

# Gainsborough Town Council

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Dear Councillor,

Monday, 03 April 2023

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Property and Services Committee** which will be held on **Tuesday 11 April 2023** commencing at **7pm** in the meeting room, **Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough.**

The business of the meeting is set out in the agenda below.

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**Belina Boyer**  
Town Clerk

**Committee members: Cllr M Boles - ex officio, Cllr P O'Connor – ex officio, Cllr D Dannatt, Cllr T Davies (C), Cllr P Key, Cllr C Lambie, Cllr J Musonda, Cllr J Plastow (VC), Cllr B Velan**

| Agenda no | Agenda item title   | Power  |
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| PS23/210  | To <b>note</b> apologies for absence.   | <i>Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) &amp; Sch 12, p40.</i> |
| PS23/211  | To <b>receive</b> any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.  | <i>Localism Act 2011, s31.</i>                               |
| PS23/212  | To <b>consider</b> any dispensation requests received by the Clerk in relation to personal and/or disclosable pecuniary interests.  | <i>Localism Act 2011, s33.</i>                               |
| PS23/213  | To <b>determine</b> which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) and resolve to exclude public and press for these items. | <i>Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2)</i> |

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| PS23/214  | To receive the minutes of the previous Property and Services Committee meeting(s) and <b>resolve</b> to sign these as a true record of the meeting(s).<br><b>Paper A</b> – Property and Services Tuesday 14 March 2023                     | <i>Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, p41 (1).</i>   |
| PS23/215  | <b>Hickman Bacon Memorial Park (The Levellings) development.</b><br>To <b>note</b> a verbal report on the progression of the scheme.   |  |
| PS23/216  | To <b>note</b> a verbal update from the Coronation Working Group.  |  |
| PS23/217  | To <b>note</b> the arborist's report and recommendations and consider any action to be taken resulting from this.<br><b>Paper B</b>  | <i>Localism Act 2011, s 1-8.</i>                     |
| PS23/218  | To <b>receive</b> a presentation on Christmas lights.  |  |
| PS23/219  | To <b>note</b> a verbal update on the allotment consultation and <b>consider</b> results if available.   |  |
| PS23/220  | To <b>note</b> a verbal report on North Warren Allotments and consider any necessary action.   |  |
| PS23/221  | To <b>consider</b> appointing a contractor for Cemetery footpaths' repairs.<br><b>Paper C</b><br><b>Exclusion of Public and press recommended due to time sensitive commercial sensitivities.</b>  | <i>Localism Act 2011, s 1-8.</i>                     |
| PS23/222  | To <b>consider</b> approving the expenditure for the repair to Richmond House roofing.<br><b>Paper D</b><br><b>Exclusion of public and press recommended due to time sensitive commercial sensitivity</b>                                  | <i>Localism Act 2011, s 1-8.</i>                     |
| PS23/223  | To <b>consider</b> a report on burial processes and administration and consider approving the recommendations therein f<br><b>Paper E</b><br><b>Exclusion of public and press recommended due to time sensitive commercial sensitivity</b> | <i>Localism Act 2011, s 1-8.</i>                     |
| PS23/224  | To <b>consider</b> permitting the use of Gainsborough Town Council open spaces for free family events.<br><b>Paper F</b>   |  |
| PS23/225  | To <b>receive</b> any items for notification to be included on a future agenda – for information only  | <i>N/A</i>   |
| PS23/226  | To <b>note</b> the date and time of the next Property and Services committee scheduled ?? June/July 2023 at 19.00  | <i>Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, p10 (2)(a)</i> |

# PAPER A



# DRAFT Minutes of the Property & Services Committee Meeting

## 14 March 2023 at 19.00.

held in the Reading Room, Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough

### Councillors Present

|                       |               |                               |
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|                       | Paul Key      | Pat O'Connor                  |
| Dennis Dannatt        |               | James Plastow (Vice-Chairman) |
| Tim Davies (Chairman) | Julie Musonda |                               |

### Councillors Absent

|            |              |                |
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| Matt Boles |              |                |
|            | Chris Lambie |                |
|            |              | Baptiste Velan |

### In attendance:

|                   |                          |                   |
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| Belina Boyer (TC) | Rachel Allbones (DC&RFO) | Mandy Clarke (AO) |
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Also present: Two member of the public and two members of the Rotary Club present.

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| PS23/187  | To <b>note</b> apologies for absence.  | Apologies had been received for Cllrs Boles, Lambie and Velan. | N/A    | <i>Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) &amp; Sch 12, p40.</i> |
| PS23/188  | To <b>receive</b> any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011. | None received.   | N/A    | <i>Localism Act 2011, s31.</i>                               |

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| PS23/189  | To <b>consider</b> any dispensation requests received by the Clerk in relation to personal and/or disclosable pecuniary interests, not previously recorded.   | There were none.   | N/A                   | <i>Localism Act 2011, s33.</i>                               |
| PS23/190  | To <b>determine</b> which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) and resolve to exclude public and press for these items. | The Committee <b>resolved</b> to exclude the public and press from items PS23/193, PS23/200, PS23/201, PS23/203 on the grounds stated on the agenda, and to defer the items until the end of the agenda.                     | N/A                   | <i>Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2)</i> |
| PS23/191  | To receive the minutes of the previous Property and Services Committee meeting(s) and <b>resolve</b> to sign these as a true record of the meeting(s).<br><b>Paper A – Property and Services Wednesday 1 March 2023</b>   | The Committee <b>resolved</b> to sign the minutes of the Property and Services Committee meeting of Wednesday 1 March 2023 as a true record of the meeting.<br><br>Cllrs Dannatt, Davies and O'Connor abstained from voting. | <b>ASO</b> to Publish | <i>Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, p41 (1).</i>           |
| PS23/192  | <b>Hickman Bacon Memorial Park (The Levellings) development.</b><br>To <b>note</b> a verbal update on progress of the project.  | The Committee <b>resolved</b> to <b>note</b> a verbal update on progress of the project from the Town Clerk.   | N/A                   |  |
| PS23/193  | To <b>note</b> minor changes to legal paperwork as approved by the council's solicitor, <b>authorise</b> the clerk to sign said paperwork and <b>note</b> correspondence received from the council's solicitor.           | Deferred to the end of the meeting.  |                       |  |

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|   | <b>Exclusion of public and press recommended due to ongoing legal process.<br/>Paper B</b>  |   |  |       |
| PS23/194  | To <b>consider</b> an application by the Gainsborough Rotary Club to use Marshall's Playing Fields for a Rotary Fireworks Event and determine the fee to be charged.<br><b>Paper C</b>  | The Committee <b>resolved</b> to approve the application subject to provision of a final event plan, proof of PLI, RAMS etc to officers and evidence of consultation with the Safety Advisory Group. To waiver the fees for the 2023 Fireworks event due to charitable contributions going to support Gainsborough. | <b>ASO</b> to book event in the diary.<br><br><b>TC</b> to ensure final event plan, proof of PLI, RAMS are received. |       |
| <i>Two members of the Rotary club left the meeting.</i> |   |   |  |       |
| PS23/195  | To <b>consider</b> a request to move rugby to Marshalls Sports ground.<br><b>Paper D</b>  | The Committee <b>resolved</b> not to currently change the layout of pitches at Marshall's to accommodate Rugby but to invite the rugby club officials to put forward a proposal of what they would like to see.   | <b>TC</b> to contact the Rugby Club.   |       |
| PS23/196  | To <b>consider</b> authorising the Council's architect to prepare large scale, fully dimensioned and annotated plans and submit forms for Building Regulations Approval and any other action to move this project on.<br><b>Paper E</b> | Cllr Key questioned if WLDC and LCC are still funding a third of the project each.<br><br>The Committee <b>resolved</b> to authorise the expenditure for the Council's architect to prepare large scale, fully dimensioned and annotated plans and submit forms for Building Regulations                            | <b>TC</b> to instruct the architects and enter into negotiations with both WLDC and LCC.                             |       |

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|           |   | approval and to authorise the Clerk to enter into negotiations with both WLDC and LCC.<br><br>Cllr Key voted against.  |   |       |
| PS23/197  | To <b>consider</b> authorising the removal of the aviary and disposing of it with permission of WLDC.<br><b>Paper F</b>   | The Committee <b>resolved</b> to remove the aviary at the earliest opportunity and seek a buyer.<br><br>Cllr Key voted against.  | <b>TC</b> to seek buyer for the aviary.                                       |       |
| PS23/198  | To <b>consider</b> the proposals of the Coronation Working Group for approval.<br><b>Paper G – to follow</b>  | A brief verbal report was <b>noted</b> from Cllr T Davies.   | <b>Coronation Working Group</b> to submit written report to the next meeting. |       |
| PS23/199  | To receive a verbal update on allotments and <b>consider</b> an amendment to appendix 1 delegating additional functions to officers.<br><b>Paper H</b>              | The Committee <b>resolved</b> to <b>recommend to Full Council</b> to make further amendments to the Structure and Functions Appendix 1 – Allotment management and administration.<br><br>Cllr Key voted against. | <b>DC</b> to include on Full Council agenda.                                  |       |
| PS23/200  | To consider an application to keep chickens at Love Lane allotment.<br><b>Paper I</b><br><b>Exclusion of public and press recommended to protect personal data.</b> | Deferred to the end of the meeting.  |   |       |

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| PS23/201  | To <b>consider</b> a request to retain a standpipe and grant retrospective permission.<br><b>Paper J</b><br><b>Exclusion of public and press recommended to protect personal data.</b>   | Deferred to the end of the meeting.   |  |       |
| PS23/202  | To <b>consider</b> complaints regarding trees in the general cemetery with regards to arborist's report and recommendations.<br><b>Paper K</b>   | The Deputy Clerk advised that the Operations Manager had met with both complainants and agreed inhouse works to be carried out.<br><br>The Committee <b>resolved</b> to defer to receive a report from the Operations Manager.  | <b>OM</b> to report to the next meeting.                       |       |
| PS23/203  | To <b>consider</b> action to be taken to on General Cemetery Chapel and <b>authorise</b> relevant expenditure.<br><b>Paper L</b><br><b>Exclusion of public and press recommended due to time sensitive commercial sensitivity.</b> | Deferred to the end of the meeting.   |  |       |
| PS23/204  | To <b>consider</b> a grant request from 1 <sup>st</sup> Gainsborough Cup Scouts for £1,000.<br><b>Paper M</b>  | Cllr Davies declared a non-pecuniary interest as his wife is a cub leader.<br>Cllr Plastow declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the scouting organisation.<br><br>The Committee <b>resolved</b> to award the 1 <sup>st</sup> Gainsborough Cub Scouts £1,000 towards the hire of a marquee, tables | <b>ASO</b> to send out relevant paperwork to the organisation. |       |

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|  |   | and chairs for the LinCub weekend.<br><br>Cllrs Davies and Plastow abstained.  |   |       |
| PS23/205   | To <b>consider</b> authorising expenditure for brushwood and leave pile removal.<br><b>Paper N</b>  | The Committee <b>resolved</b> to appoint contractor A to undertake the works as soon as the weather and their work schedule permits and to <b>recommend to Full Council</b> to earmark £5,510 to undertake the works.<br><br>Cllr Key voted against. | <b>DC</b> to include on Full Council agenda.                      |       |
| PS23/206   | To <b>note</b> a complaint regarding speeding cars on Cox's Hill and Heapham Road and <b>consider supporting</b> the complaint and forwarding it to the highways Authority.<br><b>Paper O</b> | The Deputy Clerk advised this is dealt with by the Planning Committee  | <b>DC</b> to include on Planning Committee agenda.                |       |
| PS23/207   | To <b>note</b> a verbal report on Christmas lights by the Operations Manager.   | Defer until the next meeting.  | <b>OM</b> to report to the next meeting.                          |       |
| PS23/208   | To <b>receive</b> any items for notification to be included on a future agenda – for information only   | None   | N/A   | N/A   |
| <i>Two members of the public left the meeting.</i> |   |  |   |       |
| PS23/193   | To <b>note</b> minor changes to legal paperwork as approved by the council's solicitor, <b>authorise</b> the clerk to sign said paperwork and   | The Committee <b>resolved</b> to<br>• note the correspondence received from the Council's solicitor's  | <b>TC</b> to sign the addendum document on behalf of the Council. |       |

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|           | <p><b>note</b> correspondence received from the council's solicitor.</p> <p><b>Exclusion of public and press recommended due to ongoing legal process.</b></p> <p><b>Paper B</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• approve the changes to the addendum requested by the WLDC solicitor's</li> <li>• authorise the Town Clerk to sign the addendum document on behalf of the Council.</li> </ul>   |  |       |
| PS23/200  | <p>To consider an application to keep chickens at Love Lane allotment.</p> <p><b>Paper I</b></p> <p><b>Exclusion of public and press recommended to protect personal data.</b></p>   | <p>The Committee <b>resolved</b> that the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plot holder be given written permission for the Livestock House with a condition of no more than six chickens to be in line with the recommendations set out by the National Allotment Society.</li> <li>• Allotment Officer to monitor the Allotment Garden to ensure the correct Livestock House meterage as outlined above is adhered to and that a further 25% of Allotment Garden is under cultivation of crops after 3 months from the start of tenure and at least 75% of the Allotment Garden is under cultivation of crops after 12 months and thereafter as set out in in the Tenancy Agreement 5.5</li> </ul> | <b>AO</b> to provide written permission and monitor.                         |       |
| PS23/201  | <p>To <b>consider</b> a request to retain a standpipe and grant retrospective permission.</p> <p><b>Paper J</b></p>  | <p>The Committee <b>resolved</b> that</p> <p>a) That the plot holder be given retrospective written permission to retain the stand pipe on the</p>  | <b>AO</b> to write to advise the lot holder and reissue invoice for plot 47. |       |

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|   | <b>Exclusion of public and press recommended to protect personal data.</b>   | <p>condition it is a communal standpipe for all holders.</p> <p>b) The plot holder be granted a maximum of twelve (12) months only – to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – rent free access to plot 47 (water to be paid for) providing they continue to make progress regarding its cultivation. The Allotment Officer to monitor progress.</p> <p>Cllrs Key and O'Connor abstained.</p> |                            |  |
| <i>Cllr O'Connor and the Allotments Officer left the meeting at 8:40pm.</i> |  |   |                            |  |
| PS23/203  | To <b>consider</b> action to be taken to on General Cemetery Chapel and <b>authorise</b> relevant expenditure.<br><b>Paper L</b><br><b>Exclusion of public and press recommended due to time sensitive commercial sensitivity.</b> | The Committee <b>resolved</b> to approach WLDC to see if they have any local architects that can also provide quotations.   | <b>TC</b> to contact WLDC. |  |
| PS23/209  | To <b>note</b> the date and time of the next Property and Services committee scheduled 14 March 2023 at 19.00  | The committee <b>noted</b> the date and time of the next Property and Services committee scheduled 11 April 2023 at 19.00.  | N/A                        | <i>Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, p10 (2)(a)</i> |

The meeting closed at 20.51

Signed as a true record of the Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding chairman of approving meeting

Initialed:

# PAPER B

**Tree Safety Survey and Report**  
Various Sites  
Gainsborough, Lincolnshire

*for* Gainsborough Town Council

DECEMBER 2022

**RICHARD LANCASTER: TREES & LANDSCAPE  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANCY**

## 1. Instructions

- 1.1. To carry out a survey and safety inspection of all the trees on all the various properties and grounds owned and/or managed by the Town Council, as shown on the following individual location plans, and summarised on the overview plan.
- 1.2. To advise and make recommendations in relation to the safety and health of the trees, in particular where action is required to minimize risks to members of the public, adjacent private property, nearby buildings on and off site and any users of highways and footpaths. In addition, the report includes more general advice and suggestions on possible management options and maintenance operations.

## 2. Background Information and Consents

- 2.1. The trees were inspected on dates through late November 2022, with the trees therefore in autumn conditions, with various fungal brackets and crown defects potentially more visible than would be the case with a summer inspection in full leaf. The survey paid the greatest attention to trees adjacent to seating areas, playgrounds, car parks and footpaths, or alongside ownership boundaries and highways – though every tree was checked and noted.
- 2.2. All the trees have been previously inspected by Richard Lancaster in October 2019 and June 2021. A range of recommended felling and pruning works was completed for safety reasons following both inspections, particularly at the General Cemetery and in Richmond Park, although this inspection revealed that many of the *low* and *low to medium* risk items had not been resolved. However, the generic and cosmetic crown reduction and re-balancing work suggested for many trees in the original 2015 Report (not by R Lancaster) has not done as this is considered un-necessary and too extensive.
- 2.3. This 2022 survey again uses the numbered schedules dating from 2015, although it should be noted that some of those numbered trees are now missing or removed and many of the numbered tags have been lost or absorbed within the bark. For simplicity's sake, only those trees with work recommended or relevant health and safety notes are individually included in the schedules which accompany this report. These are categorised into risk ratings from high to low, as summarised in paragraph 3.1 below.
- 2.4. It is understood that the only two properties with any tree protection legislation are Richmond Park, which has an extensive Tree Preservation Order (TPO) in place, and the War Memorial Hollies, which are in the Gainsborough Town Centre Conservation Area. The reference details for the Richmond Park TPO can be found through contact with West Lindsey District Council. There are various items of pruning and possible felling work currently recommended in the park for which approval will thus be required, in addition to any small items of ongoing pruning.

## 3. Risk Assessments

- 3.1. A tree risk assessment involves balancing various factors before determining whether any trees are a risk to people, animals or property. This includes identifying high risk locations, predicting the probability of a tree or branch breaking or falling, and the likely consequences of these striking people or property. Risks considered 'High' should be attended to as soon as practical, 'Medium' can normally be attended to in a 12-month cycle, and 'Low' are generally noted as 'suggest or consider', and may be monitored, or addressed in a two-year cycle.
- 3.2. Surveys are undertaken in general accordance with the content of International Society of Arboriculture's (ISA) Best Management Practice for Tree Risk Assessment, as well as other industry-recognised documentation and recommendations.

- 3.3. This safety inspection was undertaken from ground level which means that high level crown issues or structural defects are not always apparent. The canopy assessment is intended to observe and deal with the identifiable and appreciable dangers, though it must be confirmed that even if all the highlighted issues are dealt with then other branches could fail or be a danger. If problems are suspected then aerial climbing surveys can sometimes be scheduled.

#### 4. Frequency of Inspections

- 4.1. Any recommended timetable for tree and woodland safety inspections will depend on tree numbers, age-spread and general health, the category of site and the extent of occupation. Inspection timings can sometimes also be determined by insurance companies' specific requirements and may vary from annually to a three or five-year cycle. If there is a large or ageing tree population and a significant occupation then the frequency should be increased.
- 4.2. Most of the Council's properties are regularly accessed by pedestrians and vehicles and/or bordered by private property and highways. Thus, all the sites and properties have been categorised as high-risk zones. It is suggested that an inspection frequency of 18 months to 2 years could be considered appropriate, so as to move away from repeated regular annual surveys and allow staggered inspections, to observe changing seasonal and growth conditions.

#### 5. Wildlife and Countryside Act

- 5.1. Where birds and bats may be affected by work to trees and hedges, consideration should be given to the timing of the work and whether the work is essential. Bats are protected and it is an offence to deliberately or recklessly disturb them, or damage their roosts. If the presence of bats is suspected when tree works commence then contact should be made with The Bat Conservation Trust through the National Bat Helpline (0345 1300 228). Tree felling and major pruning is also to be avoided in the bird nesting season, generally specified as March 1st to July 31st, though often extending through August. Light pruning may usually proceed within these dates after assessing trees and absolutely confirming the absence of birds or bats.

#### 6. Arboricultural Works – General

- 6.1. Any tree pruning and/or felling is to be undertaken by fully insured, qualified, professional tree contractors and in full accordance with BS 3998: 2010: Recommendations for Tree Work. Consideration must be given to requirements for any additional protective fencing to ensure the undamaged retention of any adjacent trees, plants or adjacent features. All contractors must leave the work site in a clean and tidy state, free of timber debris, litter or spillages.
- 6.2. **Ivy Issues.** Ivy does not significantly harm trees but may slightly reduce vigour and can sometimes hide problems. On amenity trees it is usually considered inappropriate, especially if allowed to become dominant, and on such trees the advice is to cut and ideally remove it. If growth is sizeable then complete cutting out a ring of stems at ground level will kill the Ivy. This will eventually fall away but can be unsightly in the meantime. In woodlands, conservation areas and hedges any Ivy may be removed if desired but is usually left for nature conservation.
- 6.3. **Ash Dieback.** The possible presence of Ash Dieback Fungus (*Chalara fraxinea*) was noted during previous (in leaf) inspections but is more difficult to spot in winter conditions – although it is likely it has continued to spread. Although an undesirable and disfiguring problem it does not *immediately* lead to affected trees becoming more dangerous in *the short term*. Therefore, in most cases, and where safe to do so, affected trees can be left in place to see how decline continues and to maintain a broad presence of the species for as long as possible.

## 7. Boundary Trees & Overhanging – General Note

- 7.1. It is understood that the Council regularly receives observations or complaints from neighbours regarding trees overshadowing their properties, or causing other problems. As an example, some very extensive pollarding was done in around 2016 or 2017 on trees in North Warren Cemetery to the south side of the adjacent properties.
- 7.2. Notwithstanding the comment above, any trees with serious overhanging issues have been noted and though remedial safety works may not be required, regular pruning and sensitive crown reduction may be considered in the interests of good neighbour relations. Alternatively, it is suggested any requests from neighbours to prune overhanging growth themselves should be carefully considered, subject to correct technique and obtaining any approvals required.

## 8. Summary and Management Recommendations

The sites are described and summarised below in their tree number order, roughly but not precisely north to south. For the sake of clarity and efficiency, only trees with comments and/or recommendations are specifically included and individually discussed in the following schedules. All the other trees are allocated grouped numbers with more general comments. *Roses Sports Ground*: The Town Council no longer has responsibility for the management and maintenance of trees at the Roses Sports Ground, so no details are included in this report.

### 8.1. Richmond Park

This Park is a popular and impressive public space with a large and good-quality tree collection. Management and maintenance of the trees is generally of a good standard and the great majority of the trees are in acceptable health. However, the age and size of some may be legitimate cause for concern in a public setting, mainly due to the presence of deadwood high in the canopies of the larger mature trees – as discussed in the schedule.

The specifically recommended felling is limited to just the focal-point Cherry T14, as its long-term deterioration has continued and it can now be considered unsightly. A replacement should be included as part of the discussed proposal for various new trees along the internal road. Willow T40 was also included last year but no work has yet been undertaken, possibly because the adjacent property to the south remains unoccupied and the wish is to retain this tree. Until this site is developed, a re-pollarding exercise would remove the immediate risk.

The remaining concerns are crown cleaning or pruning operations. High-level crown cleaning is recommended on the larger trees where deadwood is more significant, in particular Ash T22, Oak T23, Sycamore T50, Beech T65 and Cedar T81. At the same time aerial check surveys can be completed on various high-level junctions and stem and branch cavities.

It is respectfully suggested that management and re-planting could be a little more proactive to reduce or eliminate problems before they establish, to ensure long-term canopy cover in good health and to initiate a move away from the species dominance of even-aged Cypresses especially across the southern side of Richmond Park.

### 8.2. Hickman Bacon Memorial Park (aka 'The Levellings')

These trees are all currently young to middle aged, small to mid-size species and most appear to have been crown lifted after the 2020 report. These should therefore now be free of major safety or structural issues for a while, though minor pruning snags and low small-branch growth remain. There is also some lifting of the path surfacing below a few of the Cherries, which have a surface-rooting character not always suited to paved areas.



A possible health exception is an older Cherry-Plum (in Group B) with minor base-defects, for which regular monitoring is required. Replanting of a mixed range of suitable trees around the Park boundaries remains strongly recommended to re-instate the canopy cover and boundary enclosure, which was lost after the removal of numerous Poplars some years ago.

**8.3. Marshalls Sports Ground** – all comments from 2021 are still applicable, as below:

There are five mature Lombardy Poplars on the north-west boundary, relatively close to the well-used sports pitches. Based on previous aerial survey information from 2007 these were once part of a much larger linear group. No particular defects were observed, though the nature of this species is to carry small amounts of relatively lightweight deadwood, which will fall from time to time. Unlike similar trees they have not been previously pollarded. It is strongly recommended that this remains the case as such aggressive pruning creates more significant problems at a later date (as evidenced by the large Poplars in the main cemetery).

**8.4. North Warren Cemetery**

Individually, two trees have recommended work in the low and medium risk category, *these items being identified in the 2020 Report but not yet attended to*. The pruning of Sycamore T215 is easily resolved, while Chestnut T217 has again been strongly recommended for either re-pollarding or full felling for two reasons - to eliminate any possible risk, however small, due to its location, and to promote the adjacent better-quality trees for management reasons. The risk associated with leaning Cypress T224 has been re-considered and is slightly downgraded as a result, to reflect the fact the lean has seemingly stabilised.

Trees in the north-west sector have been previously fully pollarded at 12m to 16m height. This has clearly resolved overhanging and light reduction issues to the houses to the north, but careful inspections and more regular re-pruning are likely to be required as a result.

Most of the other mature trees in the cemetery are in good to fair condition, with a few minor defects noted in the schedule including deadwood and growth overhanging boundaries, which can be resolved as desired. Control and cutting of Ivy is suggested on all amenity trees. There is low growth on some of the Oaks, Beech and Yew but where this is not compromising grass mowing or damaging graves it is suggested this can be retained for character.

**8.5. General Cemetery**

This site has by far the largest Town Council owned tree population, with over 300 mainly mature trees. This simple factor, in combination with the age and species range and extent of public access, means of all the Council sites it carries the most potential risk. Various works have been completed after the reports of 2020 and 2021 but a number remain outstanding.

The following schedules list trees individually or in groups as appropriate to the risk category. Much of the work relates to crown lifting and removal of deadwood to ensure safe access for pedestrians and, occasionally, vehicles. This is obviously a repetitive and ongoing task but on certain trees more extensive and higher crown lifting can minimise the need for regular and repeated visits. Where more serious problems were seen such trees are also noted individually, including various recommendations for felling.

As a group, it is suggested that boundary Poplars are the most problematical species-block and this will only intensify the risk as their age and size increases. Pollarding has been historically completed on some of these and does admittedly instantly reduce any hazard, at the risk of more intensive and regular work having to be done in the future.

In the short to medium term, preparation of a 'Poplar Replacement Strategy' is strongly suggested so that a balanced and managed replacement scheme can be agreed. Such a strategy may need advancing if the housing development identified for the adjoining site to the south east comes closer to reality.

Likewise, many of the Cemetery Beech are becoming very mature and the virulent fungal decay agent *Meripilus giganteus* is known to be present. A number of large mature trees have already been removed but this should not preclude replacement Beech planting, as young, strongly growing Beech do not readily succumb to this fungus. A Beech (renewal) Strategy is particularly suggested in relation to the twin line of trees along the central access drive, numbered 343 to 354.

#### 8.6. Cemetery Extension Site:

There was no requirement to re-assess the mature trees within the site identified for a possible Cemetery extension, so the notes in the August 2021 Report still apply, as follows:

Access to, and views of, the trees was compromised by extensive scrub and weed growth, but no significant risks or problems were identified. Six mature trees were noted in the schedule, and there are also various groups of scrub, shrubs and self-set multi-stem trees, mainly Sycamore; it is assumed the latter will be removed to accommodate the proposed expansion.

#### 8.7. Spital Hill Allotment Site

The decayed Ash mentioned in the separate tree report dated January 2021 has been removed, while the general comments and suggestions included remain broadly valid. General works to clear the Ivy and reduce scrub growth along the pavement boundary will be regularly required, and removal of another leaning small Ash stem is recommended.

#### 8.8. War Memorial

There are three Hollies on a small section of Council owned land around the War Memorial, adjacent to the grounds of Gainsborough Old Hall (trees not in the 2015 numbered schedule). They are relatively young and in good to fair health, with no significant safety issues and they were crown lifted following recommendations in the 2020 Report.

### 9. Schedule of Trees

9.1. The following schedule lists all the trees with particular safety and health issues, along with works noted as *recommended* or *suggested*. Additional notes are included where other trees require ongoing maintenance. Information was recorded and is described as follows.

- Tree type, with reference number
- Species in English and (botanical) Latin
- Approximate maximum height and stem diameter at 1.5m above ground level
- Age and class
- Physical and structural condition, with management recommendations
- Risk assessment (grading)
- Photographs were taken and many are included at the end of the report.

The trees with risk assessments **highlighted in yellow** are those with absolute recommendations for remedial action on safety grounds. Those **highlighted in green** are more simple operations, covering some at low level including clearing footways which *could* be done by Council staff (subject to site assessment), with a less critical timescale.

## 10. Summary

**In summary**, there are no definitive High-risk items described in the schedule, but there are some classified Medium or Medium/High, including various problems identified in previous reports but not yet remedied. There are eight trees recommended for felling, of which four could be retained by pollarding if this is the preferred decision. Of this group, five are on the boundaries of the General Cemetery, with one at North Warren Cemetery and two at Richmond Park, including the Cherry (T14) which has been the subject of much discussion.

A more general recommendation for the General Cemetery remains the suggested strategy for dealing with the over-mature Poplars, as included in previous reports. The full failure of Poplar T313 (summer 2022) without warning may serve to focus attention on this.

In the lesser category of Low or Low/Medium the majority of the problems relate to removal of deadwood from large mature trees, and/or crown lifting above well-used footpaths.

The following **Summary Table** lists all the risks categorised as Low and upwards so that informed decisions can be made by the Council on an appropriate programme of work.

| Reference        | Species                            | Recommendations                              | Priority    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| 14 RP            | Cherry                             | <b>Recommend Fell</b> and replace            | Medium      |
| 22, 23 RP        | Ash Oak                            | Recommend Pruning - crown cleaning & check   | Low/Medium  |
| 50, 65 RP        | Sycamore Beech                     | Recommend Pruning - crown cleaning & check   | Low/Medium  |
| 40 RP            | Willow                             | <b>Recommend Pollard or Fell</b>             | Medium      |
| 50, 65 RP        | Sycamore                           | Recommend Pruning - crown cleaning & check   | Low/Medium  |
| 81 RP            | Cedar                              | Recommend Pruning - crown cleaning & check   | Low/Medium  |
| GC North General | Various inc. Lime Poplar and Beech | Suggest various works and Strategy needed    | Low         |
| 215 NWC          | Sycamore                           | Recommend Pruning                            | Low         |
| 217 NWC          | Horse Chestnut                     | <b>Recommend Fell, or Pollard if desired</b> | Medium      |
| 271 GC North     | Sycamore                           | Recommend Pruning                            | Low         |
| 284 GC North     | Sycamore                           | <b>Recommend Fell, or Pollard if desired</b> | Medium      |
| 303 GC North     | Poplar                             | <b>Recommend Fell or Pollard if desired</b>  | Medium      |
| 316 GC North     | Poplar                             | <b>Recommend Fell</b>                        | Medium/High |
| 347 GC North     | Beech                              | <b>Recommend Fell</b>                        | Medium      |
| 396 to 402 GC    | Various                            | Recommend crown lifting                      | Low         |
| GC South General | Various inc. Lime, Poplar & Beech  | Suggest various works and Strategy needed    | Low         |
| 447 GC South     | Lime                               | Recommend crown cleaning and prune           | Low/Medium  |
| 474 GC South     | Poplar                             | <b>Recommend Fell</b>                        | Medium/High |
| 485, 489, 492    | Hybrid Poplars                     | Recommend Pruning, crown lift and reduction  | Low         |
| Spital Hill      | Ash                                | Suggest Felling of small leaning Ash         | Low         |

| Schedule                         |   |                   |            |                         |            |  |                |       |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--|----------------|-------|
| Tree No.                         | Species   | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm) | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><i>Management Recommendations</i>   | Risk Rating    | Photo |
|                                  | <b>Richmond Park</b> (Paragraph 8.1)  |                   |            |                         |            |  |                |       |
| 1 to 11<br>13 to 21<br>inclusive | Maple, Crab Apple, Birch, Liquidambar, Red Oak, Ash, Cherry, Red, Oak, Ginkgo, Cypress. | 6- 12             | 200 - 400  | 4 - 8                   | EM<br>M    | Smaller and ornamental trees, mostly in play area, grassed areas or around property, including groups of mid-size Lawson Cypress. No significant safety problems observed; typical minor issues include small hanging or broken branches ( <i>Liquidambar</i> T6), low growth over foot paths, health decline through waterlogging, Ivy (on <i>Ash</i> T11) lack of previous formative pruning etc.<br><br><i>No immediate works recommended. Formative pruning suggested. Control Ivy</i> | -              | -     |
| 12                               | Ash<br><i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>  | 14                | 600        | 12 - 14                 | M          | Sound and healthy, no significant signs of Ash dieback. Low over hedge and previously pruned where extended over adjacent school grounds.<br><br><i>No immediate safety works. Crown lift if desired.</i>  | V. Low         | -     |
| 14                               | Ornamental Cherry<br><i>Prunus variety</i>  | 7                 | 450        | 8                       | M          | Prominent but not large tree outside the main property, used as backdrop for photography. Previously monitored due to declining health, with increasing deadwood and dieback. Impacting adjacent semi-mature Ginkgo (T13)<br><br><i>On balance, now Recommend removal, in association with adjacent group planting.</i>  | Medium         | -     |
| 22                               | Ash<br><i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>  | 25                | 950        | 12 – 14                 | LM         | Very large specimen tree, which appears to be sound and healthy from ground level. High level deadwood, up to medium size in places, some over adjacent footpaths and grassed areas. Fungal bracket remnant ( <i>Inonotus?</i> ) on eastern stem at 9m, with possible small cavities associated.<br><br><i>Recommend a policy of regular crown cleaning and aerial survey checks are introduced for large mature trees, and any similar.</i>   | Low/<br>Medium | 1     |
| 23                               | Turkey Oak<br><i>Quercus cerris</i>   | 25                | 1050       | 16 - 18                 | LM         | Very large specimen tree, which appears to be sound and healthy from ground level. High level deadwood, up to medium or even large size in places, some over adjacent footpaths and grassed areas.<br><br><i>Recommend a policy of regular crown cleaning and aerial survey checks are introduced for large mature trees, and any similar.</i>   | Low            | 1     |

| Schedule  |  |                   |            |                         |             |  |                |       |
|---|--|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|----------------|-------|
| Tree No.  | Species  | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm) | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage  | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><br><i>Management Recommendations</i>   | Risk Rating    | Photo |
| 24 to 39,<br>41 to 49<br>51 to 60<br>inclusive  | Cypress, Sycamore, Ash,<br>Cherry, Holly, Magnolia | 6 - 15            | 100 - 400  | 3 - 10                  | EM<br><br>M | Smaller and mid-size trees in southern and south- west corner groups. Numbering is sometimes compromised. Dominated by numerous small and mid-size Cypresses, some of these with multi-stem form are slightly compromised. Various self-set Ash & Sycamore to SW corner not included on plan (some felled).<br><i>No immediate works recommended. Ongoing clearance &amp; management suggested.</i>  | V. Low         | -     |
| 40  | Willow<br><br>Salix sps.                           | 16                | 950        | 134                     | LM          | Significant decline in health and structure, after previous pollarding at approx. 7m. Wood decay around stem and mid-level junctions and deadwood over adjacent path. Is in a relatively safe location on the south boundary adjacent to a currently empty site, but rapid deterioration is possible. <b>No action taken in 2021</b><br><b><i>Recommended action remains to remove and replace OR re-pollard at 6m.</i></b>  | Low/<br>Medium | 2     |
| 50  | Sycamore   | 22                | 1000       | 10 - 12                 | LM          | Very large specimen tree, fair condition only seen from ground level. Twin-stem junction at 3.5m is sound, though with minor bark deterioration below. Minor or light high-level deadwood in places, some over adjacent footpaths.<br>Lost limb at 8m south side, stump decaying back, in relatively safe location.<br><b><i>Suggest add to the group proposed for regular crown cleaning &amp; aerial surveys.</i></b>  | Low            | 3     |
| 55  | Sycamore   | 20                | 650        | 8 - 10                  | M           | Boundary tree, good foliage health, previously crown lifted, still close to property to south. Twin junction at 4m partially inspected and appears to be sound. Some Ivy.<br><i>No immediate works recommended. Monitor overhang &amp; <b>Control Ivy.</b></i>   | V. Low         | -     |
| Groups formed by 60 to 84 plus 85 to 91 & scrub | Alder, Cedar, Lime, Yew, Cypress, Cedar            | 16 - 22           | 450 - 800  | 10 - 16                 | M           | Various large or mid-sized mature trees, along Morton Terrace boundary. Generally sound and in good health, with crown reduction done on larger Sycamores and a Chestnut in 2020. Various minor issues, including low growth, compromised form due to competition, and deadwood above. Ongoing impact above and across pavement, close to lighting columns.<br><i>No absolute safety works recommended. <b>Ivy to Control on Alder</b></i><br><b><i>Suggest the policy of ongoing light pruning and crown lifting is maintained.</i></b> | V. Low         | -     |

| Schedule         |  |                   |            |                         |            |   |                |       |
|------------------|--|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---|----------------|-------|
| Tree No.         | Species                                      | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm) | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><br><i>Management Recommendations</i>  | Risk Rating    | Photo |
| 65               | Beech  | 25                | 1300       | 16 – 18                 | LM         | Very large specimen tree, with sound and healthy canopy seen from ground level. Twin-stem junction at 5.5m was not inspected, aerial survey is needed. Numerous scars and small cavities from previous pruning. Light to medium deadwood, particularly over footpath below.<br><br><b>Recommend full crown clean &amp; aerial survey check.</b> (Priority 1 of large trees).  | Low/<br>Medium | 4     |
| 73               | Lime<br><i>Tilia species</i>                 | 24                | 600<br>800 | 14                      | M          | Relatively tall, with thinning crown. Twin stem from ground level with open saddle. No issues with sounding. Extensive deadwood, mostly light, some medium.<br><br><b>Suggest a full crown clean, to as high a level as practical</b>   | Low            | 5     |
| 78               | English Oak<br><i>Quercus robur</i>          | 20                | 2400       | 20+                     | LM         | Majestic and magnificent Oak, seemingly in good health with very characterful form. Very wide spreading, significant and heavy junctions throughout. Very wide base splitting to 5 large limbs at 1 to 2m.<br><br>Typical minor defects and some deadwood, over adjacent footpath.<br><br><i>No immediate works recommended. Regular, sensitive crown cleaning suggested.</i> | Low            | -     |
| 81               | Cedar (of Lebanon?)<br><i>Cedrus species</i> | 18                | 900        | 6 - 8                   | M          | Relatively tall, with thin crown, compromised by adjacent trees. Lowest limb appears to be dead, and with additional deadwood at higher levels. Above well-used path and close to west boundary, above pavement.<br><br><b>Recommend a full crown clean, to as high a level as practical.</b>   | Low/<br>Medium | 6     |
| 84               | Horse Chestnut                               | 20                | 1000       | 16 - 18                 | LM         | High amenity impact, canopy fair condition, with probable bleeding canker decline. Stem cavities from previous crown lifting. Cavity at 4m west side with decay down the <u>side</u> of the stem to approx. 400mm. Not considered an immediate hazard.<br><br><b>Suggest the policy of ongoing light pruning and crown lifting is maintained.</b>                             | V. Low         | -     |
| 93 and 98 to 101 | Sycamore<br><i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>       | 14 - 16           | 300 - 450  | 6 - 10                  | M          | Boundary trees, probably self-set, in old hedge line. Access to bases compromised. No significant problems observed but some multi stem forms, potentially weak junctions, and Ivy growing up stems. Some poor pruning seen beyond boundary.<br><br><b>Control Ivy, ongoing monitoring, prune when required.</b>  | V. Low         | -     |

| Schedule   |   |                   |            |                         |            |  |             |       |
|--|---|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--|-------------|-------|
| Tree No.   | Species   | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm) | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><i>Management Recommendations</i>   | Risk Rating | Photo |
| <b>Hickman Bacon Memorial Park (Paragraph 8.2)</b> |   |                   |            |                         |            |  |             |       |
| HB Group A   | Birch, Cherry, Thorn, Rowan<br><i>Betula, Prunus sps. Crataegus, Sorbus</i>   | 5 - 8             | 200 - 350  | 4 - 6                   | EM<br>M    | Group of approx 12 trees in the South and SW corners of Park, not on the original survey. Mostly good to fair health, Birch in SW corner is close to adjacent property. Two Cherries on southern boundary are very low above adjacent building roof and impacting on gutters.<br><br><i>No immediate safety recommendations.</i><br><b>Suggest ongoing light pruning and reduction to maintain shape and clearances.</b>   | V. Low      | -     |
| HB Group B   | Cherry and Hawthorn<br><i>Prunus &amp; Crataegus species</i>  | 6 - 7             | 500<br>350 | 5 - 6                   | M          | Small fungal bracket ( <i>Ganoderma</i> ) can be seen at base of older Cherry at east end, indicating slow stem decline. Fair & typical form, foliage health good at present.<br><br><i>Monitor brackets and possible decline on older Cherries</i>  | V. Low      | -     |
| 171 to 186 inclusive<br>16 no.                     | Turkish Hazel, Whitebeam, Cherry, Ornamental Thorn,<br><i>Corylus colurna, Sorbus aria var., Prunus and Crataegus sps.,</i> | 7 - 12            | 250-450    | 4 - 8                   | SM<br>M    | A strong line of mid-size trees on the southern boundary, all in good health with only small issues. Crown lifting and basal growth removal completed in 2020. Pruning has left a few snags and stubs, particularly on Cherries, not currently significant, but illustrative of poor technique. Some basal growth returned.<br><br><i>No immediate safety recommendations.</i><br><b>Suggest ongoing crown lifting and minor pruning to maintain shape and clearances.</b>   | V. Low      | -     |
| <b>Marshalls Sports Ground (Paragraph 8.3)</b>     |   |                   |            |                         |            |  |             |       |
| 197 to 201   | Lombardy Poplars<br><i>Populus nigra Italica</i><br>Group of 5  | 20 - 22           | 500+       | 5 - 7                   | M          | Typical form & condition for species, branched from ground level, uniform crowns. In fair to good condition, not previously topped, but small amounts of deadwood evident, some lodged. Trees are on the hedge line but close to the spectator and sport areas. T199 has a small scar and very minor decay to base, west side, though access was compromised by fence & vegetation, & T201 has moderate Ivy growth.<br><br><i>No safety recommendations. Cut Ivy T201. Recommend that trees are not pollarded.</i> | V. Low      | -     |

| Schedule                                     |  |                   |            |                         |            |   |                   |       |
|--|--|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---|-------------------|-------|
| Tree No.                                     | Species  | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm) | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><i>Management Recommendations</i>  | Risk Rating       | Photo |
| <b>North Warren Cemetery</b> (Paragraph 8.4) |  |                   |            |                         |            |   |                   |       |
| 202 to 207 inc. plus 235, & 236              | Horse Chestnut, Sycamore, Turkey Oak<br><i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> ,<br><i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> ,<br><i>Quercus cerris</i> | 15 - 18           | 650 - 850  | 6 - 10                  | M          | Mature trees, in good health, fully pollarded (5 to 6 years ago?). All show strong recovery re-growth, with typical numerous small branches from pollard heads. Some of these may prove to be weak and poorly attached with internal decay and become a potential hazard in the medium term. Some minor basal growth.<br>Leaf-miner is present in the Horse Chestnuts (no action possible).<br><br><b>Comments from 2021 still applicable:</b> <i>there are no safety recommendations, but the nature of the pollarding suggests more regular future pruning will be required.</i>                                      | V. Low at present |       |
| 208 to 214                                   | Sycamore, Turkey Oak, Oak (Latin as above)   | 18 - 22           | 600 - 900  | 10 - 15                 | M          | Generally sound and healthy trees, forming a good amenity screen to the north, though some canopies unbalanced and low in places (retain this character?).<br>Minor issues with medium sized deadwood and hanging branches still in the crowns, these are mostly small and in relatively safe locations away from paths and seats.<br><br><i>No absolute safety recommendations.</i><br><b>Suggest low and accessible deadwood is removed (ongoing).</b>  | V. Low            | 10    |
| 215  | Sycamore<br><i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>   | 20                | 650        | 14                      | M          | Healthy canopy but form compromised by over-extended limb to NE at 8m AGL. Low possibility of this being lost, across open space to north. Small cavity in stem in adjacent location (7m AGL) but not depth-checked (ground level survey).<br><br><b>Recommend unbalanced limb is removed or substantially reduced, including allowing for aerial check of possible stem cavity at same time.</b>   | Low               | 7     |
| 217  | Horse Chestnut<br><i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>  | 24                | 1000       | 8                       | LM         | Fair health, signs of initial decline in upper canopy in 2020 and 2021. Appears to be previously pollarded at approx. 12m AGL. Probable bleeding canker residue on stem at 1m and 2m and some minor stem decay in base south side, not increasing in 2022.<br>In very hazardous location adjacent to health centre and its car park.<br><br><b>Comments from 2020 still apply: Recommended Management Decision:</b> <i>remove T217 to eliminate any possible risk, and to promote adjacent better T216 and T218.</i><br><b>Alternatively,</b> <i>re-pollard at 12m if the desire is to keep the tree as a monolith.</i> | Medium            | 8     |



## Schedule

| Tree No.                          | Species  | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm) | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><br><i>Management Recommendations</i>   | Risk Rating                              | Photo |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--|--|-------|
| 216, 218 and 219 to 222 inclusive | Beech, Sycamore, Horse Chestnut, Lime<br><i>Fagus, Acer, Aesculus and Tilia species</i>    | 16 - 22           | 600 - 900  | 8 – 12                  | M          | Generally sound & healthy trees, good screen to east & high amenity value. Minor deadwood in places, in relatively safe locations, away from paths. Some low growth remains on Lime T222 close to the verge and car park to the east. <i>Remnants of small fungal bracket on base of T218, unidentifiable, stem appears to be sound.</i><br><br><i>No absolute safety recommendations.</i><br><b>Suggest additional minor pruning on T222 and low and accessible deadwood is removed throughout (ongoing).</b>   | Low at present                           | 9     |
| 224                               | Cypress<br><i>Cupressus species</i>  | 11                | 500        | 7                       | M          | Foliage health good, but noticeable lean eastwards – towards but not directly over path. Minor decay in stem base west side, possibly extending below ground.<br><br><b>Some action was Recommended in 2020 to remove or stabilize. Not done but no increase in lean was seen in 2022 so tree is more stable than it first appeared.</b><br><i>Pruning option to reduce weight (poor form will result) if the desire is to keep tree.</i>  | V. Low<br>(reduced from Low/Med in 2020) | -     |
| 223, 225 to 232, 234 and 238      | Various species, including Yew, Chestnut, Beech, Oak, Conifers, Sycamore, Turkey Oak, Lime | 12 - 22           | 400 - 950  | 6 - 16                  | M          | The remaining large trees in Cemetery are mostly good health, & good to fair form. Various minor defects, including twin stems, minor deadwood and apparent minor foliage decline; none are significant safety hazards at present. Canopy imbalances in places where trees are grouped, not significant. Includes group of 4 mature trees 229 to 232 adjacent to Ropery road, all currently sound and healthy.<br><br><i>No immediate safety recommendation. Cut any Ivy. Ongoing monitoring required.</i><br><b>Continue with regular crown lifting on 229 to 232 over pavement on Ropery Road.</b> | V. Low                                   | 11    |
| 233                               | Black Pine<br><i>Pinus nigra var.</i>  | 22                | 1200 @GL   | 22                      | LM         | Very large and impressive specimen, good health & form at present. Previously crown lifted, some lost branches evident, deadwood present though not excessive. Stem splits to four main limbs at 1.4m AGL.<br><br><i>No current safety recommendation. Ongoing monitoring required. Remove ropes.</i>  | V. Low                                   | -     |
| 237                               | Beech<br><i>Fagus sylvatica</i>  | 16                | 750        | 12 - 14                 | M          | Foliage decline at high level, fair at lower levels. Small stem hole 6m south side not inspected. Minor bark deterioration. No appreciable hazards observed.<br><br><i>No immediate safety recommendations. Add to Regular Monitor list.</i>   | V. Low                                   | 12    |

| Schedule   |  |                   |             |                         |            |  |                |          |
|--|--|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|--|----------------|----------|
| Tree No.   | Species                                | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm)  | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><i>Management Recommendations</i>   | Risk Rating    | Photo    |
| <b>General Cemetery (Paragraph 8.5) NORTH SIDE</b> |  |                   |             |                         |            |  |                |          |
| 248  | Sycamore<br><i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> | 24                | 750         | 15                      | M          | Fair health, compromised form. Stem hole at 6m west side of stem. Twin stem fork at 4m AGL. Close to telephone pole and wire. Now obscured by Ivy – <b>to be cut.</b><br><b>Assume that suggested aerial inspection</b> was completed without comment.   | V. Low         | -        |
| 242 - 247<br>& some<br>249 - 260                   | Sycamore Lime, Beech,<br>Cypress       | 20+               | 600-<br>900 | 12 +                    | M          | Mature group, sound and healthy, with some low growth. Not close to main paths.<br><b>NOTE</b> – various number tags in this group lost or incorrect.<br><b>Consider scheme of crown lifting where less than 4m clear above paths, particularly Sycamore 242 and Elm 245 and where near o/head cables. Cut Ivy on Sycamore 252.</b>  | V. Low         | -        |
| 258  | Beech<br><i>Fagus sylvatica</i>        | 24                | 600         | 8                       | M          | Fair condition, boundary tree, with twin stem. Decayed fungal bracket at base, possibly <i>Meripilus</i> , in a relatively safe boundary location.<br><br><i>No immediate works suggested, check fungal bracket status.</i>  | V. Low         | -        |
| 271  | Sycamore<br><i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> | 22                | 700         | 12                      | M          | Fair health and structure, minor and some medium deadwood. Damaged limb at 7m AGL east side projecting over internal access road.<br><br><b>Suggest damaged limb is removed, and crown clean in association.</b>   | Low            | -        |
| 274  | Sycamore<br><i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> | 16                | 450         | 8                       | M          | Declining health, mid-size tree, in risky location next to entrance gate and over highway pavement. Reduction pruning completed 2021. Minor Ivy.<br><br><i>No immediate works suggested, monitor ongoing decline and fell if required.</i>   | -              | See 2021 |
| 275  | Beech<br><i>Fagus sylvatica</i>        | 25                | 800         | 10                      | M          | Sound and healthy crown and upper canopy. Growing close to lighting column & rubbing branch at 8m AGL. Triple stem at 2m AGL is sound.<br>Small <i>Meripilus</i> brackets between root buttresses south side, and now east side.<br><b>No obvious increase in decline seen in 2022 and stem remains sound.</b><br><i>No immediate works recommended. Regular, careful monitoring required.</i> | Low at present | -        |
| 284  | Sycamore                               | 20                | 400         | 8                       | M          | Obviously declining health, with a dead top and deadwood seeming to be extending down through the tree. Stem base apparently sound but leaning towards road.   | Medium         | 13       |

| Schedule   |  |                        |                             |                         |             |   |  |          |
|--|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---|--|----------|
| Tree No.   | Species  | Approx Height (m)      | Diam. (mm)                  | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage  | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><br>Management Recommendations   | Risk Rating  | Photo    |
|  | <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>   |                        |                             |                         |             | Further increase in decline seen in 2022 and works now required.<br><br><b>Recommend remove and replace.</b><br><i>Alternative: pollard at 8 to 10m if the preferred desire is to keep the tree.</i>  |  |          |
| 277, 280, 281, 285, 286, 291, 298, 299, 302,                     | Beech, Sycamore, Elm, Horse Chestnut                                   | 20+                    | 500 - 1000                  | 8 - 16                  | M           | All the mature broadleaf trees in the boundary group close to or bordering Heapham Road. Generally, in good health, fair to good structure, with minor issues typical of the size and age of the species. Some projecting well above and over highway, to the far carriageway, with inherent imbalances. Extensive previous pruning. Sycamore 302 has a cavity in the base south side, but the stem appears sound & secure.<br><br><i>No immediate works recommended. Regular assessment for crown lifting suggested – possibly this is already in hand through the appropriate Highway agency? TBC.</i>  | Low  | -        |
| 303  | Hybrid Poplar<br><i>Populus sps.</i>                                   | 24                     | 600?                        | 7                       | M           | Previously pollarded Poplar, with typical problems as a result, Ivy now cut to allow inspection. Multiple dead or declining branches and decay elsewhere. Hollow stem recorded in 2015 inspection? – not discernible now?<br><br><b>Recommended</b> re-pollard to 10m or to previous line.  | Medium   | 14       |
| 305, 307,<br><br>304, 306,<br>311, 314,<br>315, 318,<br>320, 321 | Hybrid Poplars<br><i>Populus sps.</i><br><br>Lime<br><i>Tilia sps.</i> | 24 – 26<br><br>18 – 20 | 800 – 1000<br><br>700 - 850 | 8 - 16<br><br>14 - 18   | LM<br><br>M | <b>The South-East Boundary</b> , with previously pollarded Poplars, with typical problems as a result, and mature Lime. Numerous dead or declining branches, and Poplar number 313 failed and fell (2021?). Foliage health generally good and strong.<br>Note: Possible adjacent housing development will significantly increase the hazard.<br>NOTE: similar but less critical/hazardous comments apply to Limes on this boundary.<br><i>It is Recommended that the Council create a 'Poplar Replacement Strategy' to sequentially remove and replant this boundary, retaining the Limes between. Alternatively, an ongoing scheme of re-pollarding will be necessary which may be more costly and problematical in the longer term.</i> | Low at present. Medium if there is new access to south side. | See 2021 |
| 316  | Hybrid Poplar<br><i>Populus sps.</i>                                   | 28                     | 1000                        | 10                      | M           | Pollarded Poplar, with typical problems as a result. Declining branches & notable decay progressing in stem base, extending across buttresses. (Shown for felling in 2016).<br><br><b>Recommend remove and replace Not Done– Strong Recommendation remains in</b>   | Medium /High   | 15       |

| Schedule           |  |                   |            |                         |            |  |                |          |
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| Tree No.           | Species  | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm) | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br>Management Recommendations  | Risk Rating    | Photo    |
|                    |  |                   |            |                         |            | <i>place. Alternative: re-pollard at 6 to 8m if preference is to keep the tree.</i>  |                |          |
| 322, 323, 324, 325 | Hybrid Poplars<br><i>Populus sps.</i>            | 18 – 28           | 900 – 1000 | 10+                     | LM         | All comments above for similar Poplars 305 onwards apply.<br>Large Poplar 326 completely removed in 2020.<br><i>It is <b>Recommended that the Council create a 'Poplar Replacement Strategy' to sequentially remove and replant this boundary.</b></i>   | Low/<br>Medium | See 2021 |
| 328 to 335 inc.    | Lime<br><i>Tilia sps.</i>                        | 9 -12             | 350 - 500  | 7 -10                   | M          | Generally sound and healthy, with variable deadwood throughout, some up to medium size and over busy adjacent footpath. T330 is growing close to lighting column and T334 has more extensive deadwood than others.<br><br><b><i>Suggest crown clean of obvious hazardous deadwood, and clear light column.</i></b>   | Low            | 19       |
| 338                | Beech<br><i>Fagus sylvatica</i>                  | 22                | 950        | 18                      | M          | Large Beech, large twin stem junction at 3m, fair foliage health, possible early signs of decline at top of canopy. Location is between 2 other Beech lost to <i>Meripilus</i> .<br><br><i>No immediate works recommended. Maintain careful checking for Meripilus.</i>  | Low            | -        |
| 342 to 346         | Beech<br><i>Fagus sylvatica</i><br>Plus Hornbeam | 10 - 22           | 300-1000   | 6 - 14                  | M          | Line of Beech and 1 Hornbeam (342) on south side of access drive. Generally good health, very variable form, with minor deadwood over drive, broken snags, and roots exposed by erosion. In an area prone to <i>Meripilus</i> , now seen adjacent to 345.<br><br><i>No immediate works recommended. Allow for ongoing crown lifting and checking deadwood, and monitoring for Meripilus.</i> | Low            | -        |
| 347                | Beech<br><i>Fagus sylvatica</i>                  | 20                | 700        | 9                       | M          | Good foliage health, previously topped. Tight complex junction 4m with sizeable cavities to north and east. Extensive <i>Meripilus</i> brackets to 3 sides.<br><br><b><i>Recommend felling and replacement of T347.</i></b>  | Low/<br>Medium | 16       |
| 348 to 354         | Beech<br><i>Fagus sylvatica</i>                  | 16 - 22           | 650 - 900  | 8 - 14                  | M          | Line of Beech on north side of access drive. Generally good foliage health, with minor deadwood and broken snags. Many have stem holes at 4m to 8m, indicating possible previous pollarding, too high or awkward to check. In an area prone to <i>Meripilus</i> .<br><br><i>Polyporus squamosus</i> bracket seen on T351 June 2021.  | Low            | -        |

## Schedule

| Tree No.                | Species   | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm) | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><br><i>Management Recommendations</i>  | Risk Rating  | Photo    |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---|--|----------|
|                         |   |                   |            |                         |            | <i>No immediate works required to others. It is <b>Recommended that the Council create a 'Beech Renewal Strategy'</b> for this line of trees, to give sequential replacement. Consider aerial surveys of remaining Beech.</i>   |  |          |
| 364                     | Pink Chestnut<br><i>Aesculus carnea</i> var.      | 16                | 400        | 4                       | LM         | Weak form and foliage, limited amenity impact. Thin crown, probable hollow stem.<br><br><b>Suggested action is remove &amp; replace Not Done 2020; Suggestion remains in place.</b>   | Low  | See 2020 |
| 381, 383, 384, 385,     | Beech<br><i>Fagus sylvatica</i>                   | 20                | 750 - 800  | 14 - 18                 | M          | Dominant group on northern boundary, generally sound and healthy crowns, mixed form and some twin and multiple junctions. Most of group leaning to north. Single <i>Ganoderma</i> fungal bracket on 381, large <i>Ganoderma</i> brackets (old) on 383, and small <i>Meripilus</i> growth on 384.. No access into rough ground to north to check.<br><br><i>No immediate works recommended. Monitor possible expansion of fungal brackets and take action if any access or development occurs to north side.</i> | V. Low<br>Medium if there is new access to north side. | -        |
| 394                     | Horse Chestnut<br><i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> . | 22                | 700        | 10                      | M          | Apparently declining health, bark loss and scarring around base. Twisted form at low level. Weeping from stem (not thought to be clear Bleeding Canker).<br><br><i>No immediate works recommended. Monitor for possible Bleeding Canker. <b>Consider a crown lift</b> over path in association with adjacent works.</i>   | V. Low   | -        |
| 396 to 400 and 402      | Sycamore and Horse Chestnut.                      | 18 - 20           | 600 - 650  | 10 - 12                 | M          | Boundary trees, overall, in fair health and condition. Various limbs projecting low over path, including a large projecting limb on Chestnut T400. Well attached but very extended, with low risk of breakage.<br><br><b>Recommend crown lifting on linear group and reduction of extended limb over path. Not Done 2020.</b>   | Low  | 17       |
| 415 to 421 and 428, 430 | Various:<br>Lime, Sycamore, Oak, HC               | 12 - 20           | 400 - 700  | 8+                      | M          | Line of mixed trees along central footpaths, good health, low growth, very low in places, possibly impacting on pedestrian safety.<br><br><b>Consider general scheme of crown lifting where less than 4m clear</b>  | Low  | 18       |

| Schedule                           |   |   |            |                         |            |  |                |          |
|------------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------------------------|------------|--|----------------|----------|
| Tree No.                           | Species   | Approx Height (m)                         | Diam. (mm) | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><i>Management Recommendations</i>   | Risk Rating    | Photo    |
| 422                                | Beech<br><i>Fagus sylvatica</i>   | 24  | 1000       | 14                      | M          | Crown decline, base deterioration, with no obvious cause – Charcoal Fungus suspected. Slight lean to west away from main public spaces; apparently no increase.<br><b>No obvious increase in decline seen in 2022 and stem remains sound.</b><br><i>No immediate works recommended. Monitor possible increased decline.</i>  | Low            | See 2020 |
| 422A                               | Hawthorn<br><i>Crataegus monogyna</i>   | 7   | 300<br>x2  | 7                       | M          | Poor twin stem form, significant decay in base. In safe location on grassy bank.<br><i>No immediate works recommended. Option to coppice if desired.</i>   | V. Low         | See 2020 |
| <b>General Cemetery SOUTH SIDE</b> |   |   |            |                         |            |  |                |          |
| 431 to 436 & 446 to 454            | Lime<br><i>Tilia sps.</i><br><br>Poplar, <i>Populus sps</i><br>Silver Birch ( <i>Betula sps</i> ) | 16 – 18<br>Limes<br><br>22- 24<br>Poplars | 600 - 800  | 8 - 12                  | M          | Eastern boundary trees, most of the Limes previously pollarded; Poplars not pollarded. Generally in good health, forms fair to good. Strong regrowth on pollarded Limes. No significant hazards observed, but some congested canopies from pollards and low crowns potentially impacting pedestrians. 434 & 435 very close to property to east. Minor deadwood and numerous low pruning snags throughout.<br><b>Ongoing scheme of crown lifting if less than 4m clear and re-pollard Lime as required.</b><br><i>Crown clean Poplars, particularly 448, 450 and 453.</i> | Low            |          |
| 437 to 445 & 456 to 469            | Various Ornamentals:<br>Cherry, Apple, Thorn, Alder, Birch  | 5+  | 250+       | 5+                      | EM<br>M    | Numerous smaller species, alongside paths and driveway at north end of south side. Show a range of conditions, forms very mixed. No safety hazards observed. Pruning/crown lifting scheme completed 2021, leaving few pruning snags & deadwood. A few small and medium very poor trees are in poor health, including 456, 458, & 467. Monitor and remove if death or significant decline in health.<br><b>Pruning Completed.</b> <i>Suggest additional crown tidying and ongoing lifting as needed.</i>  | V. Low         |          |
| 447                                | Lime<br><i>Tilia sps.</i>   | 16  | 650        | 10                      | M          | Fair health, possibly one of trees on this line that has been pollarded. Extensive medium size deadwood, notably above a minor grass footpath to west.<br><b>Some Lifting done in 2020; Recommend additional crown cleaning required.</b>  | Low/<br>Medium | 20       |

| Schedule                      |  |                   |            |                         |            |   |              |       |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---|--------------|-------|
| Tree No.                      | Species  | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm) | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><br><i>Management Recommendations</i>  | Risk Rating  | Photo |
| 466                           | Lombardy Poplar<br><i>Populus nigra Italica.</i>                                   | 25                | 850        | 7                       | M          | Large single specimen, central space. Good health, form compromised, twin stem junction at 1.5m, apparently sound. Medium size hanging branch at 6m.<br><b>Suggest</b> hanging branch is removed by staff if possible.  | V. Low       | -     |
| 466, and 471 to 482 inclusive | Lombardy Poplars<br><i>Populus nigra Italica.</i><br><br>Lime<br><i>Tilia sps.</i> | 18 – 20           | 400 – 600  | 10+                     | LM         | Alternating Poplars and Limes alongside central public footpath, former not pollarded. Access compromised in places by existing vegetation. Good health, mostly good form, some low growth, minor deadwood over path, impact on lighting columns, and poor pruning snags and stubs. <b>See Number 474 Below</b><br><b>Consider general scheme of crown cleaning and lifting where less than 3m clear height. Clear lighting columns, control basal growth.</b>  | Low          | 19    |
| 474                           | Lombardy Poplar<br><i>Populus nigra Italica</i>                                    | 20                | 550        | 6                       | M          | Good foliage health, but removal of base vegetation has revealed a sizeable cavity in the stem, north side, from ground to 2m AGL. Potential for breakage and failure.<br><b>Strongly Recommend Fell -not done in 2021</b>  | Medium /High | 21    |
| 484 to 504 inclusive          | Hybrid Poplar<br><i>Populus sps.</i>   | 14- 22            | 400- 700   | 6 - 10                  | M          | Significant linear group on western boundary alongside public footpath, not pollarded. Access compromised in places by existing vegetation. Good health, mostly good form, with deadwood, tight junctions, extended limbs and other issues typical of the species.<br><b>See actions for specific number below. Numbers 489 &amp; 490 Below.</b><br><b>Above Comments from 2020 still apply:</b> Suggest ongoing scheme of crown reduction if/when impacting on footpath or lighting, as well as notes below. | V. Low       | 22    |
| 485                           | Hybrid Poplar<br><i>Populus sps.</i>   | 24                | 650        | -                       | M          | Good foliage health, medium size deadwood, and high-level limb projecting well over footpath. Also broken hanging branch, safe location but unsightly.<br><b>Recommend crown cleaning and reduction where towards footpath.</b>   | V. Low       |       |
| 489                           | Hybrid Poplar<br><i>Populus sps.</i>   | 22                | 600        | -                       | M          | Good foliage health, fair form, with medium size deadwood projecting towards footpath.<br><b>Recommend crown cleaning and reduction where towards footpath.</b>   | Low          |       |
| 492                           | Hybrid Poplar<br><i>Populus sps.</i>   | 22                | 650        | -                       | M          | Twin stem at 1.5m AGL. Limb at 2m west side impacting on lighting column & footpath.<br><b>Recommend</b> limb to west is significantly reduced, and others adjacent pruned back.  | Low          |       |

| Schedule                                |   |                   |             |                         |               |   |             |          |
|---|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|---|-------------|----------|
| Tree No.                                | Species   | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm)  | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage    | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><i>Management Recommendations</i>  | Risk Rating | Photo    |
| 505 to 522                              | Various Ornamentials: Cherry, Apple, Thorn, Whitebeam plus a Weeping Willow 508 | 6 - 10            | 200 - 400   | 6+                      | EM<br>M       | Numerous smaller trees alongside paths at south end of south side. Generally in fair to good health, forms very mixed. No significant safety hazards observed, but some congested canopies and low crowns are potentially impacting pedestrians.<br><i>Some work done 2021. Monitor for ongoing cleaning and crown lifting to 3m.</i>   | V. Low      | -        |
| 531 to 548 inclusive<br>(Central Copse) | Various: Sycamore, Lime, Chestnut, Beech, Thorn, Dead Elm                       | 5 - 20            | 200+<br>M/S | Plan                    | SM<br>M<br>OM | Small wooded 'copse in centre of north sector, very variable conditions and health. Low risk area, no formal public access onto steep bank, but access possible at lower level. Includes weak multi-stem Sycamores, some fair mature trees, patches of dead Elm close to T 422, and other defects. Good conservation value.<br><b>Note : Range of safety and management works completed 2020</b><br><i>Longer term management plan suggested to manage risks and to increase value.</i> | V. Low      | See 2020 |
|   | <b>General Cemetery – Possible Extension (Paragraph 8.6)</b>                    |                   |             |                         |               | <b>Notes below repeated from August 2021 survey</b><br><b>No additional inspection done in 2022</b>   |             | 25 to 30 |
| 550                                     | Lime<br><i>Tilia cordata</i>  | 20                | 500         | 8 - 12                  | M             | Sound and healthy, twin stem junction at 2m is OK for present.<br><i>Fully assess when clear access available. Assume crown clean and lift.</i>   | V. Low      | -        |
| 551                                     | False Acacia<br><i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>                                     | 20                | 550         | 10 - 12                 | M             | Sound and healthy, fair form. Deadwood typical for species is present.<br><i>Fully assess when clear access available. Assume crown clean and lift.</i>   | V. Low      | -        |
| 552                                     | Ash<br><i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>  | 24                | 700         | 18 - 20                 | M             | Sound and healthy, low growth close to ground. Extensive deadwood is present, typical for species. Minor Ivy.<br><i>Fully assess when clear access available. Assume crown clean and lift.</i>  | V. Low      | -        |
| 553                                     | Sycamore<br><i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>  | 15                | 450?<br>Ivy | 14 - 16                 | M             | Sound and healthy, low growth to ground. Deadwood typical for species is present. Extensive Ivy.<br><i>Fully assess when clear access available. Assume crown clean and lift</i>  | V. Low      | -        |
| 554                                     | Ornamental Maple<br><i>Acer platanoides var.</i>                                | 14                | 450         | 12 - 14                 | M             | Fair condition, some dieback, may be due to competition. Minor deadwood and stem scar east side, with associated bark decline.<br><i>Assume to be retained with crown clean and lift. Suggest aerial check.</i>   | V. Low      | -        |



| Schedule        |   |                   |                 |                         |            |  |             |       |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------|--|-------------|-------|
| Tree No.        | Species   | Approx Height (m) | Diam. (mm)      | Crown Spread ~ (dia. m) | Life Stage | Physiological and Structural Condition.<br><i>Management Recommendations</i>   | Risk Rating | Photo |
| 555             | Pear<br><i>Pyrus species</i>  | 10                | 250             | 5 - 6                   | M          | Appears to be sound and healthy. Not fully surveyed. Ivy to cut.<br><i>Fully assess when clear access available. Assume crown clean and lift.</i>  | V. Low      | -     |
| Group           | Sycamore, Ash, Elder  | 6+                | 100 M/S         | Plan                    | M          | Various self-set groups and scrub growth. Not fully surveyed.<br><i>Assume most of scrub groups to be fully removed to create quality clear space.</i>   | -           | -     |
|                 | <b>Spital Hill Allotment Site (Paragraph 8.7)</b>                       |                   |                 |                         |            | <b>No access to site available for 2022 survey. Boundary check only.</b>   |             |       |
| Mixed Group SHA | Various<br>Mainly Ash & Sycamore  | 6 to 14           | 100 to 300+ M/S | Plan                    | SM EM      | <b>Report dated January 2021 still applicable:</b> Ongoing minor impact on pavement from numerous self-set Ash, Elder & Sycamore along highway boundaries.<br>Also, minor impact on overhead cables, presumably managed by relevant authority.<br><b>Individual Tree SHA1 now felled as recommended in 2021 Report.</b><br>Declining Ash with small canopy is leaning towards road and may reach if it fails. This Ash is located midway up bank towards the south-east end of the main group.<br><i>No significant safety recommendations. Continue regular trimming back from pavement and <b>Recommend leaning Ash</b> is felled for absolute security.</i> | Low         |       |
|                 | <b>War Memorial (Paragraph 8.8)</b>                                     |                   |                 |                         |            |  |             |       |
| Holly Group WM1 | 3 Holly Trees<br>(including 1 variegated)<br>Not individually numbered. | 6 -9              | 250+ M/S        | 4 - 6                   | M          | Good to fair health, typical form and condition for age and species. Mostly well crown-lifted clear of pavement, some minor growth and pruning snags remaining.<br><i>No safety recommendations. Include regular trimming back above pavement.</i>   | -           |       |

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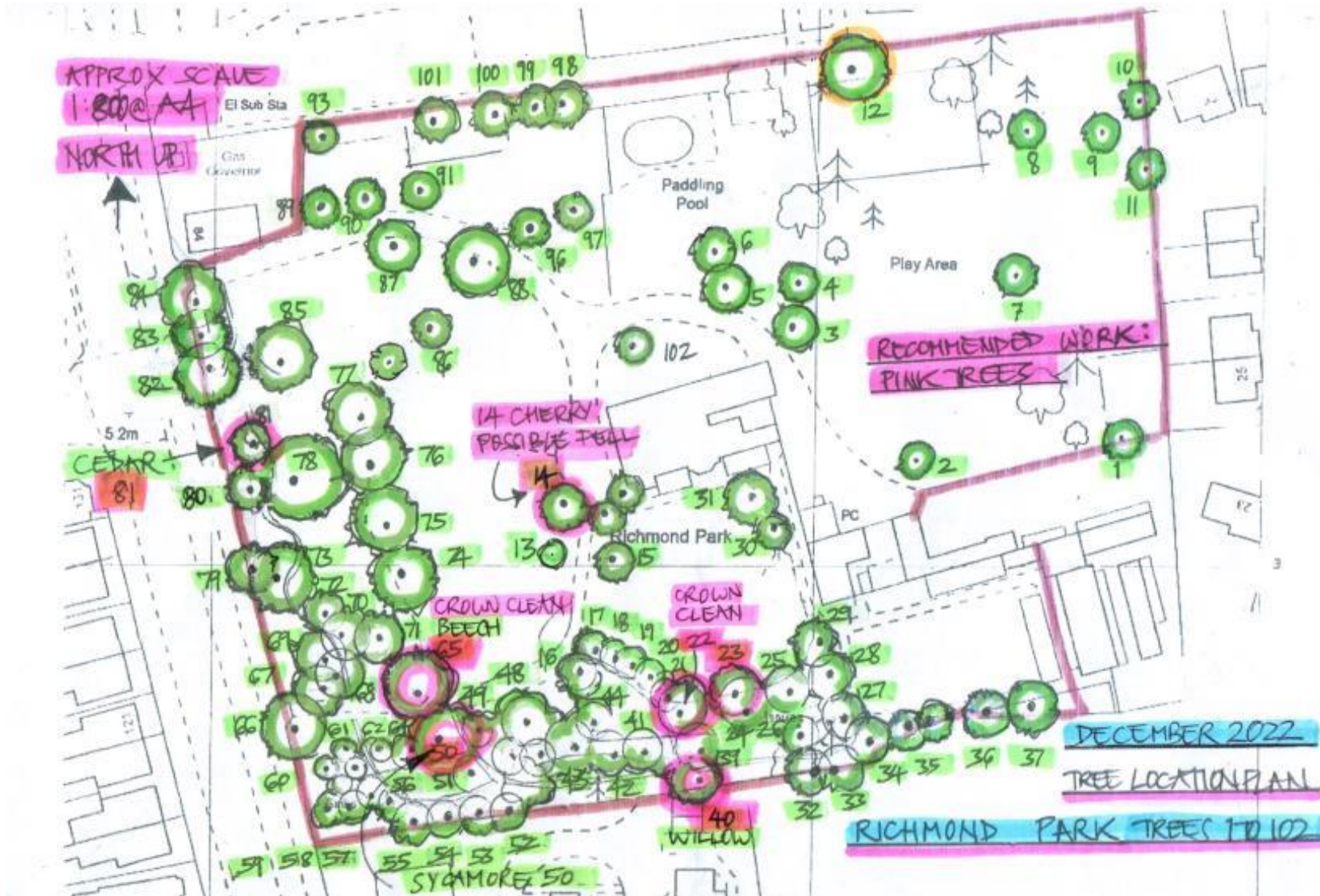
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| <b>Approx Ht:</b><br>Maximum height of tree, in metres.<br>Estimated dimension.   | Y – Young                                | <b>Ref:</b><br>Reference number (which <i>may</i> refer to a tag fixed to a tree). T – Tree, H – Hedge, G – Group                  | U – Trees in such a condition where any existing value would be lost in 10 years.   |
| <b>Diam:</b><br>Stem diameter at ~ 1.5m above ground level (AGL), in mm.  | SM – Semi-Mature                         | <b>Species:</b><br>Common name, plus Latin name where appropriate.<br>Species in brackets () indicate shrub or subsidiary species, | A – Trees of high quality and value.  |
| <b>Spread:</b><br>Minimum total spread of branches, i.e. crown diameter, in metres.   | EM – Early-Mature                        | <b>Est RC:</b><br>Estimated remaining contribution, in years.  | B – Trees of moderate quality and value.  |
| <b>Where shown: Ht 1st branch:</b><br>Height AGL of first significant branch, and growth direction where applicable, in metres. | M – Mature<br>LM - Mature                | <b>RPA:</b><br>Root Protection Area, in m <sup>2</sup> , calculated from stem diameter, in accordance with BS5837.                 | C – Trees of low quality and value.<br><i>Trees in this category should not be retained where they impose significant constraints on development.</i> |
| <b>Where shown: Crown Ht</b><br>Height AGL to lowest significant section of canopy, and direction where applicable, in metres.  | OM – Over-Mature<br><br>V – Veteran      | <b>Photo:</b><br>Photograph reference number, where applicable.  | <b>Other Abbreviations:</b><br>AGL – Above Ground level<br>CEZ – Construction Exclusion Zone<br>TPP – Tree Protection Plan                            |

## Tree Location Plans: Overview

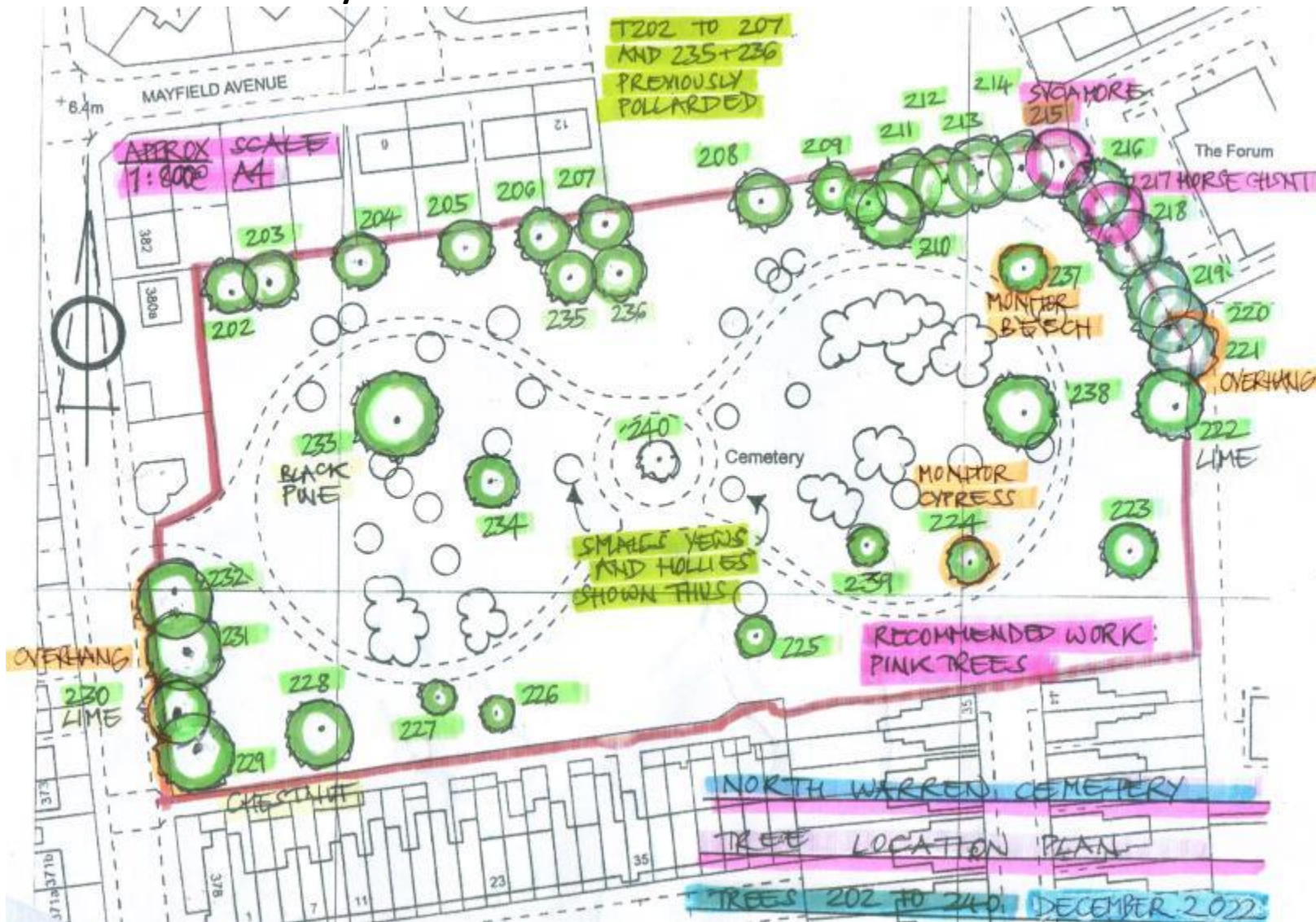




## Richmond Park



## North Warren Cemetery





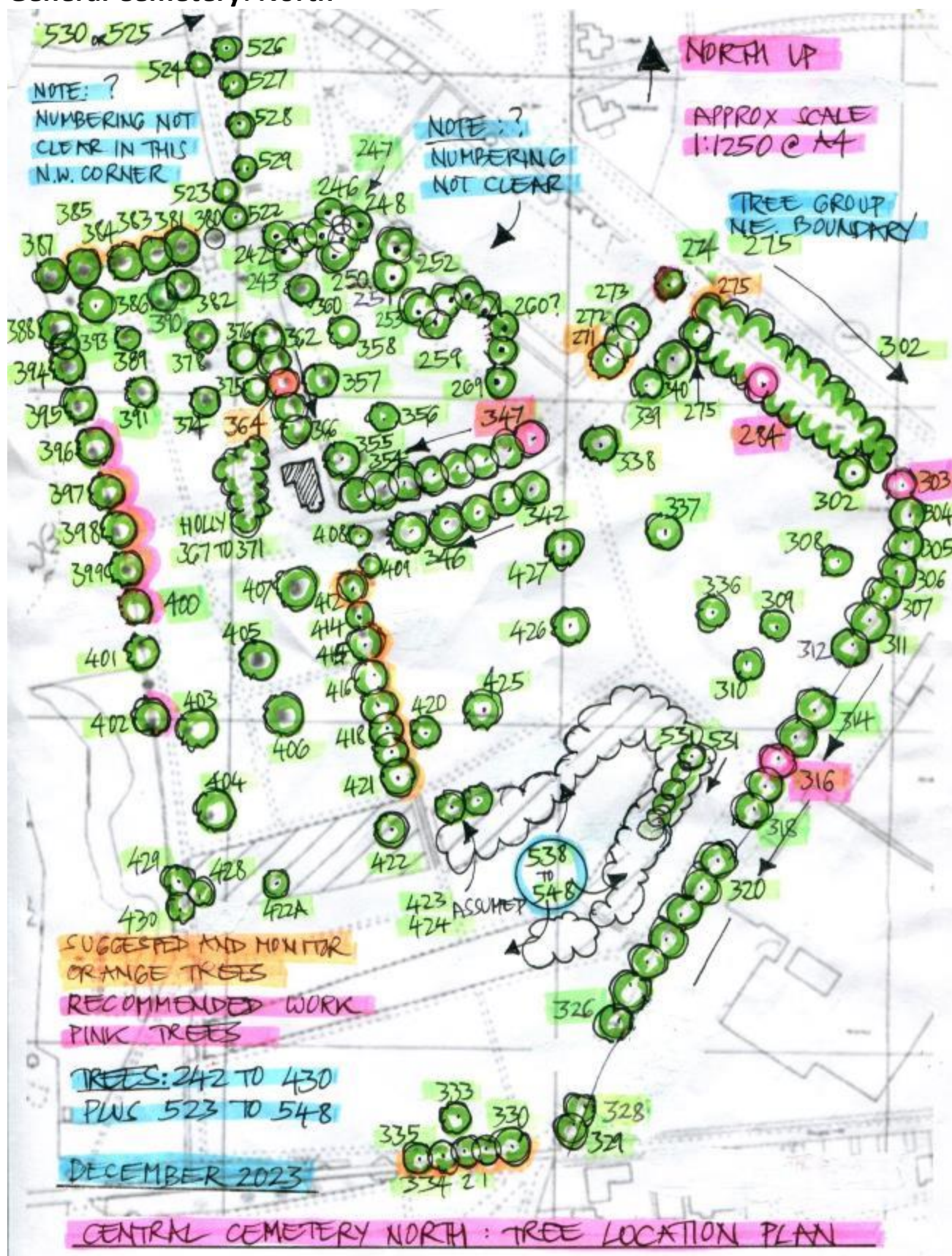
## Hickman Bacon Memorial Park



No location plans included for War Memorial, Spital Hill Allotments and Marshalls Sports Ground

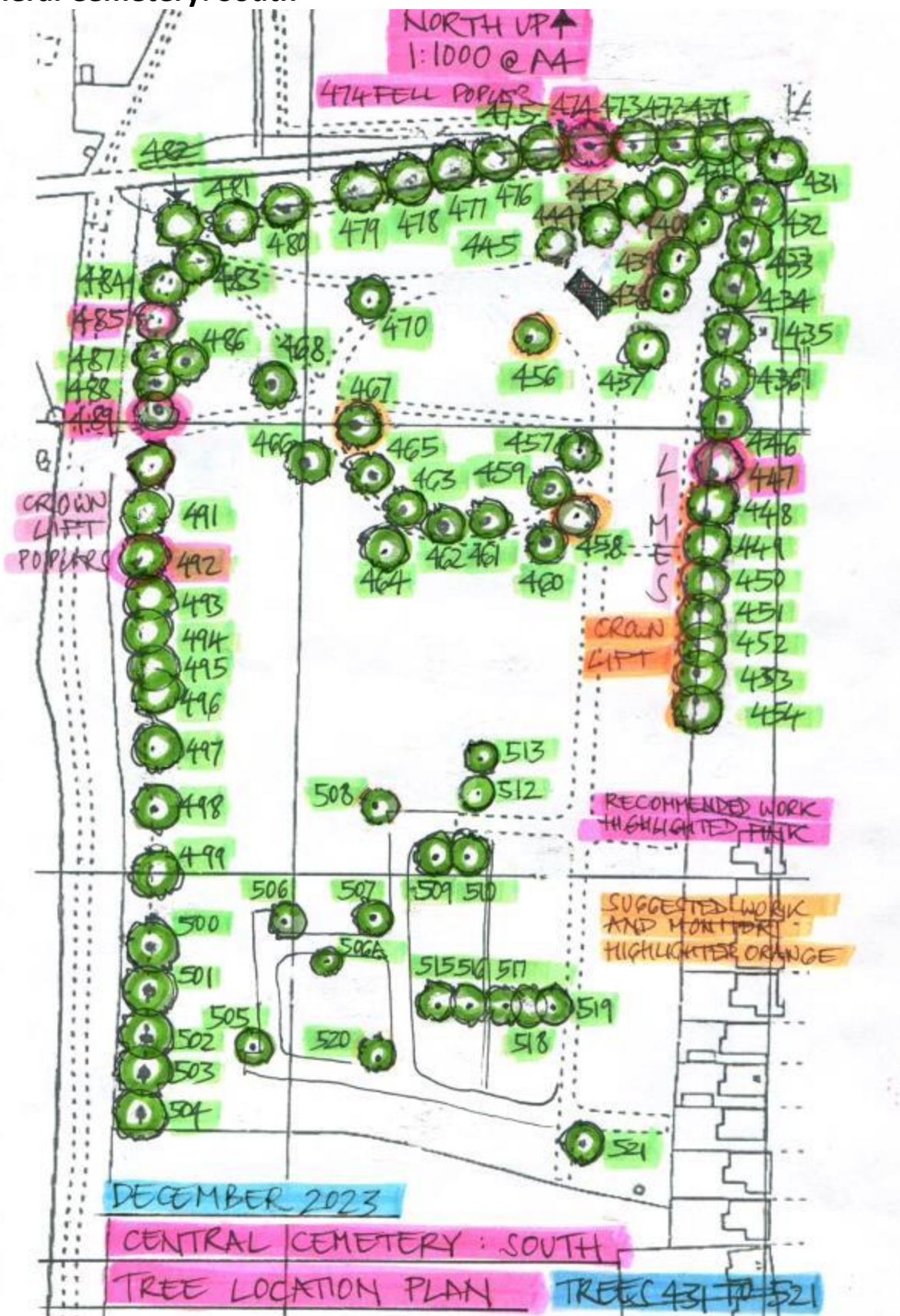


## General Cemetery: North





## General Cemetery: South





Richmond Park



**Photo 1:** Oak T23 Prune & aerial check (same for adjacent Ash 22).



**Photo 2:** Willow T40 Fell or re-pollard.



**Photo 3:** Sycamore T50, crown clean and aerial check.



**Photo 4:** Beech T65, crown clean and aerial check.



**Photo 5:** Lime T73, crown clean and aerial check.



**Photo 6:** Cedar T81, deadwood, rebalance and aerial check.



Refer to Report 2021 for Summary Photographs of Hickman Bacon Park

**Richmond Park** (Photographs from 2021)



**Photo 7:** Sycamore T215, pruning recommended and aerial check.



**Photo 8:** Horse Chestnut T217 Recommend fell or pollard.



**Photo 9:** Lime T222, minor overhang to control.



**Photo 10:** North Boundary trees, minor deadwood throughout.



**Photo 11:** West boundary, T230 to T232, overhang to control.



**Photo 12:** Beech T237, initial decline, ongoing monitoring.



## General Cemetery



**Photo 13:** Sycamore 284, recommend Fell



**Photo 14:** Poplar 303, recommend Fell or re-pollard



**Photo 15:** Poplar 316, strongly recommend fell and replace.



**Photo 16:** Typical Poplar form, south-eastern boundary. Management scheme needed.



**Photo 17:** Beech 347, decayed, with fungus, recommend fell (pollard not an option).



**Photo 18:** Group 396 – 402, crown lifting above path. Photo from summer.



## General Cemetery



**Photo 19:** Group 415 to 421. Suggest crown lifting over path.



**Photo 20:** Groups 330 – 335 and 471 – 475. Suggest crown lifting over path. Photo from summer.



**Photo 21:** Eastern boundary group 446 – 454, including Lime 447 to be crown cleaned.



**Photo 22:** Poplar 474, cavity. Strongly Recommend fell.



**Photo 23:** Base of Alder 458, in decline, monitoring needed. Photo from summer.



**Photo 24:** Typical Silver Poplar west boundary, 485 – 492 group.



## Possible Cemetery Extension: from August 2021



**Photo 25:** Lime, T550. Crown lift required when work proceeds



**Photo 26:** False Acacia, T551.



**Photo 27:** Ash T552. Crown lift required when work proceeds.



**Photo 28:** Sycamore T553 and Syc/Ash group, suggest thorough thinning, crown lift and Ivy cut.



**Photo 29:** Beech (383?) in Cemetery, significant deadwood. Seen from within extension site.



**Photo 30:** Beech 383, with *Ganoderma* bracket, leaning north towards extension site.

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**Officer Report to  
The Property & Services Committee**

Report Author: Belina Boyer

Report Date: 03/04/2023



**Gainsborough**  
TOWN COUNCIL

## Family events in GTC parks

### 1. Summary

To consider permitting Lincolnshire Early Years to use Gainsborough Town Council managed public spaces for their events

### 2. Background

Lincolnshire County Council's Early Years Practitioner writes:

*I'm really pleased to inform you that our new Early Years commissioned service begins on Monday and we have an exciting opportunity to offer local families a free weekend play session. We will be advertising this far and wide across the community once we have a location confirmed. In previous years we have used Richmond Park, Aisby Park and Danes Park to deliver free play sessions with the full agreement of the Town Council. I was wondering if you'd be able to extend us the same gratitude with the Saturday morning session and grant us permission to use Richmond Park?? It would run from 10:30-11:30am every Saturday morning. Our staff are fully trained, qualified and insured. We would be opening the car park at our Children's Centre on North Marsh Road for families as well as having the use of our facilities in the building. We would be taking all the resources for the session along with First Aid supplies. Everyone in the park would be welcome to join in. We usually use the area to the right of the building where the allotment area is. Please let me know your thoughts. Ideally we'd like to start the first session on Saturday 22nd April.*

### 3. Cost

There will be no cost to the council.

### 3. Recommendation

The play sessions will be organised, delivered, insured by Lincoln and West Lindsey Early Help Locality, Lincolnshire County Council Market, Arcade Children's Centre, Gainsborough, DN21 2DY.

In the interest of young families in Gainsborough, the Council permit the use of the open spaces for these free organised events.