

Appendix 1 Tree inspection form

Candidate Name		Date	
Candidate Number		Location	

Tree Number	Tree species	Height (m)	Crown Spread (m)				Diameter at 1.5m	Age	Structural condition	Physiological condition	Comments / Recommendations
			N	E	S	W					

Key:

species including the common names.

height measured in metres from the stem base. where the ground has a significant slope, the higher ground is selected.

stem diameter is measured in millimetres at 1.5m above the adjacent ground level (upslope on sloping ground) or immediately above the root flare for multi-stemmed trees.

crown spread is measured in metres and taken at the four cardinal points to derive an accurate representation of the crown.

age class of the tree is described as young, semi-mature, early-mature, mature, over-mature or veteran:

Y – young (newly planted tree), **SM** – semi-mature (1st 1/3rd of life expectancy). **EM** – mature (final 1/3rd of life expectancy). **M** – middle aged (2nd 1/3rd of life expectancy). **OM** – over mature (beyond life expectancy). **V** – veteran (over mature and of special conservation value).

Physiological condition is classed as good, fair, poor, or dead. This is an indication of the health of the tree and takes into account vigour, presence of disease and dieback: -

good – no health problems

fair – symptoms remedial of ill health

poor – declining

dead – dead

Structural condition is classed as good, fair or poor. This is an indication of the structural integrity of the tree and takes into account significant wounds, decay and quality of branch junctions:

good – no significant defects

fair – remedial defects

poor – defects

very poor – significant defects

Comments include a description of the tree with comments on the form, vitality, health and any significant defects that may be present.