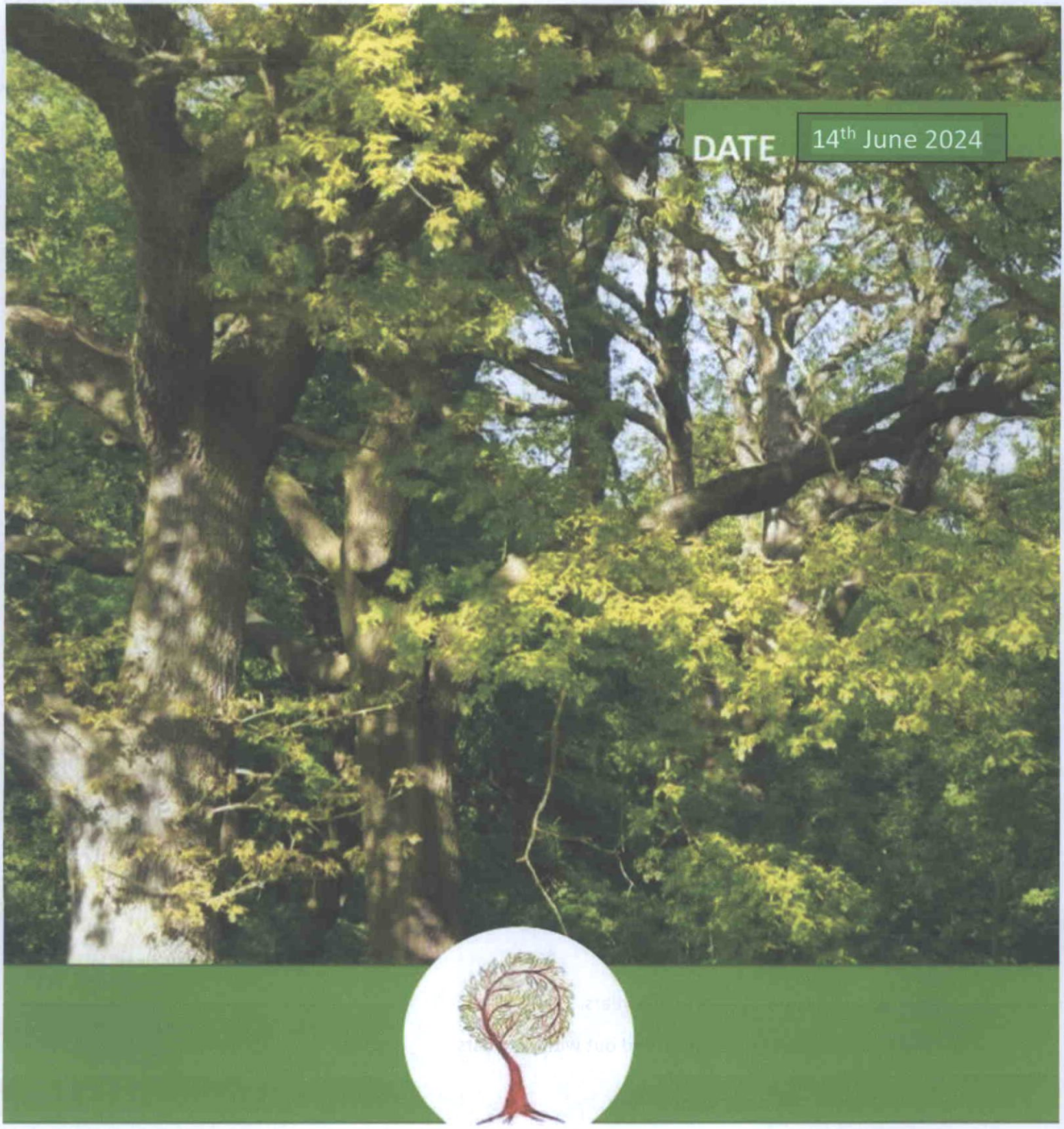

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TREE REPORT FOR

Shaun & Ailsa Tavares

THURSLEY TREE SERVICES

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2024

Site address: Amberley Cottage, Merrywood Lane, Thakeham, Pulborough, West Sussex. RH20 3HD

Date of Site Visit: 5 June 2024

Time: 2.30 pm

Second site visit 8 July 2024

Time: 9.30 am

Third site visit: 12 June 2024

Time: 11.30 am

Weather Conditions at time of Survey: Visibility was good and weather dry, clear sky, with no cloud cover. **Equipment Used:** Visual

Works Order:

The purpose of this report is:

1. Identify what species of tree by botanical and common name.
2. Provide an identification 'metal disc 'number for each tree in this survey.
3. Condition and recommendations categorized in time: **"Urgent"** Immediate /A.S.A.P. within 3 months

'Priority' to be carried out within 1 years.

'Preferable' – Advisory to be carried out within 2 years.

4. Approx. age and height of tree
5. Provide advice on 'Transplanting trees/ construction management and prevention of damage to trees.'

By receiving the report and acting on it the client or any third party relying on it accepts that no individual is personally liable in contract, tort, or breach of statutory duty.

This Survey is only valid for 12 months from the above date and follows the specifications as set out in the BSI standards Tree Survey and constraint's plan BS5837.

Brief Description

This site has a blanket Tree Preservation order on every tree that has grown before 20005 and initially the remit of this survey was to focus on two Oak tree's regarding root spread and a potential building development. A top sandy topsoil covers a clay area. A second site visit noted *Armillara* has affected the roots system of almost every tree identified in this survey.

Summary of survey

This is a level 2 survey meaning that it was done visually, walk around and hammer acoustic test. A third visit on the 12 June 2024 a spade was used to dig around the base of all the trees and some ivy and rhododendron was cut back to access the tree's tagged as 220980 22096 – 22098. A spade inspection was not possible 0n Oak 220980 but evidence of previous dead tree next to the root system would indicate Armillara infection. The trees of concern listed in this survey overhangs Merrywood Road and Rock Road.

Summary of Trees

The first site visit inspected two Oak trees 220973 220974 situated beside Merrywood lane which has a high occupancy rate. There is a covered electrical cable that runs on both roadsides. Cars, house property and the electrical cable are potential targets.

220973 has had some work done historically to reduce in size an inspection of the basal stem at the base of the tree shows bark and root decay. Black rhizomorphs are visible, the tree is infected with *Armillaria.*

220974 has a significant lean over Merrywood Lane and has an excessive amount of major dead wood in the canopy. An inspection of the basal stem at the base of the tree shows bark and root decay. Black rhizomorphs are visible, the tree is infected with *Armillara.*

Both trees should be felled within 6 months and a replacement tree planted within 12 months in a different location in the garden. A RHS list of trees that are rarely affected by Honey Fungus is available. Hornbeam, Holm Oak ***Quercus ilex***, Walnut ***Juglans regia***, Yew ***Taxus baccata*** and Cork Oak ***Quercus cerris*** are some of the tree's listed.

A second inspection was carried out on 8 July this was to look at the rest of the trees on the property of Amberley house. 20 trees have been tagged, predominantly Oak and a smaller amount of Sweet

Chestnut. Merrywood and Rock Road have a high occupancy rate of traffic and border two sides of the garden.

All the tree's inspected except for 3 veteran Sweet Chestnut have advanced stages of Honey Fungus in most cases the roots have deteriorated very visibly. It is recommended that some of the tree's inspected with Honey fungus should be felled to a height of 2 m and be a wildlife habitat monolith.

It is recommended that a replanting programme is put in place as soon as the trees have been removed. A orange florescent spray has indicated the trees of concern, except for the tree's alongside Rock road

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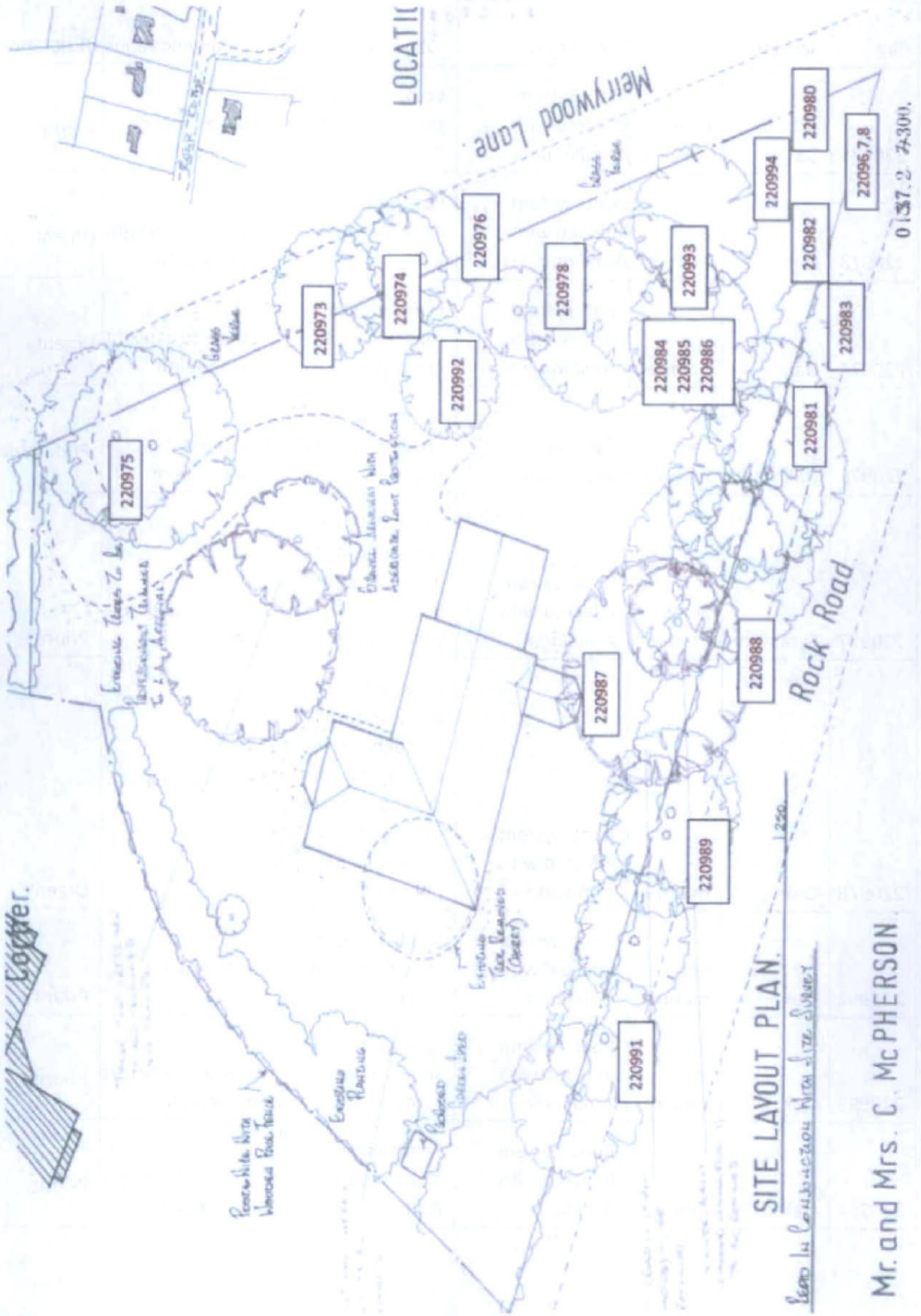
Oak trees 220990 and 220992 are not listed on the survey map but are listed in the survey alongside Rock road.



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Tag	Species	Age	Condition	Observations	Recommendations	Risk rating
220975	Oak	Late mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Co dominant stem. See image 3	Reduce to a height 2 m monolith	Priority
220973	Oak	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Past reduction work. See image 2	Reduce to a height 2m monolith	Urgent
220974	Oak	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Leaning over roadside. See image 1	Reduce to a height 2m monolith	Urgent
220976	Oak	Semi mature	Good on inspection	Slim taper, See image 4 {second photo}	Reinspect 12 months' time	Preferable
220977	Sycamore	Semi mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Black welts on stem indicate internal decay. See image 4 {photo 1 &3}	Fell to ground level	Priority
220978	Oak	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Excessive major dead wood throughout canopy. Advanced decline, evidence of wood borers. See image 5 photo 1 2 & 3	Fell to ground level	Urgent
220992	Oak	Semi mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots	Fell to ground level	Priority
220993	Oak	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots	Reduce to a height 2m monolith	Priority
220994	Oak x2	mature	Root system infected with Armillaria	Spade inspection shows infected roots	Reduce to a height 2m monolith	Priority

220995	Sweet Chestnut	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots	Reduce to a height 2m monolith	Priority

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220980	Oak	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Ivy and vegetation cut back for inspection, significant lean over road. See image 7	Reduce to a height of 2m monolith	Priority
220981	Oak	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots. See image 7	Reduce to a height of 2m monolith	Priority
220982	Sweet chestnut	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots. See image 7	Reduce to a height of 2m monolith	Priority
220996	Oak	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots	Reduce to a height of 2m monolith	Priority
220997	Sweet chestnut	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots	Reduce to a height of 2m monolith	Priority
220998	Oak	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots	Reduce to a height of 2m monolith	Priority
220984	Sweet Chestnut	mature	Good on inspection	Dead wood in canopy	Remove dead wood	Priority

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220983	Oak	Semi mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots. See image 8	Fell to ground level	Priority

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220988	Sweet Chestnut	Semi mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots. See image 11	Fell to ground level	Priority
220987	Oak	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots. See image 10	Fell to ground level	Priority
220989	Oak	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots. See image 12	Reduce to height of 2m monolith	Urgent
220990	Oak {not listed on map}	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots. See image 13	Reduce to height of 2m monolith	Urgent
220991	Oak	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots. See image 13	Reduce to height of 2m monolith	Urgent

220992	Oak {not listed on map}	mature	Root system infected with *Armillaria*	Spade inspection shows infected roots. See image 13	Reduce to height of 2m monolith	Urgent

Reference : Photographs

IMAGE 1 Oak 220974







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IMAGE 2 Oak 220973



IMAGE 3 Tag No. 220975 Mature Oak Co-Dominant Stem



IMAGE 4 Tag No. 220976 Oak, 220977 Sycamore.



IMAGE 5 Tag No. 220978 Mature Oak



Image 6 Tag No. 220981 Veteran Oak



Image 7 Tag No.220980 & 81 Veteran Oak and 220982 Sweet Chestnut 220996 - 98



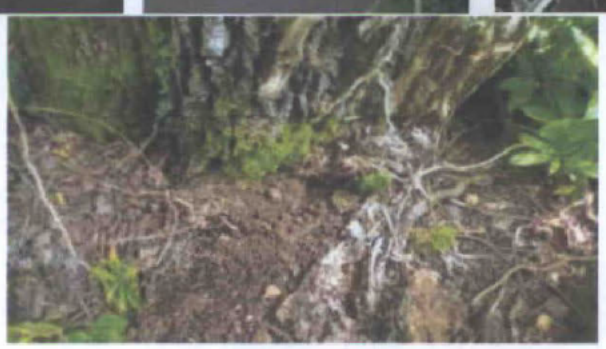

Image 8 Tag No 220983 oak on left inside garden



Image 9 Tag No. 220984,85,86 Veteran Sweet Chestnuts



Image 10 Tag No. 220987 Mature Oak



Image 11 Tag No. 220988 Sweet Chestnut



Image 12 Tag No. 220989 Oak



Image 13 Tag No. 220990 and 91 and 92 Oak



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