

## Rural Practice Surveyors and Agricultural Valuers Petersfield - 16<sup>a</sup> November 2022 Maximising the contribution trees make to developments

















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## The Feasibility Assessment

A tree survey that seeks to:

- Determine the age, species diversity, and condition of the existing tree stock
  Ouantify the current and future
- Quantify the current and future contribution each tree (or group) has to make to the site through a quality assessment.
- assessment. Identify what aspect of each tree is the important factor (its infinisic nature as a trees, its ecological/biodiversity role and/or its contribution to the landscape or other cultural aspect.



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ls this an appropriate tree for the site?

- Veteran Ash, possibly 70 years old in hedgerow between 2 arable fields.
- Moderate condition with a remaining useful contribution of at least 20 years. Categorised as an A grade tree because of veteran status.
- Would retention of this tree be beneficial to this site?







## Is this an appropriate tree for the site?

- Dead oak in hedgerow between 2 arable fields.
- High habitat potential but condition means it is unable to positively contribute in any other way to the site.
- Would retention of this tree be beneficial to this site?





## Guidance through site design

- The design process should be sympathetic to tree constraints while not be afraid of necessary tree removal.
- Most planning policy seeks to ensure the most important trees on site are retained, and where possible, enhancement is required.

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