N J PACEY LANDSCAPING

Tree Safety Survey Report

Mossop and Bowser
10 Spalding Road
Holbeach

29th May 2025

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 **Instruction** – N J Pacey Landscaping has been instructed by Mary Dack from Mossop and Bowser, to undertake a Tree Safety Survey of trees within the grounds of The 10 Spalding Road, Holbeach and provide recommendations for any action necessary to reduce risk to an acceptable level. This report has been requested as part of there Duty of Care responsibilities.

1.2 **Qualifications and experience:** The survey was conducted by Adam Quant. I have based this report and recommendations on my site observations, experience and technical knowledge. Details of my qualifications and experience are listed in Appendix 1.

1.3 **Documents and information provided:** We have the previous survey from May 2022

1.4 **Scope of this report:** This report is only concerned with the condition of trees within the area of the property as detailed on the plan. We have highlighted the areas surveyed and request that the map is scrutinised to ensure all areas have been included in the survey.

2 SITE INFORMATION

2.1 **Site visit:** The site was surveyed on the 29th May 2025.

2.2 **Brief site description:** 10 Spalding Road is the premises of Mossop and Bowser solicitors. It is situated on the main Spalding Road in Holbeach. The grounds are private to the general public however they are not gated.

2.3 **Identification and location of the trees**
The location of trees requiring work have been marked on the map. All trees within the red boundary marked on the map have been surveyed, we request that the boundary is scrutinised to ensure all areas under ownership are included.

3 THE TREE SURVEY

The survey was conducted from ground level with the aid of binoculars where necessary.

The trees were surveyed on the basis of the Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) method expounded by Mattheck and Breloer in 'The Body Language of Trees', Department for Transport, Local government and the Regions book Research for Amenity Trees No. 4, 1994).

Where trees have ivy cover, judgements have been made within the constraints imposed by this. In some cases, where ivy is particularly dense, recommendations have been made for ivy cutting and re-inspection.

No tissue samples were taken nor was any internal investigation of the subject trees undertaken.

No soil samples were taken.

All dimensions were estimated and are for guidance only.

Work recommended is that which is considered the minimum necessary to reduce risk to an acceptable level.

Trees are living organisms, readily affected by environmental changes, therefore, observations can only be considered as correct at the time of inspection. In the light of this, the report can only be considered valid for a maximum period of 18 months provided all factors remain unchanged.

It is recommended that, unless otherwise stated, all trees are re-inspected after 18 months or after high winds or other extreme weather conditions.

[The Tree Survey in tabulated form is attached in Appendix 3. A copy of the map(s) is attached in Appendix 2.]

4 APPRAISAL

General

4.1 Some trees require work to mitigate risk of failure. This has been kept to the minimum necessary.

4.2 Trees were surveyed in spring and only defects that were significant and visible at the time were recorded.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 **Present requirements:** The purpose of the recommendations is to reduce risk to acceptable levels. The works deemed necessary to establish such levels are listed in the tree inspection sheets.

6 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 **Trees subject to statutory controls**. Trees may be subject to constraints such as Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas. Their status should be checked with the Local Authority before undertaking all but emergency work.

6.2 **Protected Species:** It is advised to check for protected species (most notably bats and nesting birds) before carrying out work on trees with likely habitats such as cavities and loose bark.

Appendix 1

Brief qualifications and experience of Mr. A. Quant

I have been involved in practical arboriculture since 2001. This has included working with amenity trees on a golf course. Between 2006 and 2011, I worked for Nicholson's in Oxfordshire. This role involved amongst other tasks, undertaking the management of trees for clients from the surveying of trees to recommending appropriate works to current best practice. I continued my professional development whilst in this role to develop my knowledge of trees including tree safety.

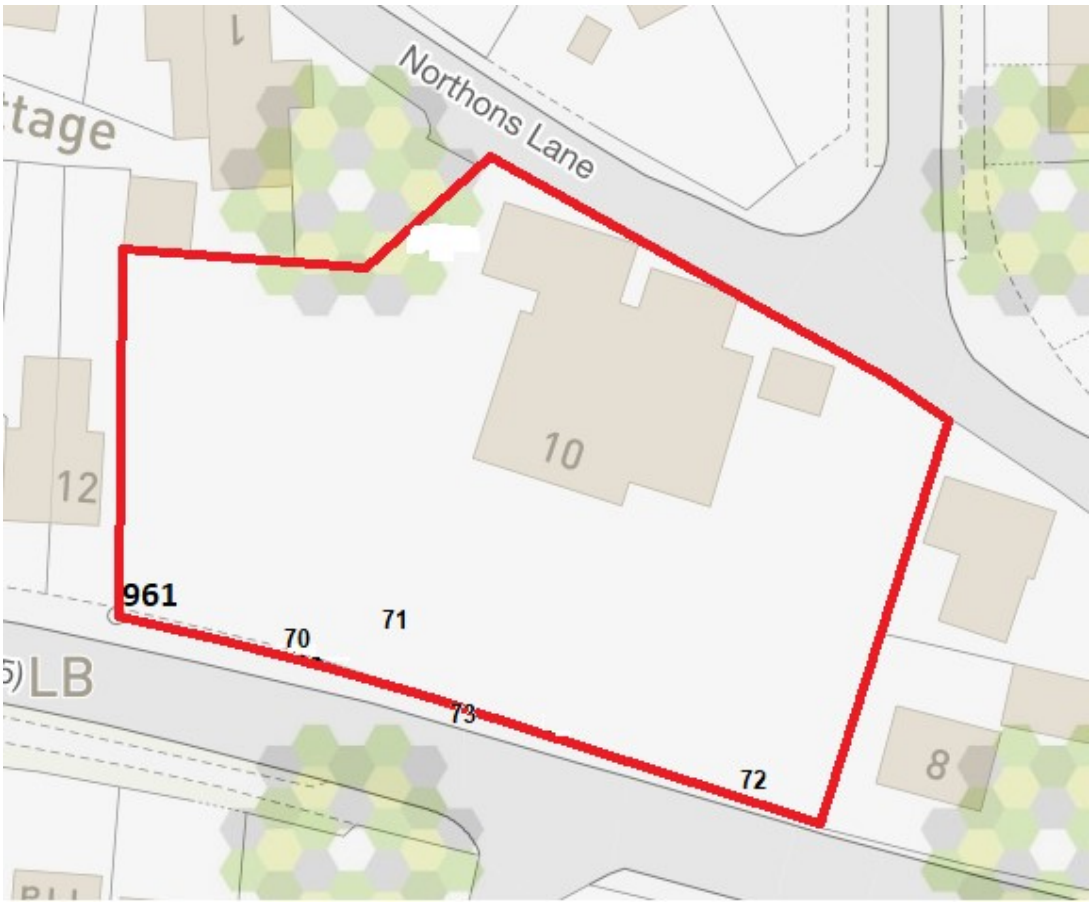
Autumn 2011, I joined N J Pacey Landscaping and am still actively progressing my Arboriculture skills by keeping up to date with current literature and best practice.

My qualifications include:-

Bachelors of Science with Honours in Forestry (from the University of Wales, Bangor)
National Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture (from the University of Lincoln)
Attended a course on Basic Tree Survey run by the Arboriculture Association in 2007
Lantra Level 2, Professional Tree Inspection Award in 2008
Professional Tree inspection Refresher Course 2014

Appendix 2

Trees inside the red line are included in the survey



Appendix 3

Tree schedule and explanatory notes

- **Mathematical abbreviations:** > = Greater than; < = Less than.
- **Measurements/estimates:** All dimensions are estimates unless otherwise indicated.
- **Species:** Common names are given for species identified on site.
- **Height:** Height is an estimate height in metres as an aid to identification only.
- **Stem Diameter:** The diameters at 1.5m above ground level are estimated and recorded in centimetres.
- **Estimated Age:** Age is estimated from visual indicators and is shown in classes. Age estimates often need to be modified based on further information such as historical records. The age classes used are:-
  - Young - a tree normally less than 15 years old
  - Semi Mature – a tree normally 15 – 30 years old
  - Mature – A tree which has reached the full growth potential of its species
  - Late Mature – A tree which is beginning to decline
  - Veteran – A tree in decline with special habitat or landscape significance.

These age classes will vary according to species

N J Pacey Landscaping : *DUTY OF CARE TREE SAFETY SURVEY*								**APPENDIX 3**	
Site: *Mossop and Bowser - 10 Spalding Road, Holbeach*				**Surveyor: *Adam Quant***					***29th May 2025***
Tree Number	**Species**	**DBH (cm)**	**No. Stems**	**Height (m.)**	**Age Class**	**Condition**	**Recommendations**	**Priority (months)**	**Next Inspection**
961	Lime	87cm	1	21	Mature	Ivy has regrown on main stem. Very limited access due to ivy to visually inspect fork at 2.5m. Tree forks into three stems with potential included union. Minor deadwood in crown	Cut Ivy from around fork area to clear. Undertake a climbing inspection around union at fork once the ivy is removed.	3	3
70	Ash	36	2	10	Young	Low hanging branches, enhanced by heavy seed crop, Dieback in upper crown with suspected ash dieback	Crown raise to give 4m clearance of ground on all sides and monitor any progression of ash dieback	12	12
71	Group Ornamental Plum, Field Maple, Cockspur Thorn Hornbeam	4cm	5	3.5m	Young	Stakes and ties rubbing. Minor formative pruning required	Remove stakes and ties and formative prune if required	3	18
72	Ash	30	1	9	Semi Mature	Ivy covered and leaning towards light	Cut Ivy at the base of all trees above 150mm diameter along front. Undertake Highways clearance to crown raise **ALL trees** along front to give 5.2 meters clearance over highway and 2.6 meters over footpath	3	18

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73	Plum	15	4	4	Semi Mature	Rubbing on school sign creating bark damage and obscuring school sign. Branches head height during wind	Remove rubbing branch and clear school sign	6	18