Hillside Trees Ltd.
Arboricultural Consultancy

Arboricultural Assessment and Recommendations Report

COLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL OWNED SITES

On behalf of

Coleford Parish Council

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1. SCOPE

1.1 Hillside Trees Ltd has been engaged by Coleford Parish Council to undertake an inspection of trees currently growing within Parish Council owned sites

1.2 The purpose of this inspection is to assess the condition of the key trees and make appropriate recommendations for any remedial tree surgery works and future management.

1.3 This is a preliminary report based on ground level inspections of the trees by a consultant experienced in arboriculture. Trees have not been drilled nor soil samples taken.

1.4 Trees are living dynamic organisms which can be affected by external conditions and may occasionally fail without warning. It is therefore not possible to state with certainty that any tree is completely safe.

1.5 The trees were inspected on 6th November and 3rd December 2025.

2. ARBORICULTURAL OBSERVATIONS, ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Individual trees assessed have been marked with metal tags. Their indicative positions have been marked on the tree location plan (Appendix 1). Data for individual trees are on the tree schedule (Section 3).

2.2 The area column in the tree schedule table and on the tree location plans refers to the tree survey locations supplied by the Parish Council (in order of surveying) thus:

K = Beacon View
L = Highbury Street Bus Shelter
H = Roman Way Play Area
A/B = Highbury Playing Field and BMX Pump Track
J = Goodeves Play Area
F = Cemetery
G = Corner of Church Street / High Street
C = Coleford Playing Field
D = The Butterfly Bank. Note that the boundary of this area is unclear and some key trees in the woodland area to the west have been surveyed
O = Vobster Allotments
R = Playing Field Allotments

Notes:

Area Q – Orchard Close Allotments, access is too overgrown to get access

Area N – Lipyeate Bus Stop has a hedge of hazel and elm. The elm has Dutch elm disease and could be removed but they are not large enough to pose any danger

Area I – Corner of Beacon View / Anchor Road has one small cherry tree which while not posing any danger has signs of strimmer damage and has a broken limb. It is recommended that this tree is removed and replaced

There are no trees in the following areas: P – Goodeves Allotments, E – Church Street Garden, M – Anchor Road Bus Shelter.

2.3 Recommendations for works to the trees are based primarily on safety considerations.

2.4 Several of the trees are ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*). All ash trees are susceptible to *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus* – ash dieback disease. Ash dieback causes leaf loss, crown dieback and bark lesions. Once a tree is infected the disease is often fatal either directly from the disease or by weakening the tree to a point where it succumbs more readily to attacks from other pests or diseases. Once infected, a tree is vulnerable to

partial or complete failure. The Tree Council has published an ash dieback action plan toolkit which identifies four classes of ash health thus:

- Ash Health Class 1 = 100% - 75% remaining canopy
- Ash Health Class 2 = 75% – 50% remaining canopy
- Ash Health Class 3 = 50% - 25% remaining canopy
- Ash Health Class 4 = 25% - 0% remaining canopy

Useful information about the safety considerations associated with ash dieback can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-ash-dieback-in-england

Where monitoring of the ash trees is recommended this should be done in the summer when the trees are in full leaf.

2.5 There are a small number of trees which have some degree of decay or cavities. Although trees cannot heal themselves, they will react to decay by sealing off the area in a process known as 'compartmentalisation' so the presence of small areas of decay or cavities is not necessarily a cause for alarm. Unless these trees show obvious signs of decline there is no need to take further action.

2.6 Recommend re-inspection within 3 years

3. TREE SCHEDULE

Priority Rating:

High = Urgent - Immediate

Medium = Within 6 Months

Low = Within 12 Months

Tree Schedule Coleford Parish Council Owned Sites

Client: Coleford Parish Council

Surveyors: A & S Rankine

Date of Survey: 6th November and 3rd December 2025

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Area	Tree Tag Number	Species common name	Species scientific name	Remaining Contribution Years	Pathogens, Pests and Diseases	Primary Targets	Preliminary and Long Term Recommendations	Priority
K	0386	White willow	*Salix alba*	40+	Mower damage at base	Public open space	None at time of survey	N/A
K	0387	Scarlet oak	*Quercus coccinea*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Public open space	None at time of survey	N/A
K	0388	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	10-20	Large occluded wound scar on north side	Public open space	None at time of survey	N/A
K	0389	Crab apple	*Malus sylvestris*	10-20	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Public open space	None at time of survey	N/A
K	0390	English oak	*Quercus rubra*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Public open space Neighbouring garden	None at time of survey	N/A
K	0391	English oak	*Quercus rubra*	40+	Small amount of dead wood in crown, normal for age and species	Public open space Neighbouring garden	None at time of survey	N/A
K	0392	Rowan	*Sorbus aucuparia*	20-40	Old wound scar on south side	Public open space	None at time of survey	N/A
K	0393	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	20-40	Growing through chain-link fence	Public open space	None at time of survey	N/A
K	0394	Walnut	*Juglans regia*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Public open space	None at time of survey	N/A
K	0395	Cherry	*Prunus sp*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Public open space	None at time of survey	N/A
K	0396	Cherry	*Prunus sp*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Public open space	None at time of survey	N/A
L	0397	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	20-40	Stage 1 ash dieback disease Mower damage to roots	Bus shelter Road	Monitor biennially for ash dieback disease	
L	0398	Small leaved lime	*Tilia cordata*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Bus shelter Road	None at time of survey	N/A

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H	0399	Silver birch	*Betula pendula*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of surveyNo external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Play areaNeighbouring garden	None at time of survey	N/A
H	0196	Hawthorn	*Crataegus monogyna*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Play area	Remove epicormic stems	N/A
H	0197	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Play area Neighbouring driveway	Owner of No 7 Roman Way has requested raising the canopy over his drive to facilitate access for high vehicles	
H	0198	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Play area Neighbouring driveway	Owner of No 7 Roman Way has requested raising the canopy over his drive to facilitate access for high vehicles	
A/B	0199	Rowan	*Sorbus aucuparia*	10-20	Roots damaged Leaning to north	Car park	Remove and replace	Low
A/B	0200	Rowan	*Sorbus aucuparia*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Car park	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0401	Crab apple	*Malus sylvestris*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Car park	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0402	Rowan	*Sorbus aucuparia*	10-20	Large occluded wound scar on south side Leaning to north Epicormic shoots at base	Car park Wall	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0403	Horse chestnut	*Aesculus hippocastanum*	10-20	Wound scar on south side Previously reduced Possible signs of phytopthora	Play area	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0404	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0405	Horse chestnut	*Aesculus hippocastanum*	10-20	Main stem on south side has weak union	Playing field Public footpath	Consider removal	Low
A/B	0406	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0407	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field	None at time of survey	N/A

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A/B	0408	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0409	Sycamore	*Acer pseudoplatanus*	40+	Multi-stemmed	Playing field	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0410	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0411	Sycamore	*Acer pseudoplatanus*	40+	Multi-stemmed with bracing	Playing field	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0412	Alder	*Alnus glutinosa*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field Fence	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0413	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field Fence	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0414	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	20-40	Some dead wood in crown Suppressed by T0413	Playing field Fence	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0415	Norway maple	*Acer platanoides*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field Fence Road	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0416	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field Road	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0417	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field Road	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0418	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field Road	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0419	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field Road	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0420	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field Road	None at time of survey	N/A
A/B	0421	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field Road	None at time of survey	N/A

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A/B	0422	Norway spruce	*Picea abies*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playing field Road	None at time of survey	N/A
J	0423	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Playground Allotments	None at time of survey	N/A
F	0424	Scots pine	*Pinus campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Cemetery path	None at time of survey	N/A
F	0425	Rowan	*Sorbus aucuparia*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Cemetery path	None at time of survey	N/A
F	0426	Crab apple	*Malus sylvestris*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Cemetery path	None at time of survey	N/A
F	0427	Rowan	*Sorbus aucuparia*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of surveyNo external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Cemetery path	None at time of survey	N/A
F	0428	Red horse chestnut	*Aesculus x carnea*	20-40	Peeling and stained bark	Cemetery path	None at time of survey	N/A
F	0429	Silver birch	*Betula pendula*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Cemetery path	None at time of survey	N/A
F	0430	Hawthorn	*Crataegus monogyna*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Cemetery path	None at time of survey	N/A
F	0431	Rowan	*Sorbus aucuparia*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Cemetery path	None at time of survey	N/A
F	0432	Crab apple	*Malus sylvestris*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Cemetery path	None at time of survey	N/A
F	0433	Rowan	*Sorbus aucuparia*	10-20	Peeling bark	Cemetery path	None at time of survey	N/A
F	0434	Oak	*Quercus robur*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Cemetery path	None at time of survey	N/A
G	0435	Cherry	*Prunus sp*	20-40	2 stems plus one removed	Road	None at time of survey	N/A
G	0436	Cherry	*Prunus sp*	20-40	2 stems	Road	None at time of survey	N/A
C	0437	Cherry	*Prunus sp*	40+	Ivy clad stems	Recreation ground Garden	None at time of survey	N/A

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C	0438	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Recreation ground Garden	None at time of survey	N/A
C	0439	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Recreation ground Garden Summer house	None at time of survey	N/A
C	0440	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Recreation ground Garden Summer house	None at time of survey	N/A
C	0441	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	Heavily reduced in the past	Recreation ground Garden Summer house	None at time of survey	N/A
C	0442	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	20-40	Ivy clad stems Small amount of dead wood in crown	Recreation ground Garden	Remove ivy and clear base for closer inspection	Low
C	0443	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Recreation ground Garden	None at time of survey	N/A
C	0444	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	Heavily reduced in the past	Recreation ground Garden	None at time of survey	N/A
C	0445	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	20-40	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Neighbouring field	None at time of survey	N/A
C	0446	Common lime	*Tilia x europea*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of surveyNo external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Recreation ground	None at time of survey	N/A
C	0447	Beech	*Fagus sylvatica*	40+	Forked from 0.5m into many stems	Recreation ground Wall	None at time of survey	N/A
C	0448	Beech	*Fagus sylvatica*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Recreation ground Garage	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0449	Beech	*Fagus sylvatica*	20-40	Signs of squirrel damage	Butterfly bank footpath	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0450	Beech	*Fagus sylvatica*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Butterfly bank footpath	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0451	Sycamore	*Acer pseudoplatanus*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Butterfly bank footpath	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0452	Sycamore	*Acer pseudoplatanus*	20-40	Squirrel damage Dead wood in crown	Butterfly bank footpath	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0453	Sycamore	*Acer pseudoplatanus*	20-40	Squirrel damage Dead wood in crown	Butterfly bank footpath	None at time of survey	N/A

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D	0454	Common lime	*Tilia x europea*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Butterfly bank footpath	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0455	Beech	*Fagus sylvatica*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Butterfly bank footpath	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0456	Small leaved lime	*Tilia cordata*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Butterfly bank footpath	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0457	Small leaved lime	*Tilia cordata*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Butterfly bank footpath	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0458	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	10-20	Signs of canker Pollarded	Butterfly bank footpath Bench	Consider moving bench away from target area	N/A
D	0459	Oak	*Quercus robur*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Butterfly bank footpath	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0460	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	20-40	Pollarded	Butterfly bank footpath	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0461	Oak	*Quercus robur*	40+	Twin stems	Butterfly bank footpath Woodland	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0462	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	20-40	Twin stems	Butterfly bank footpath Woodland	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0463	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Butterfly bank footpath Woodland	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0464	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	10-20	Stage 2 ash dieback disease	Butterfly bank footpath Woodland	Monitor biennially for progression of ash dieback disease	
D	0465	Sycamore	*Acer pseudoplatanus*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of surveyNo external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Butterfly bank footpathWoodland	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0466	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	<10	Partially collapsed and suspended	Butterfly bank footpath Woodland	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0467	Sycamore	*Acer pseudoplatanus*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Woodland Recreation ground	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0468	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	10-20	Ivy clad stems Stage 2 ash dieback disease	Woodland	None at time of survey	N/A
D	0469	Cherry	*Prunus sp*	10-20	Partially collapsed Good veteran features	Woodland	None at time of survey	N/A
O	0193	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	<10	Stage 3 ash dieback disease	Allotments	Consider removal	Medium

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O	0194	5 x ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	<10	Stage 3 ash dieback disease	Allotments	Consider removal	Medium
O	0195	Ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	<10	Stage 4 ash dieback disease	Allotments	Consider removal	Medium
O	0535	3 x ash	*Fraxinus excelsior*	<10	Stage 4 ash dieback disease	Allotments	Consider removal	Medium
O	0470	Field maple	*Acer campestre*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Allotments	None at time of survey	N/A
R	0597	Beech	*Fagus sylvatica*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Allotments Playground	None at time of survey	N/A
R	0598	Sycamore	*Acer pseudoplatanus*	40+	3 stems with some natural bracing	Allotments	None at time of survey	N/A
R	0599	Beech	*Fagus sylvatica*	40+	No fungal fruiting bodies visible at time of survey No external evidence of rot or decay at time of survey	Allotments Playground Play structure	None at time of survey	N/A
R	0600	Sycamore	*Acer pseudoplatanus*	40+	8 stems with some natural bracing	Allotments Playground Play structure	None at time of survey	N/A

4. LEGAL

4.1 If the trees are covered by a Tree Preservation Order, consent for works should be obtained from the Local Planning Authority. Consent is not required for urgent work to dead or dangerous trees, but the Local Planning Authority should be given at least five days notice of intended works. Replacement trees may be required for any protected trees which are felled. If the site is in a Conservation Area six weeks' notice of works to all trees should be given.

4.2 There may be a number of hollows in the trunks and larger branches of the trees which could be used by birds or bats for shelter or breeding. It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act and Countryside and Rights of Way Act to disturb a nesting bird or roosting/breeding bat. Work to trees with the potential for roosting bats is best carried out from mid-September to late October. This assumes that young bats are weaned and independent as is before hibernation and before young are born, although due account should be taken of nesting birds, which also (with few exceptions) enjoy statutory protection. Further advice, particularly if bats are discovered during tree work, may be obtained from Natural England.

Appendix I

TREE LOCATION PLAN

Drawing no: 251203-CPC-TLP-SR

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Coleford Parish Council Tree Survey - Tree Location Plans

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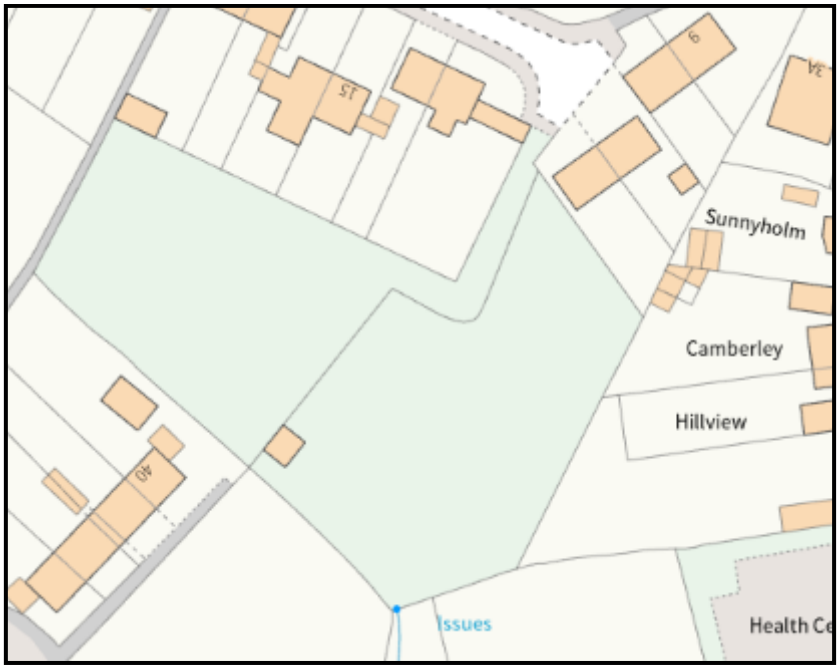
1. Area K. Tree Tag Nos: 0386 – 0396



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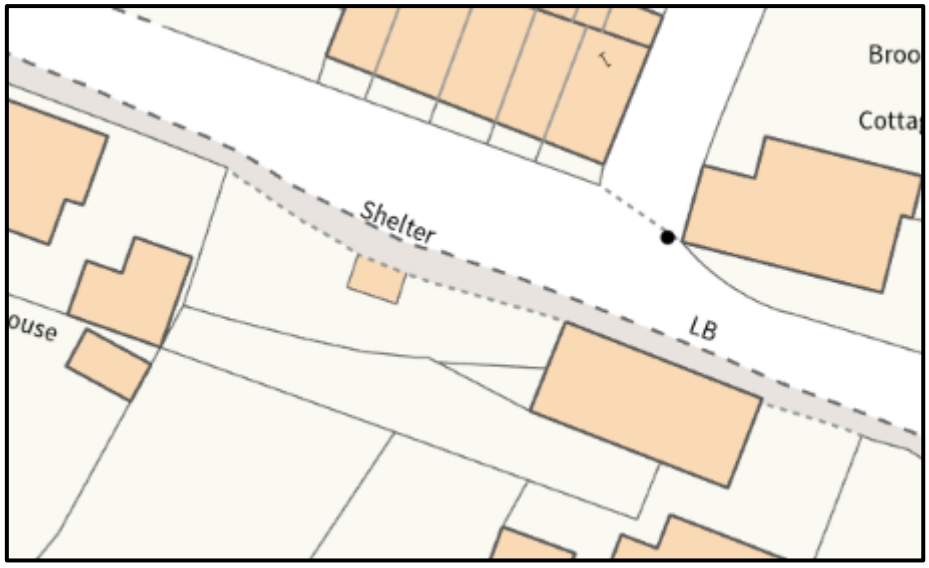

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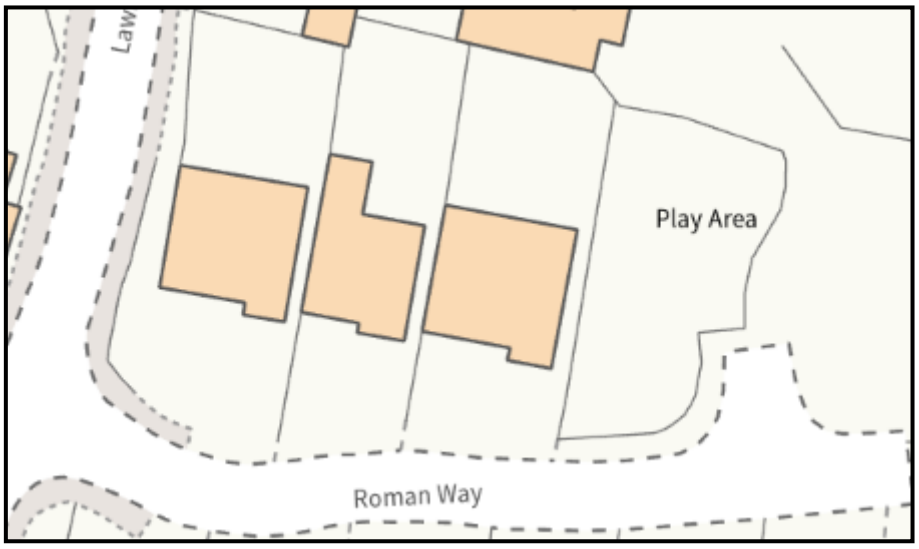

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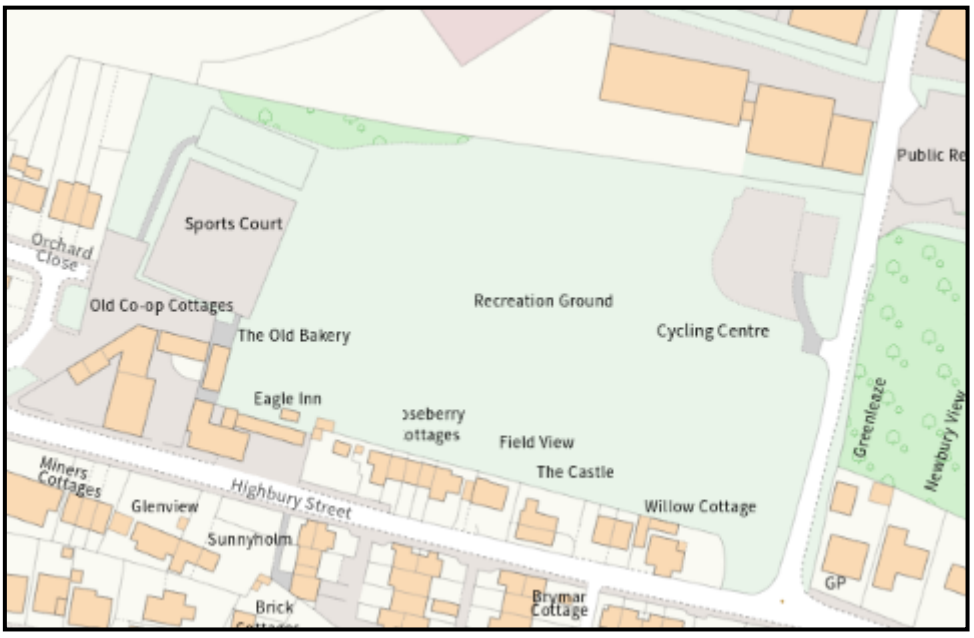

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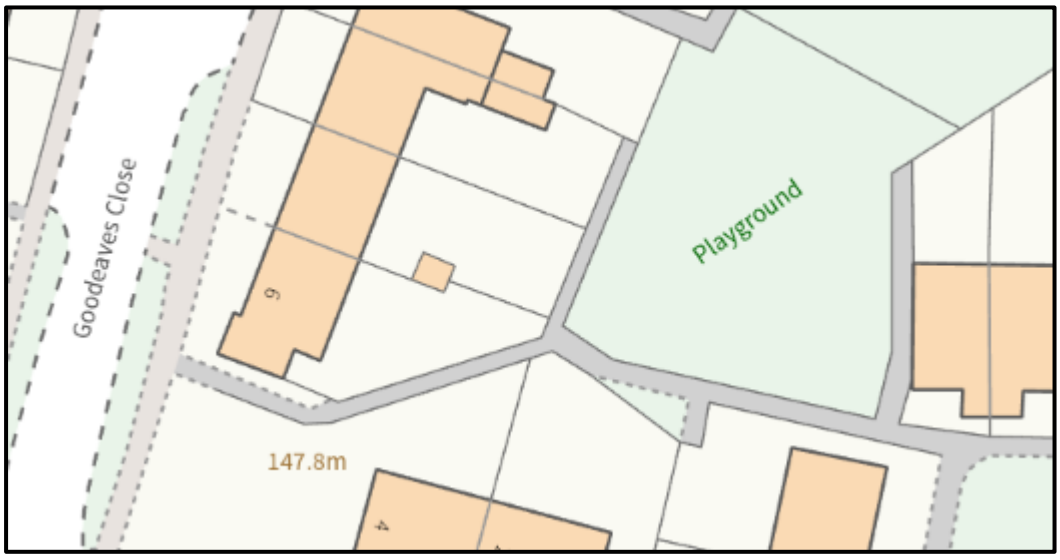

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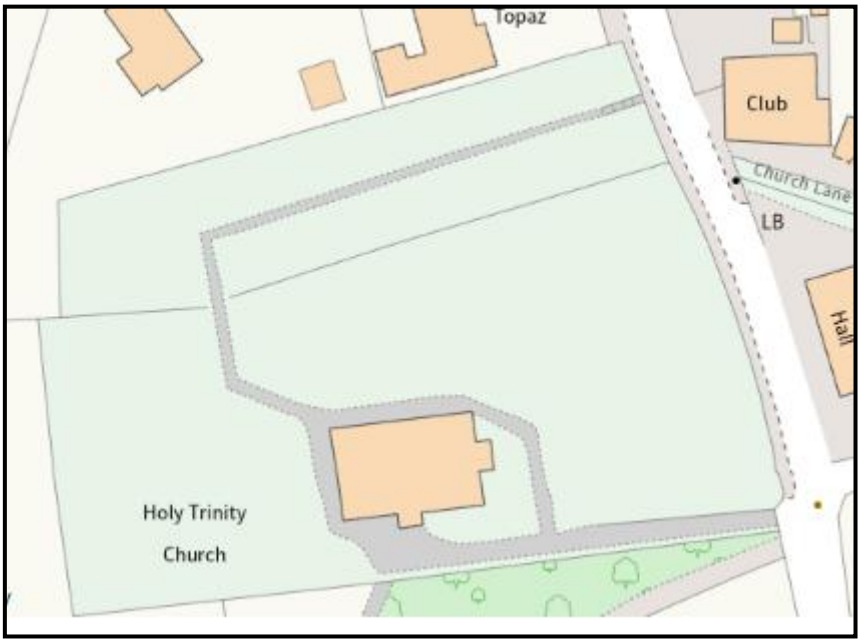

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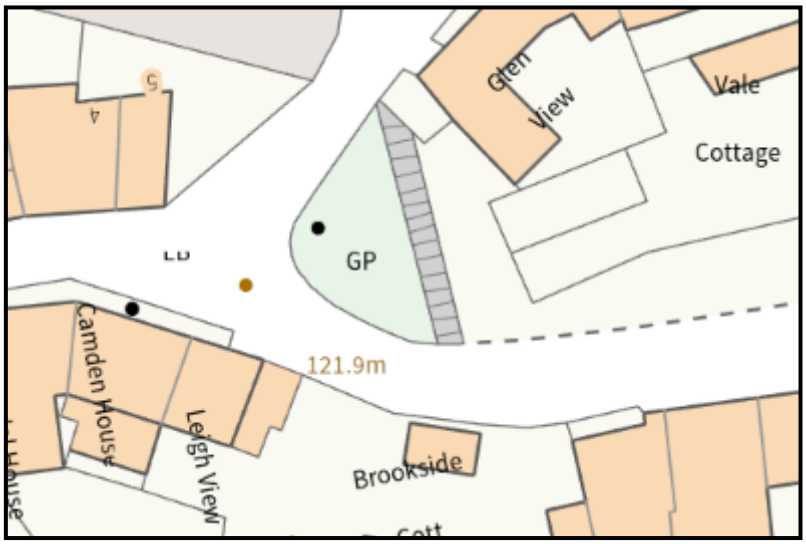

8. Areas C and D. Tree Tag Nos: 0437 – 0469

9. Area O. Tree Tag Nos: 0193 – 0195, 0535, 0470

10. Area R. Tree Tag Nos: 0597 – 0600