TREE SURVEY & RISK ASSESSMENT

3 Oakfields, Hemmingford Grey, PE28 9BE

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1.0 Terms of Reference

1.1 We are instructed by Mrs Debbi Kalbag to carry out a routine survey and risk assessment in respect of two Oak trees at 3 Oakfields, Hemmingford Grey, primarily for the purpose of fulfilling statutory Duty of Care obligations, but also for the health & safety considerations of the property owners.

1.2 We have been informed that the trees in question are the subject of a Tree Preservation Order (reference unknown).

1.3 All trees have been inspected from ground level only. Should further, more detailed inspection (e.g. by climbing) be deemed appropriate, this will be covered under Recommendations.

1.4 This survey and report have been completed by Robert C. Yates (Principle Consultant), who holds the Arboricultural Association Technician's certificate, and the LANTRA Certificate in Professional Tree Inspection. He is also a professional member of the Consulting Arborist Society and member of the Arboricultural Association and Royal Forestry Society, with over 35 years' combined industry experience.

1.5 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.

2.0 Survey Methodology

2.1 The survey was conducted on 13th August 2026. The weather at the time was dry and bright with excellent visibility.

2.2 The methodology used was that which is commonly known as VTA (Visual Tree Assessment) which has been popularised by eminent arboriculturists such as Dr. David Lonsdale, having been originally devised by Mattheck & Breloer, and now recognised as the industry standard for preliminary tree inspections.

2.3 Data recorded for each tree includes: species, age class, height, stem diameter, vigour, and structural condition. The priority of any works recommended has been graded as follows:

- Urgent: carry out works as soon as can be practicably arranged
- High : carry out works within 3 months
- Medium : carry out works within 6 months
- Low : carry out works, ideally within 18 months

3.0 Findings & Recommendations

Full details of the findings, recommendations and work priority for each tree, can be found at Appendix 2. All works are to be undertaken in accordance with current industry best practice ref. British Standard 3998 (2010) ' Tree Work – Recommendations' and all relevant protected species legislation (*any properly qualified and experienced tree surgeon will be familiar with such standards and legislation*).



Fig.1 Subject tree T1, looking North

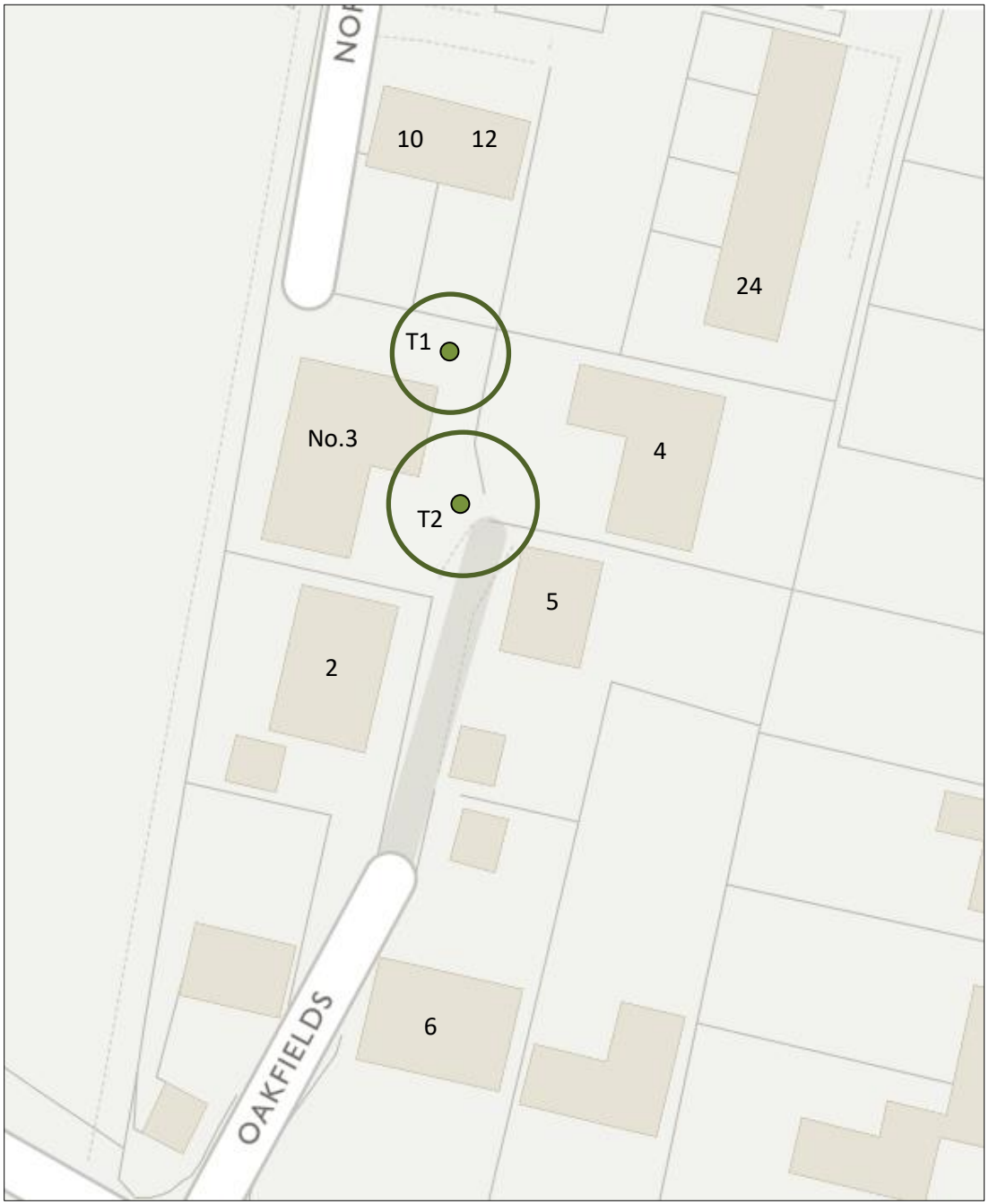


Fig.2 T2 looking north and viewed from access road

4.0 Re-inspection Procedure

A further inspection of both trees, by a professional arboriculturist, should be undertaken in three years' time. In the meantime, impromptu risk assessments by a suitably competent person e.g. landowner, should always follow any extreme weather events e.g. high winds, heavy rain or snow falls.

APPENDIX 1 : Tree Location Plan for 3 Oakfields, Hemmingford Grey (Not to Scale)



NORTH

Appendix 2 : Survey Schedule (page 1 of 1)

Tree ID	Species	Age Class	Height (m)	Stem dia. (cm)	Vigour	Structural Condition	Comments	Recommendations	Work Priority	Re-Inspect
T1	English Oak	mature	16	74	normal	good	12m overall crown spread (previously reduced), minor epicormic shoots on lower stem, minor deadwood in crown RISK ASSESSMENT - Low	remove deadwood, and epicormic shoots from stem up to 5m	Low	3 yrs
T2	English Oak	mature	21	115	normal	good	multiple stems from 2m, 16m overall crown spread (previously reduced) of fastigiate form, moderate deadwood throughout crown, minor epicormic shoots on lower stem, beginning to outgrow its location RISK ASSESSMENT - Low	remove deadwood, and epicormic shoots from stem up to 2.8m Reduce crown spread to all aspects by 2.5m and reduce height by 4.5m	Low	3 yrs

Note: Works to both trees will require formal consent form the local planning authority