LONGACRE TREE SURGERY

Tree Condition Report with Recommendations

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Site Address: 25 Parkside, Little Paxtox, Cambs, PE19 6NW

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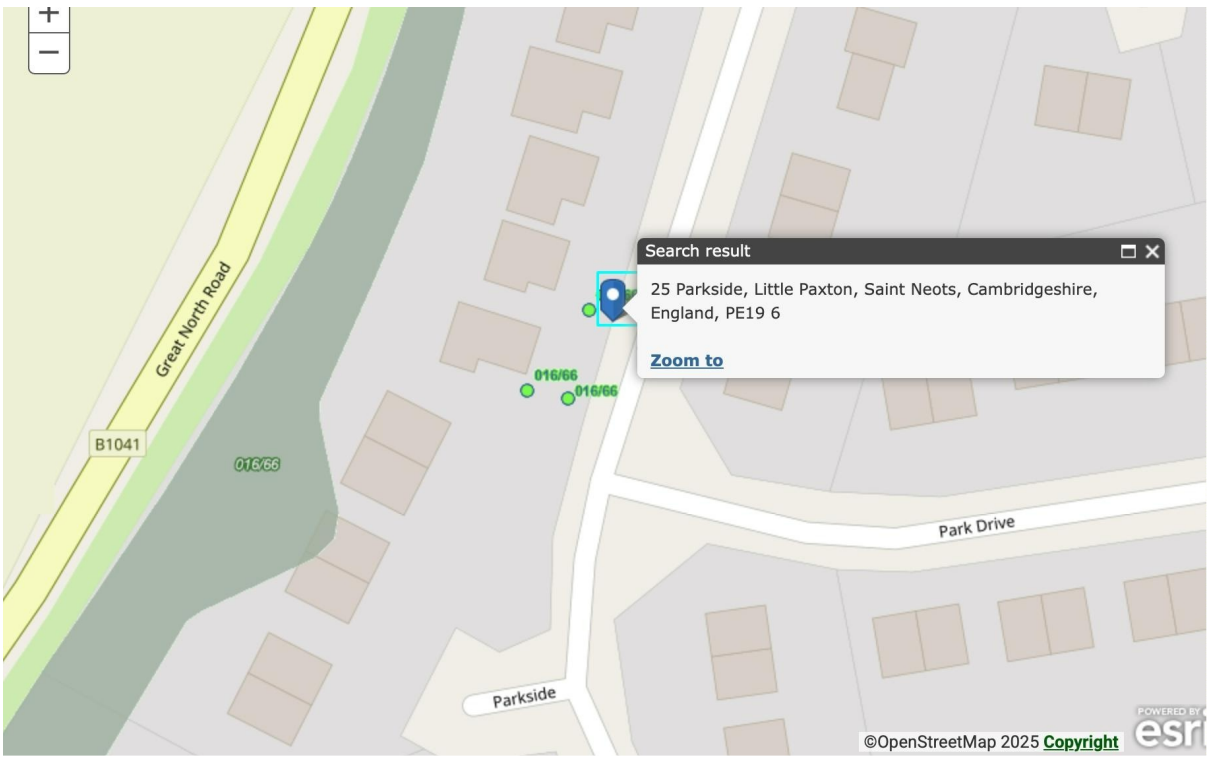
1.0 Executive summary

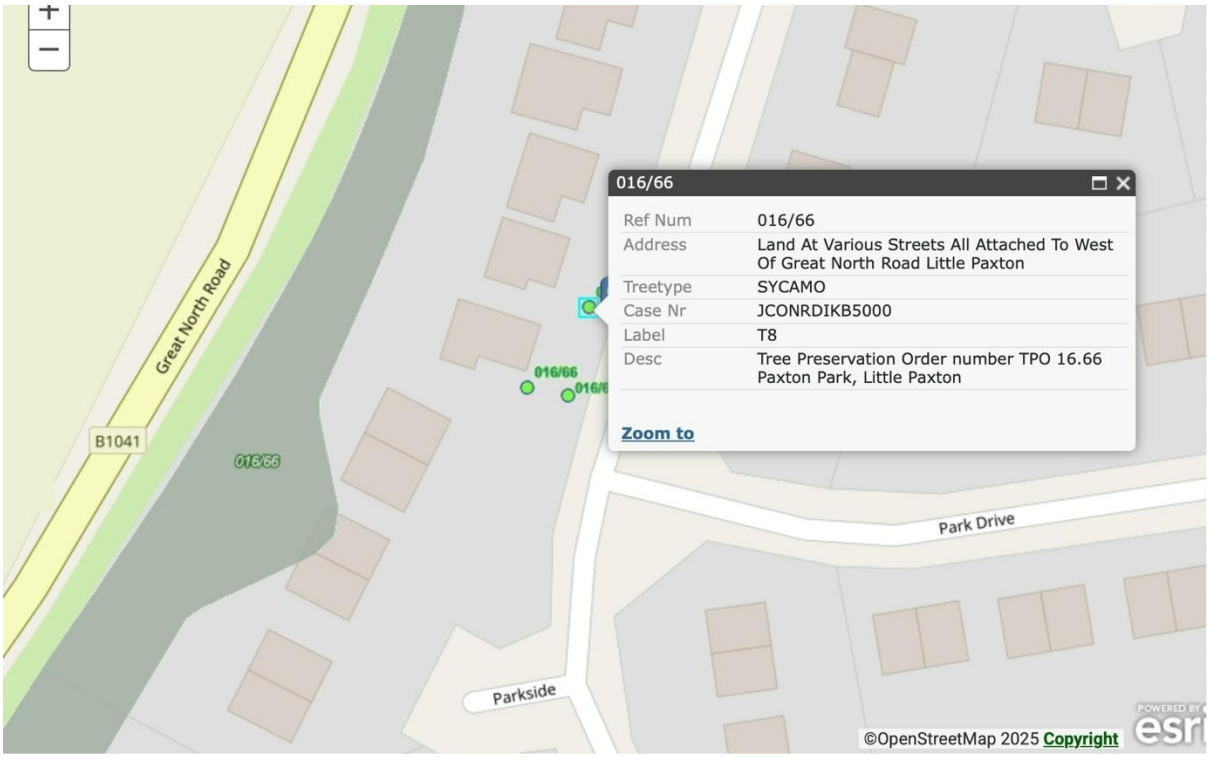
1.1 Longacre Tree Surgery have been instructed by [redacted] to carry out an Inspection from ground level of a Mature Sycamore tree at the front of the property following refusal to grant consent on the grounds of no sound arboricultural evidence provided in support of the claims made. Application Number 24/02093/TREE. The refusal letter was dated 14th January 2025.

1.2 The tree is covered by the Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) Please see map/plan below, taken from the Huntingdonshire District Council Website Portal Link below.

1.3 https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/environmental-issues/trees/protected-trees/

1.4 TPO Address & TPO Issue Reference Number 016/66 Application Number: 24/02093/TREE





2.0 Introduction

2.1 This report has been produced by Gary O'Sullivan from Longacre Tree Surgery. I am a professional within the Arboricultural industry with over 30 years' experience. I have worked both in the private sector gaining practical knowledge over the years starting off as a groundsman and working my way up to a lead climber and have been working as a manager for the past 7 years. I also held a role as a consultant before moving onto Local Authority level as a Tree Inspector. I currently hold the qualifications of *National Dip Arb L4 (ABC)Tech.Arbor.A, LANTRA Professional Tree Inspection.*

3.0 Site description & Tree Location Plan 001

3.1 The property 25 Parkside, Little Paxtox, Cambs, PE19 6NW, is situated in Little Paxton in Cambridgeshire, it is a village and civil parish that lies 5 miles south of Huntingdon and 1.7 miles north of St Neots. It is in the district and historic county of Huntingdonshire. Until the 1970s it was a minor village and the church was under threat of closure. The building of a housing estate and a junior school revived its fortunes and the establishment of the Paxton Pits Nature Reserve around part of the nearby gravel pits has brought visitors to the village.
(Note taken from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Little_Paxton)



4.0 Site Visit

4.1 The tree was surveyed from ground level and this report refers to the condition of the tree on the day of the 4th February, the weather was cold and fresh, with clear blue skies.

5.0 Tree Photo's

PHOTO 1 & 2

Overall Aspect of T1 Sycamore, looking from the Northen Aspect, showing historic stem loss on the Westen Aspect, at Approximetly 5 meters.

This wound is not occlunding well. See photo below.

Occluding is the process of trees forming callus and reacaction wood over wounds.



Photo 3

Tarmacked on North & East Aspect upto the main stem. I do not know how long this has been in place.

Client has reported fungal fruiting bodies on the Northen side of the stem.

Samples can be sent to Alice Holt Forestry Commision for an accurate identification.

PHOTO 4

Stem loss on the Westen side towards the house. There is an obvious cavity. I cannot see extent or depth of the cavity, but it is occluding well.

PHOTO 5 & 6

X 2 Lateral branch's cut back over the drive, neither wounds/cuts are occluding well, the upper branch in the photo appears to have snapped as it ripped, and the second one is losing bark at the point of the cut.





Large, detached hanging branch

Photo 7
Large detached hanging branch in the centre of the crown at approximetly 12 meters from ground level.

Cavity at union with acute stem angle.



Approx 12 meters on the North East Aspect, growing at an acute angle, the stem splits unto 2 smaller sems, cavity wound on east stem,

7.0 Discussion & summary of findings

7.1 The tree is a mature specimen which is a prominent feature on the road Parkside. It has a history of losing branches and there is a significant amount of deadwood and a large hanging branch within the canopy. There are also a number of cavities shown in the photos above.

7.2 Overextended lateral growth, particularly over the road towards the telephone wires.

8.0 Recommendation(s)

8.1 Reduce height by no more than 3 meters, reduce lateral growth by 2-3 meters back to suitable growth points to help alleviate the weight and lessen the risk of future failure.

8.2 Trees are living dynamic organisms therefore the General Health and Physiological Functions will change over time, A general principle to be observed is that, in areas where people or property could be at risk from tree failure, routine inspections should be carried out frequently enough to detect any hazards or potential failure points that may have recently developed.

8.3 As the tree owner you see the tree most days and should be able to notice any obvious defects or decline, such as die back in the canopy, large deadwood or split branches that appear, and you can visually inspect this tree on a regular basis. If you notice any change that concerns you call in a suitably qualified Arboriculturist to carry out a more detailed inspection.

8.4 I would also however recommend a more frequent inspection regime a follow up inspection from ground level again by a suitably qualified Arboriculturist from ground level within 2 years from February 2025, no later than February 2027, or beforehand if any extreme weather conditions occur before that time.

9.0 Links

APPENDIX B: Useful links, references and information

Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas:
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tree-preservation-orders-and-trees-in-conservation-areas

Benefits of trees:
https://canopy.org/tree-info/benefits-of-trees/