

TREE ASSESSMENT FORM

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Client Name: Steve Manley

Assessment Address: 21 Derwen Deg, Bryncoch, Neath, Neath Port Talbot
SA10 7FP

Assessment:

- This assessment relates to three alder trees located at the above address.
- Estimated heights of ~24ft, ~35ft and ~32ft.
- For the species, trunk circumference is particularly low relative to height.
- Trees are located within 5m of dwelling.
- No clear signs of compromised trunk integrity due to infections or evidence of fruiting bodies.
- No clear sign of root ball movement.
- Presence of ivy throughout.
- Surrounding properties are recent developments with likely root system disruption caused during construction.
- Client concerned by heavy swaying during windy weather.

Advisory:

- Although there is no evident death or decay the height and proximity to the dwelling issues concern particularly in conjunction with indications of root disruption.
- Respective of the assessment it is suggested that preventative measures may be taken to reduce windage and therefore the likelihood of being wind blown.
- This may include a stripping of ivy throughout the trees and a proportional reduction of height and crown. In this case a crown reduction of no greater than 20 – 30% including thinning would be ample without detrimentally affecting tree health.
- As these trees are apparently and currently healthy, the probability is reduced so it is advisable to undertake these works during a dormant period of the trees life cycle i.e. during the winter months outside of frost risk. This is also preferred as to reduce harm to potential wildlife.

Assessor Signature:

Date: