
APPLICANT NOTE REGARDING TREE HEALTH & VITALITY DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT

1. The Tree Health & Vitality Diagnostic Assessment (CD11.12) submitted to the Inquiry on 5 November 2020 presented the results of vitality assessment on twenty of the London Plane trees within Victoria Tower Gardens.
2. Section 2 of the Assessment sets out the assessment results in a table with an "Interpretation"/assessment in the final column of the table. The Assessment did not set out the "Interpretation"/assessment level matrix against which that Interpretation/assessment was carried out.
3. The following is the relevant assessment matrix against which the Assessment was prepared:

0. Healthy and Unstressed
1. Healthy, Mild to Moderate Physiological Stress
2. Healthy but Physiologically Stressed
3. Healthy but Reduced Chlorophyll: Potential Deficiency
4. Reduced Vitality, Mild to Moderate Physiological Stress
5. Reduced Vitality, Stressed
6. Unhealthy

4. As set out in Section 4 ("Conclusions") of the Assessment, only four of the 20 London Plane trees tested returned signs of a reduction in vitality. By reference to the above matrix, one of those trees (71012W) would fall within level 4 and three of those trees (71013W, 71017W and 71018W) would fall within level 1.

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