

# ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Visual Tree Assessment

## Site Address:

Galldris Site Compound

Lechmere Avenue

Chigwell, London

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#### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Instruction and Limitations

- 1.1.1 Instructions have been received from adjacent to the Galldris site compound on Lechmere Avenue, and to provide an Arboricultural report on 14 pine trees with specific reference to:
  - 1. The current condition of the trees
  - 2. Management recommendations for the trees
- 1.1.2 This report is written for the sole use of the instructing party. It is not for use by any other group, organisation or individual without consent.

#### 1.2 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

1.2.1 I have based this report on my site observations and any information that has been provided. I have come to conclusions in the light of my experience and technical knowledge. My qualifications and details of my experience are shown in the Appendix.

#### 1.3 DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED

1.3.1 The following documents or verbal information have been received and relate to the same issues that this report is intended to cover. Unless stated they will not be reproduced in this report:

**Description** Date

Verbal advice from site staff that trees were recently removed from the railway bank to the north of the trees in question	23/03/2022
Verbal advice from site staff that the mature pine tree at the south-west edge of the group suffered limb/stem losses in the recent storms and was dealt with by local authority arborists.	23/03/2022

#### 1.4 Scope of This Report

- 1.4.1 This report is only concerned with the trees described in s.2.1. It includes an assessment based on the site visit and the information provided, listed in s.2.3 above.
- 1.4.2 If appropriate National Standards, current research, and best practice will be referenced. It does not take account of any trees, shrubs or other significant growths that have not been included in the original instructions or detailed above.
- 1.4.3 The report observations are to be considered as correct at the time of inspection only. Trees are a growing, living organism, and are readily affected by many environmental factors. As such their conditions and circumstances can change in a brief period of time.
- 1.4.4 Maintenance recommendations including time scales will only be proposed as part of this report if they were included in the instructions.
- 1.4.5 Binoculars may be used to improve visibility when inspecting the trees and simple probes and sounding with mallets may be required.

## 1.5 Specialist Survey Instructions

1.5.1 Instructions to conduct or instruct the following specialist investigations have been received:

Method	Y/N	Method	Y/N
Trial Pits x 1 (spade & auger)	N	Crack/Distortion Monitoring	N
Geotechnical Survey/Report	N	Tomograph Mapping	N
Building Survey	N	Resistograph Decay Map	N
Structural Engineers Report	N	Fractometer Wood Analysis	N
Level Monitoring	N	Soil PH	N

#### 2 GENERAL INSPECTION INFORMATION

#### 2.1 ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY – VISUAL TREE ASSESSMENT

- 2.1.1 There are several published methodologies for the arboriculturist to follow when inspecting trees. Whichever process is used, it must be a logical, systematic, and diagnostic approach. Additionally, the inspection should consider the surrounding environment, in which the trees are growing, with attention to the site history and any recent changes.
- 2.1.2 The most widely used approach, for tree inspection is Visual Tree Assessment (VTA), as devised by and is the process that has been adopted on this occasion. It consists of three stages and compares the tree being inspected to a notional healthy, vigorous and defect free specimen.
- 2.1.3 It is important to note that even healthy, vigorous and defect free specimens have a natural life expectancy and failure rate. The three stages of VTA are:
- 2.1.4 Visual inspection of the tree for defect symptoms and overall vitality. If there are no signs of any problems the assessment is concluded.
- 2.1.5 If a defect is suspected on the basis of the symptoms, the presence or absence of that defect must be confirmed by thorough examination.
- 2.1.6 If the defect is confirmed, it must be quantified and the strength of the remaining part of the tree evaluated.
- 2.1.7 It should be noted that a visual tree assessment is visual only (although it is often done with the aid of a probe, a sounding mallet, a pair of binoculars and other simple hand tools). The quantification and evaluation (stage 3) may be beyond the scope of a visual inspection and require the use of diagnostic decay equipment as detailed above and/or a separate climbing assessment.
- 2.1.8 If additional specialist assessments with diagnostic equipment are needed this will be detailed within the information for each individual tree.

#### 2.2 GENERAL SURVEY DETAILS

- 2.2.1 I conducted a site visit on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. All my observations were from ground level without detailed investigations unless stated above.
- 2.2.2 Height measurements were taken with the aid of an inclinometer. Lateral distances were measured with a laser distometer. Stem diameters were measured with callipers.
- 2.2.3 I did have full access to all but two of the trees. The two in question were within a Herras fence compound with no access. It was possible to view these trees from outside the compound. The weather at the time of inspection was clear and dry, with adequate visibility.
- 2.2.4 Pictures were taken illustrating the trees. They are shown in the appendix to this report. Original digital copies of these are held on file at the main office.

#### 2.3 SITE DESCRIPTION

- 2.3.1 The site to which this report refers to is to is currently adjacent to the Galldris welfare and site office buildings compound along Lechmere Avenue. It is understood that the compound is supporting works to support the adjacent railway bank.
- 2.3.2 The site is bordered by residential buildings along the avenue. To the north of the compound is a railway line.
- 2.3.3 The site where the trees are located is slightly undulating. The ground slopes downwards to the north of the trees towards the railway line. This slope has recently been cleared of trees.
- 2.3.4 The surface is surrounding the trees is grass, with an area of type 1 aggregate to the south-east of the group and the tarmac road surface to the south.
- 2.3.5 The area is not landscaped.

#### 2.4 PRELIMINARY SITE SOIL ASSESSMENT

- 2.4.1 The British geological Survey Map (1:50,000) shows the area as London Clay formation clay, silt, and sand.
- 2.4.2 Currently the existing soils will support most common tree planting and the continuation of growth.
- 2.4.3 Bulk density of the soil was not assessed.
- 2.4.4 There are heaped areas of soil around the base of some of the trees. The lack of grass in these areas and the undulating aspect of the current ground suggest that this is spoil added to the area.

#### 2.5 STATUTORY OR LEGAL PROTECTIONS OR RESTRICTIONS

- 2.5.1 With regard to the presence of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), at the time of drafting this report it had not been possible to ascertain if any are present at the site, or if it stands within a conservation area.
- 2.5.2 Recommendations made within this report do not constitute permission to conduct works to protected trees. The relevant notification/application to conduct works to protected trees must be made with the relevant Local Planning Authority.

#### 2.6 LOCATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF TREES

- 2.6.1 The trees have been given unique (within this site) identification numbers and tagged with aluminium discs to assist with identification on site.
- 2.6.2 The location of individual trees and tree groups are plotted on a Tree Location Plan, included as appendix with this report.
- 2.6.3 Plans supplied within this report are intended for illustrative purposes only. If a scale is shown this will have been correct on the original screen but printing and file conversions may affect its accuracy.

#### 3 Tree Inspection

#### 3.1 GENERAL

3.1.1 I visually inspected the significant trees and recorded the information on the schedule included as Appendix. An appraisal of the general tree population is detailed in the appraisal below.

#### 3.2 APPRAISAL

3.2.1 The fourteen trees inspected are believed to be Corsican pine (*Pinus nigra var.* maritima). They range from semi-mature to mature in age.

The overall condition of the trees is varied. There has been a combination of physical changes at the site recently, including the removal of trees to the north along the railway siding, which may have exposed the trees to additional wind forces that they have not grown to accommodate. This would have the effect of increasing the potential for failure of stems/limbs which have underlying defects such as damage or poor taper and disproportionate branch/foliage distribution (known as end weighting or lion's tail).

Additionally, there has been the installation of some compacted type 1 aggregate to the south-east of the trees providing access to the Galldris site. This may have contributed to the decline of trees 1 and 3, which are in the poorest condition within the group. It should be noted however that it usually takes months for the effects of compaction to show, and it can be seen on google street view images that cars have been parking along the grass verge for years prior, which would have been compacting the ground at the base of the trees.

A number of the trees are showing signs of decline, with sections of discoloured, dead foliage within their canopies. This can be seen predominately on the younger trees within the group. Where it is considered that these trees are unlikely to recover, their removal has been recommended. The mature trees will have more extensive root systems and be better equipped to deal with soil compaction, although they may begin to show similar symptoms and should be monitored annually for signs of decline.

Within the mature specimens, trees 9, 10 and 12 have over-extended, heavily end weighted lateral branching with poor branch taper. These trees are at particular risk of branch failure and require reduction pruning to return them to a reasonable level of risk for the site.

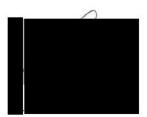
3.2.2 The appraisal of the individual trees in contained within appendix 1.

#### 3.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.3.1 The recommendations are made giving due regard to all the facts and conclusions contained within this report and associated appendices. Specific recommendations are contained within the tree survey schedule at appendix 1.

#### 4.1

4.1.1 Every endeavour has been made to present this report in a clear fashion, with accurate information, reasonable conclusions, and appropriate recommendations. In line with our ISO procedures the report will be reviewed and agreed before release by an appropriate person within the company group. This should ensure compliance with our quality standard. However, should you have any questions, problems or queries about this report please do not hesitate to contact us.



Consulting Arboriculturist.

Date: 24th March 2022

4.1.2 The technical content of this report and its conclusions have been checked & agreed on by



Contract manager and Arboricultural Advisor, Tree Fella Ltd

Date: 25th March 2022

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5.1 TABLE OF TREE DETAILS, OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Galldris Group **Tree Fella Ltd** Pavilion Business Centre, Stewards Yard 6 Kinetic Cres, Wakering Road Enfield, Shoeburyness EN3 7FJ Essex SS3 9TR **General Tree Assessment (Detailed)** Tree ID: 1 Corsican Pine Tag: 445 Assessor: TPO: Date: 23-Mar-22 Pinus nigra var.maritima **Tree Comment:** Survey Comment: Significant dieback in canopy. All needles present are discoloured. Lateral limbs are over-extended with poor stem taper and at increased risk of failure. Dismantle tree to ground level.

Condition Details Ø Height Spread Stems Maturity Bat Con Area Prev Insp **Next Due** Poor 14 m 4 m 1 350 mm Semi-mature 23-Jun-23 N/A Observations Root Stem **Branch** Leaf/Bud

Increase in soil level Bark wounds Damage / wounding All dead / absent Major dead wood

Category Action **Priority** Done Fell Fell to ground level 3 Months No

Tree ID: 2 Corsican Pine Tag: 446 Assessor: TPO: **Date:** 23-Mar-22 Pinus nigra var.maritima

Tree Comment:

Work

Survey Comment: Tree currently has adequate live foliage in canopy with good canopy density. Re-inspect in 12 months.

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Condition Details Height Spread Stems Ø Maturity Bat Con Area Prev Insp **Next Due** 20 m 3 m 1 550 mm N/A 23-Mar-23 Fair Mature Observations Root Leaf/Bud Stem **Branch** Increase in soil level Bark wounds Damage / wounding Normal Minor dead wood

Work Category Action **Priority** Done

No action Unspecified No

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		Gen	eral Tree Asses	sment (De	tailed)		
Tree ID: 3	Corsican Pine		<b>Tag:</b> 447				
	Pinus nigra var.maritima		TPO:			Date: 23-Ma	r-22
			Tree Comment:				
		S	urvey Comment: Tree is	in decline. Spars	e canopy with app	roximately 50% discold	oured foliage. Dismantle to ground le
Details	Height Spread Stems	Ø Maturity	Bat Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	Condition	
	12 m 5 m 1	280 mm Semi-mature		N/A	23-Jun-23	Poor	
Observations	Root	Stem	Branch		Leaf/Bud		
	Increase in soil level	Bark wounds	Damage / woo Major dead wo		50% dead / a	bsent	
Work	Category	Action				Priority	Done
	Fell	Fell to ground level				1 year	No
Tree ID: 4	Corsican Pine		Tag: 448 A:				
	Pinus nigra var.maritima			<b>Date:</b> 23-Mar-22			
			Tree Comment:				
		S			quate condition. S rspection for signs		d around base of tree. Tree should b
Details	Height Spread Stems	Ø Maturity	Bat Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	Condition	
	21 m 3 m 1	460 mm Semi-mature		N/A	23-Mar-23	Fair	
Observations	Root	Stem	Branch		Leaf/Bud		
	Increase in soil level	Bark wounds		Damage / wounding Minor dead wood			
Work	Category	Action				Priority	Done
	No action	Unspecified					No

Tree ID: 5	Corsica	n Pine				<b>Tag</b> : 449				Assessor:		
	Pinus r	nigra var.ı	naritima				TPO:			Date: 23-Ma	r-22	
					•	Tree Com	ment:					
					Su	rvey Com	with the		s along railway ba	lateral branching. Area ank, increasing potential		
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	Condition		
	13 m	3 m	1	240 mm	Semi-mature			N/A	23-Jun-23	Varied		
Observations	Root			Stem		ı	Branch		Leaf/Bud			
	Increase ir	n soil leve	I	Bark wo	ounds		Damage / woun Minor dead woo		Normal			
Work	Category			Action						Priority	Done	
	Fell			Fell to	ground level					1 year	No	
ree ID: 6	Corsica	n Pine					<b>Tag:</b> 450			Assessor:		
	Pinus nigra var.maritima				TPO:				<b>Date:</b> 23-Mar-22			
					-	Tree Com	ment:					
					Su	rvey Com	with poo	r stem taper. Tr	ee is in early stag	petter density and colou Jes of decline. With remi eved as increased exposu	oval of neighbouring t	rees it is
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	Condition		
	18 m	4 m	1	360 mm	Semi-mature			N/A	23-Jun-23	Varied		
Observations	Root			Stem		I	Branch		Leaf/Bud			
	Increase in	n soil leve	I	Bark wo	ounds		Damage / woun Minor dead woo	5	25% dead / a	absent		
Work	Category			Action						Priority	Done	
	Fell			Call to	ground level					6 Months	No	

			Gene	eral Tre	e Assess	ment (Det	tailed)			
Tree ID: 7	Corsican Pine		<b>Tag:</b> 451					Assessor:		
	Pinus nigra var.mar	itima			TPO:			Date: 23-Ma	r-22	
			-	Tree Com	ment:					
			<b>Survey Comment:</b> Canopy has sparse, discoloured foliage. Minimal lateral branching. Recent removal of to has increased exposure to elements. Increased potential for failure during inclement w ground level to remove risk.							
Details	Height Spread St	ems Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	Condition		
	13 m 2 m	1 220 mm	Semi-mature			N/A	23-Jun-23	Poor		
Observations	Root	Stem		E	Branch		Leaf/Bud			
	Soil compaction Increase in soil level	Bark v	Bark wounds		Major dead wood		50% dead / absent			
Work	Category	Actio	n					Priority	Done	
	Fell	Fell to	ground level					6 Months	No	
Tree ID: 8	Corsican Pine				<b>Tag:</b> 452			Assessor:		
	Pinus nigra var.mar.	itima	TPO:				<b>Date:</b> 23-Mar-22			
				Tree Com	ment:					
								ith good doneity and co		
			Su	rvey Com	base of t	ree, partially bu	rying the root col	llar. Remove excess soil.	lour. Soil level has been increased ard Recent removal of adjacent trees on 2 months to assess for decline in can	
Details	Height Spread St	ems Ø	Su Maturity	rvey Com Bat	base of t	ree, partially bu	rying the root col	llar. Remove excess soil.	. Recent removal of adjacent trees on	
Details	Height Spread St	<b>ems Ø</b> 1 400 mm			base of t railway b	ree, partially bu bank has increas	rying the root col sed exposure to e	llar. Remove excess soil. lements. Re-inspect in 1	. Recent removal of adjacent trees on	
Details Observations			<b>Maturity</b> Semi-mature	Bat	base of t railway b	ree, partially bu bank has increas Prev Insp	arying the root col sed exposure to e	llar. Remove excess soil. lements. Re-inspect in 1 Condition	. Recent removal of adjacent trees on	
	18 m 3 m	1 400 mm	<b>Maturity</b> Semi-mature	Bat E	base of t railway b	ree, partially bu bank has increas <b>Prev Insp</b> N/A	rying the root col sed exposure to e Next Due 23-Mar-23	llar. Remove excess soil. lements. Re-inspect in 1 Condition	. Recent removal of adjacent trees on	
	18 m 3 m	1 400 mm	<b>Maturity</b> Semi-mature wounds	Bat E	base of t railway b Con Area Branch	ree, partially bu bank has increas <b>Prev Insp</b> N/A	rying the root colled exposure to e  Next Due 23-Mar-23  Leaf/Bud	llar. Remove excess soil. lements. Re-inspect in 1 Condition	. Recent removal of adjacent trees on	

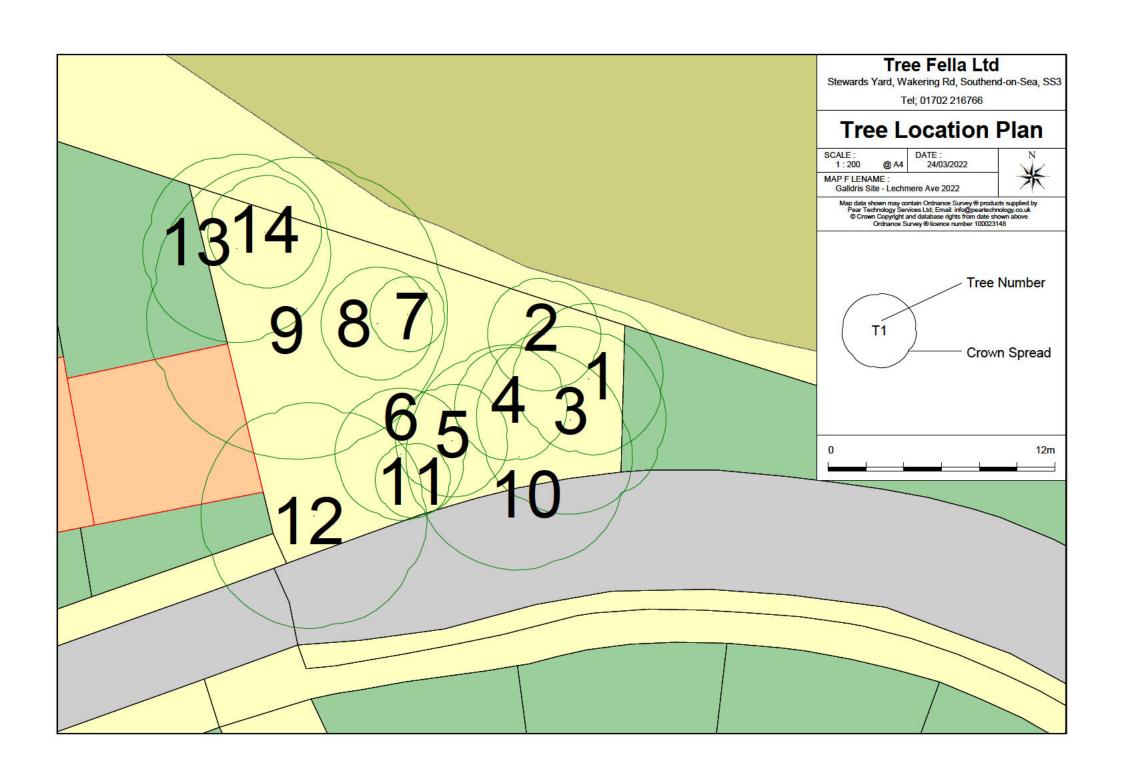
Tree ID: 9	Corsican Pine		<b>Tag:</b> 453	Assessor:
	Pinus nigra var.maritima		TPO:	<b>Date:</b> 23-Mar-22
			Tree Comment:	
			east and at increased ri	dequate density and colour. Some lateral limbs are heavily over-extended to isk of failure. Reduce lateral canopy spread by approximately 2-3m towards reduce risk. Re-inspect in 12 months.
Details	Height Spread Stems	Ø Maturity	Bat Con Area Prev Insp	Next Due Condition
	20 m 8 m 1	750 mm Mature	N/A	23-Mar-23 Varied
Observations	Root	Stem	Branch	Leaf/Bud
	Increase in soil level	Bark wounds	Damage / wounding Major dead wood	Normal
Work	Category	Action		Priority Done
	Reduce lateral limbs	Unspecified		6 Months No
Гree ID: <b>10</b>	Corsican Pine		<b>Tag:</b> 454	Assessor:
	Pinus nigra var.maritima		TPO:	<b>Date:</b> 23-Mar-22
			Tree Comment:	
			presently has good den limbs extending toward	il around base of tree with addition of type 1 surface for site access. Canopy sity and colour. Asymmetric canopy formation as tree is at edge of group. Lats road have been pruned back from phone lines. Recommend reduction of lay approximately 1.5m to reduce risk of branch failure in inclement weather. R
Details	Height Spread Stems 21 m 6 m 1	Ø Maturity 650 mm Mature	Bat Con Area Prev Insp N/A	Next Due Condition 23-Mar-23 Varied
Observations	Root	Stem	Branch	Leaf/Bud
	Soil compaction Trenching / excavations	Bark wounds	Damage / wounding Minor dead wood	Normal
	Treffching / excavations			
Work	Category	Action		Priority Done

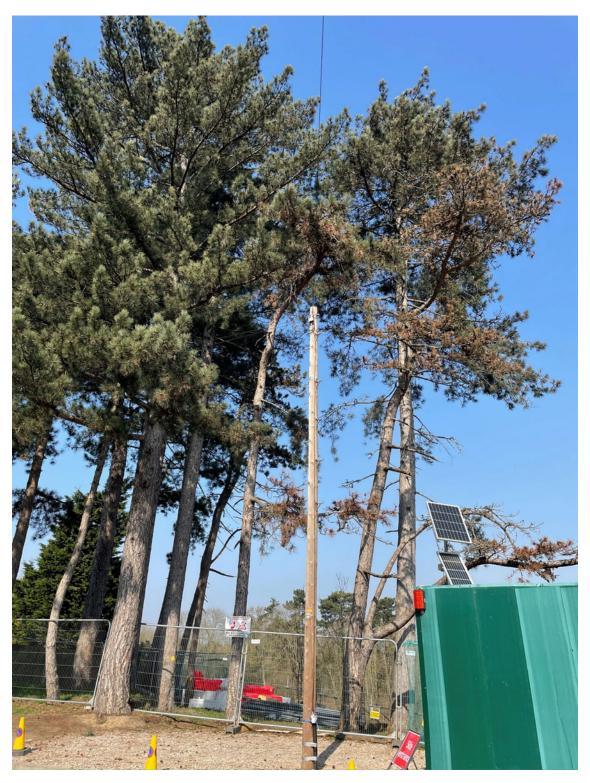
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Γree ID: 11	Corsican Pine			<b>Tag</b> : 455					Assessor:			
	Pinus nigra var.maritima						TPO:			Date: 23-Ma	r-22	
						Tree Com						
					Su	rvey Com					ed wood is desiccated and to mitigate potential for fail	
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	Condition		
	16 m	2 m	1	200 mm	Semi-mature			N/A	23-Jun-23	Varied		
Observations	Root			Stem		E	Branch		Leaf/Bud			
	Soil com	paction		Bark wo	ounds	ľ	linor dead woo	d	Normal			
Work	Category			Action						Priority	Done	
	Fell			Fell to	ground level					1 year	No	
Гree ID: 12	Corsi	can Pine					<b>Tag</b> : 456			Assessor:		
ree ib. 12	Pinus nigra var.maritima			TPO:					Date: 23-Ma	r-22		
	7 11100	ringra vari	,,,a,,,,,,			Tree Com				<b>24.0</b> 1 23 1 14		
					Su	rvey Com	in canop increase	y during storm.	Lateral branching nal branch failures	is over-extended with h	sed by site staff of recent b neavy end weighting. Curre ner. Reduce lateral spread l	ntly at
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	Condition		
	15 m	6 m	1	700 mm	Mature			N/A	23-Mar-23	Varied		
Observations	Root			Stem		E	Branch		Leaf/Bud			
	Soil com	paction		Bark wo	ounds	Damage / wounding Major dead wood			Normal			
Work	Category			Action						Priority	Done	
	Poduco la	iteral limbs		Unspec	rified					6 Months	No	

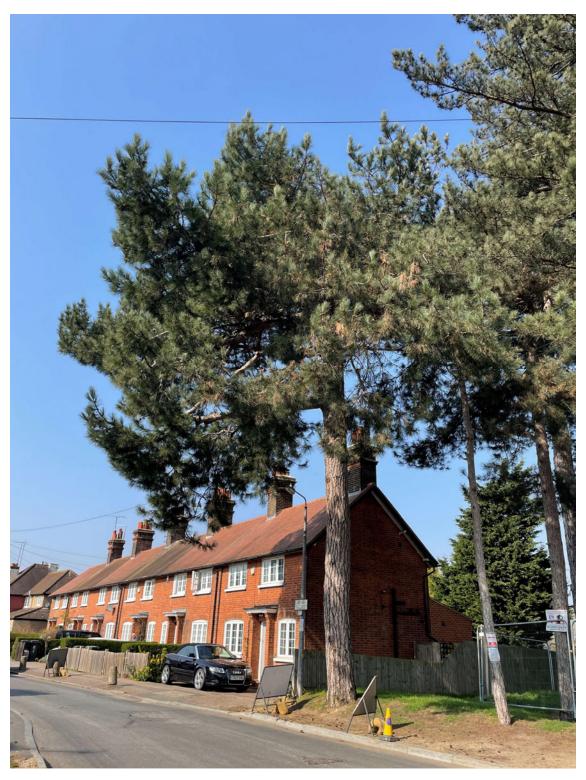
					Gene	eral Tr	ee Assess	ment (Det	tailed)			
Tree ID: 13	Corsi	can Pine				<b>Tag:</b> 457			Assessor:			
	Pinus	nigra var.	maritima				TPO:			Date: 23-Ma	ar-22	
					•	Tree Con	nment:					
	<b>Survey Comment:</b> Canopy presently has adequate density and good needle colour. Recent removal of a railway bank has increased exposure to elements. Re-inspect in 12 months.											
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	Condition		
	21 m	5 m	1	550 mm	Mature			N/A	23-Mar-23	Fair		
Observations	Root			Stem			Branch		Leaf/Bud			
	No visua	l defects		Bark we Stubs	ounds		Minor dead wood	İ	Normal			
Work	Category			Action						Priority	Done	
	No action			Unspec	cified						No	
Tree ID: 14	Corsi	can Pine					<b>Tag:</b> 458			Assessor:		
	Pinus nigra var.maritima			TPO:				<b>Date:</b> 23-Mar-22				
						Tree Com	nment:					
					Su	rvey Com	adjacent	railway bank ha	with some discol as increaswed exp during inclement	oosure to elements. Rec	ee is declining. commend remo	Recent removal of trees val to mitigate potential
Details	Height	Spread	Stems	Ø	Maturity	Bat	Con Area	Prev Insp	Next Due	Condition		
	17 m	3 m	1	300 mm	Semi-mature			N/A	23-Jun-23	Poor		
Observations	Root			Stem			Branch		Leaf/Bud			
	No visua	l defects	Stubs Damage / wounding Major dead wood				_	25% dead / absent Small / sparse				
Work	Category			Action						Priority	Done	
	Fell			Fell to	ground level					1 year	No	

- 5.2 APPENDIX 2; SITE PLANS
- 5.2.1 Tree Location Plan





**Photo 1;** East end of group. Tree 1 can be seen with discoloured foliage extending over Galldris site compound.



**Photo 2;** West end of group. Tree 12 central in photo.



**Photo 3;** Areas of raised soil around base of trees 8 and 9.



Photo 4; Base of trees 13 and 14, enclosed within Herras fencing.

## 5.4 APPENDIX 4; QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF AUTHORS

Arboricultural Consultant.		
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#### 5.5 APPENDIX 5; STANDARDS OF WORK

Work recommended within this report is, where appropriate, in accordance with British Standards (BS) 3998; 2010 Tree work Recommendations, BS3936: 1992, Nursery Stock, BS4043: 1966 Transplanting of Semi Mature Trees, BS8545 2014; Trees; From Nursery to Independence in the Landscape — Recommendations, or other relevant standards. These current industry documents should be considered as a basic minimum level of performance. Anyone who conducts tree work & arboricultural operations should be able to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding & commitment to all relevant BS recommendations, industry good practice and current safety legislation.

The Trees & Timber industry Sector not only strives to comply with the above, but certain areas of its work are strictly governed by Acts of Parliament. If work includes the application of any Pesticide or Biocide (including weed killers, insecticides, and fertilisers) the operators must hold the correct application licence. Work around live overhead conductors is also strictly controlled and specific qualifications and authorisations are needed.

The Arboricultural Association (AA) holds and regulates a register of approved contractors. The contractors that are approved by them are audited on biannual basis.

The HSE will prosecute companies who appoint tree work contractors that are not competent or cause harm to their staff or other people affected by their acts or omissions. In recent years insurance companies have started stating if uninsured contractors have accidents, they will seek to claim losses against the parties who issued instruction/employed the contractor, be they domestic or commercial.

Your trees are a valuable commodity, which deserve superior quality care and attention. They will look better, last longer and provide years of pleasure if looked after by people who know what to do and how to do it. We would therefore strongly recommend that when appointing a contractor to do tree work you only use Arboricultural Association Approved Contractors. This is to protect your liabilities and ensure consistent exacting standards of work.

The Arboricultural Association can be contacted on +44 (0)1242 522152 or www.trees.org.uk. They will be happy to give you contact details for the approved contractor closest to you.