

Ground Level Tree Assessment

Survey site:

Cedar Cottage, Sandygate Lane, Lower Beeding, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 6LR

Client:

BlackOnyx Becketts Ltd.

Survey date:

15th June 2026

Project:

This report is prepared to inform a planning application with the Horsham District Council. The proposal is described as:

The construction of ~25 dwellings.

GLTA survey methodology and legislation can be found in the Arbtech Supplement: [PRA Methodology and Legislation - 2024.](#)

The site survey was undertaken by Chantae Bleakman-Wells BSc (Hons) MSC, MRSB (Accredited Agent on Natural England Bat Licence Number: 2018-33540-CLS-CLS)					
Date of survey	Temperature (°C)	Humidity (%)	Cloud Cover (%)	Wind (mph)	Rain
15/06/ 2026	19	54	20	10	None
PRA Survey Factor		Detailed using desk study and site survey. Any specific limitations noted within relevant section. This table may include further work you will need to commission (if any) to obtain planning permission or comply with legislation for other consent. All clients are expected to read and understand this section, or to contact the lead surveyor for advice.			
See GLTA plan in Appendix 1, location plan in Appendix 2.					
Background and Site Location					
Summary of site and desk study		The site is located in Lower Beeding, Horsham at the National Grid Reference TQ 21872 27174 and has an area of approximately 0.9ha, comprising one building, hardstanding, an artificial access road and a field of modified grassland with scattered trees. The site is surrounded by residential dwellings, pockets of woodland and arable land. The wider landscape includes further woodland, arable land and watercourses. A site location plan is provided in appendix 2. This report must be read in conjunction with: - Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Roost Assessment (Arbtech, 2025) - Arboriculture Implications Report (SJA trees, June 2026)			

Trees – Ground Level Tree Assessment			
Survey Findings			
	Tree No.	Impacts and Classification	Photographs
	2	To be felled PRF-NONE	
	3	To be felled PRF-NONE	 

	7	Tree to be retained PRF-M Suitable to support numerous bats and maternity roosts. This tree contains features suitable for roosting bats on the east elevation. There is a tear out wound approximately 3.5m height, a hole approximately 5m and a crevice where a limb may have been lost approximately 6m. Further surveys required	     
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	21	To be felled PRF-NONE		
	43-47	To be felled PRF-NONE	 	

	48	To be felled PRF-NONE		
	49	To be felled PRF-NONE		

	50	To be felled PRF-NONE		
	52	To be felled PRF-NONE		

	53	To be felled PRF-NONE		
	54	To be felled PRF-NONE	 	

	G2 and G3	To be felled PRF-NONE		
	G15	To be felled PRF-NONE		

	H1	To be felled PRF-NONE			
	T1	To be pruned PRF-NONE			

	T24 To be pruned PRF-NONE  
<i>Foreseen Impacts</i>	PRF-NONE These trees are assessed as negligible for bats (PRF-NONE). As such, the risk to bats is acceptably low. PRF-M Tree 7 is assessed as PRF-M. This tree is due to be retained, as per updated Arboriculture report (SJA, 2026).
<i>Recommendations</i>	PRF-M trees (Tree 7) No further surveys are required. In the future, if any impacts (felling) will be proposed to T7, then further surveys would be required: Three bat emergence surveys are required on this tree to identify the presence or likely absence of roosting bats. Visits must be spaced a minimum of three weeks apart and Night Vision Aids must be used. If roosting bats are observed, a European Protected Species License will be required from Natural England prior to the felling of the trees.

	All other trees No further surveys required. Should any evidence be recorded that indicates current use of the trees by roosting bats, works must stop immediately and a suitably qualified ecologist consulted on how best to lawfully proceed. This may require further surveys to characterise any roosts present and a subsequent degradation licence from natural England, where necessary.
Nesting Birds	
<i>Foreseen Impacts</i>	The felling of trees may cause the destruction of bird nests, which may lead to injure and death of birds.
<i>Recommendations</i>	Tree removal (all trees) must be undertaken outside the period 1st March to 31st August in order to avoid nesting bird season. All nests must be inactive when the trees are felled.

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Appendix 2: Location map



Appendix 3: Tree impacts

Tree no.	Species	Height	Trunk diameter	Age class	BS category
2	Sweet gum	11m	330mm	Semi-mature	C (12)
21	Common walnut	8m	220mm	Semi-mature	C (1)
43-45	Himalayan birch	#43 11m #44 10m #45 7m	#43 300mm #44 130mm #45 2 stems @ 60mm	Semi-mature	C (1)
46-47	Silver birch	#46 9m #47 12m	#46 220mm #47 130mm	Semi-mature	C (1)
48	Blue cedar	11m	360mm	Young	C (1)
49	Variegated holly	5.5m	120mm 110mm 100mm	Semi-mature	C (1)
50	Variegated sycamore	9m	250mm	Semi-mature	C (1)
52	Purple maple	10.5m	290mm	Semi-mature	C (1)
53	Goat willow	11m	270mm	Semi-mature	C (1)
54	Common walnut	8m	110mm 90mm	Semi-mature	C (1)
G2	Various	Max 6m	Max 130mm	Semi-mature	C (1)
G15	Various	6m	Max 190mm	Semi-mature	C (1)
H1	Various	3m	Max 75mm est.	Semi-mature	C (1)

Table 2: Trees to be removed

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