

NW – A85 Fowlis Wester to Gilmerton

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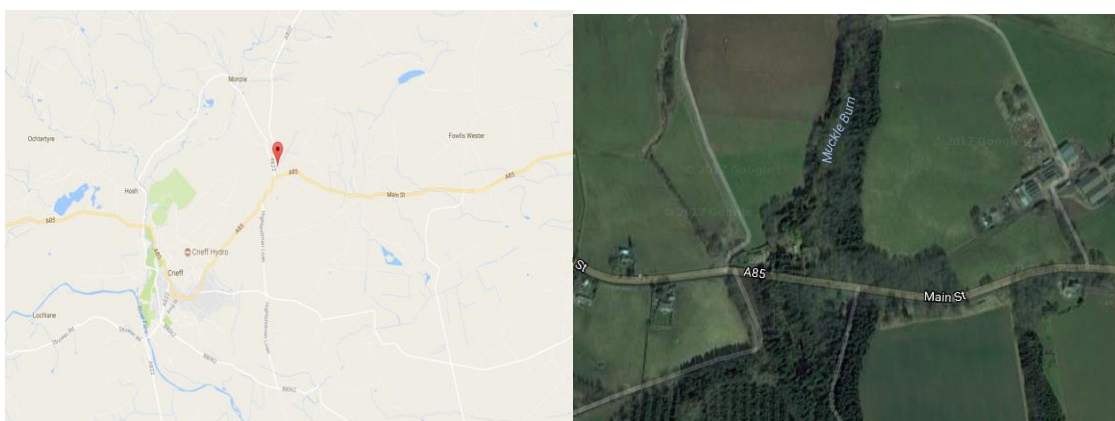
NW – A85 NEAR FOWLIS WESTER TO GILMERTON

To look at failing and leaning trees in this location in Transport Scotland and Landowner Areas, and complete visual report with a summary action.

Locations:

1. Woodland opposite Estate entrance east of the main entrance.
2. Tree line where trees are in the hedge rows.
3. Woodland Areas where trees can affect the safety of the road.

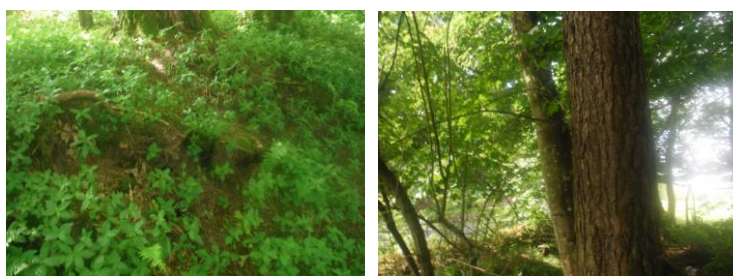
1. Woodland Area – Inspection 18/06/17



The Woodland Area sits on the North Side of the A85, to the East of Gilmerton. Near the Abercairny Estate Offices.

- A. After inspection of the location on 20/06/17, there are 2 trees noted that have immediate leaning issues and as a result of evidencing tree root lifting, have advised the owner and factor that these should be felled immediately.

Picture trees and root.



- B. The Woodland sits in wet conditions for part of the area, many trees within the Woodland are failing some have blown over during the years. Approx. 12 trees appear to have a reasonable lean towards the road, and recommendation would be to fell as soon as possible, due to any unforeseen gales.

Pictures trees



C. The rest of the woodland would be advised for felling as the impact of the creating open areas within may cause other trees within the woodland to blow.

Pictures on edge of Woodland.



2. There also appears to be a potential issue with various trees on the hedge lines from Methven to Gilmerton, some of which have had fallen branches and some windblown.

A. The Line of Statement trees which run with the hedgeline appear to have been affected by wind, poor growth, spraying, etc and there are many with potential issues.

Pictures.





3. It was noted that several trees on the way to this site from Methven to Fowlis Wester were also affected by wind, poor growth, spraying, etc.

Areas to be surveyed in the future, form Methven to Crieff and Creiff to Lochearnhead.

Summary:

The 2 potentially dangerous trees at the west corner that could come down in the next gale, were visited by the Landowner and the Factor. Bear Scotland Ltd offered Traffic Management and support, and advised that these be attended to as a matter of priority.

The Landowner has been advised that trees within the woodland are a potential issue, and he suggested that he would look at best felling options.

Landowner to confirm Felling Plan.