11, none of these are safety works and are only management to prevent future nuisance or damage so not urgent but worthwhile. These works should be left until after the current bird-nesting season and can be done during the summer holidays. The Lime tree T10 is within the Conservation Area necessitating 6 weeks' notice being given to South Holland District Council.