



BS5837:2012 Cascade chart for tree quality assessment		
Category & Definition	Criteria (including subcategories where appropriate)	Indication on plan
Trees unsuitable for retention		
Category U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees that have a serious, irretrievably structural defect, such that their early loss is expected due to collapse, including those that will become unstable after removal of other category U trees (e.g. where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning). Trees that are dead or are showing signs of significant, immediate, and irreversible overall decline. Trees suppressing adjacent trees of better quality. <small>NOTE: Category U trees can have existing or potential conservation value which might be desirable to preserve.</small>	Red on plan RGB 127,0,0
Trees to be considered for retention	1. Mainly arboricultural qualities. 2. Mainly landscape qualities. 3. Mainly cultural values, including conservation.	
Category A	<small>Tree Status: Quality: Estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees that are particularly good examples of their species, especially if rare or unusual; or those that are essential components of groups or formal plantings, or have special features (e.g. the dominant and/or largest tree within an area). Trees, groups or woodlands of particular visual importance as arboricultural and/or landscape features. Trees, groups or woodlands of significant conservation, historical, commemorative or other value (e.g. veteran trees or wood-pasture). 	Light Green RGB 0,255,0
Category B	<small>Tree Status: Quality: Estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years.</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees that might be included in category A, but are downgraded here because of their lower condition (e.g. presence of significant though remediable defects, including arboricultural, landscape and storm damage), such that they are unlikely to be suitable for retention for beyond the period of locking the special quality necessary to merit the category A designation. Trees present in numbers, usually groups as groups, such that their loss will result in a higher collective rating than they might as individuals; or trees occurring as collectives but which are not dominant and have a contribution to the wider locality. Trees with material conservation or other cultural value. 	Mid blue RGB 0,0,255
Category C	<small>Tree Status: Quality: Estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150 mm</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unremarkable trees of very limited merit or such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories. Trees present in groups or woodlands, without such a collective rating that they might as individuals offer significant temporary/transient landscape benefits. Trees with no material conservation or other cultural value. 	Grey RGB 091,091,091



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