

Tree Safety Report

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Tree Location – Entrance to Greenacres, North Parade, Horsham RH12 2TB



Species –Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*)

Height – Approximately 16 metres.

Dbh - ~528mm

Age Class – Mature.

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Description – The tree is at the northern end of a group of mature trees. Lateral spread is suppressed to the South but overhangs the pavement of both the main road (North Parade), and the entrance to Greenacres flats. The structure of the tree is multi-stem. The main trunk is encased in Ivy which progresses up several of the main stems. The ivy

prevented close inspection of the lower trunk although no cavities appeared present around the base. There is a major wound @ 10metres at the union of the easterly scaffold stem. There appears to be several cavities spread throughout the intermediate stems, although the Ivy and height make accurate assessment impractical in this survey. Approximately 35% of the crown is devoid foliage from the major unions to the tips , and has been so all this year dead. This portion largely overhangs the footpaths and vehicular access.

Conclusion – Whilst the base of the tree appears sound it is quite obvious that the dead limbs present a hazard to pedestrians that will only increase if left unattended to. Unfortunately it appears the moribund timber extends down to the major structural union. Removal of this timber will only result in an unacceptably large wound at a critical point in the structure. In my experience, given the poor general health of the tree, the reaction to such a wound would accelerate its demise. I would strongly recommend felling in the interests of safety. A replacement planting would not be practicable due to shading issues.