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The mature beech trees is not so good news I am afraid.

The beech single one closest to his house is in a poor condition and is riddled with dry rot and other fungal infections. The structural integrity of the tree is failing and the tree has been creating supporting additional growth over the decayed timber. Because of its location I would suggest that the tree would need to be taken down as I expect it to be failing in an opposite prevailing wind especially if it goes into full leaf.

The other ones are in not great condition but the beech furthest away is in a very poor condition. It is riddled in bracken fungus from base to 3.5 meters above the ground. Luckily it is just a field next to it when it will fail but it would be advisable for felling.

The remaining ones have enormous amount of large dead wood in the crown and have signs of stem decay. The biggest issue with them is that if one of the other beech trees in the group is taken away for safety it would nearly certainly cause an negative effect on the remaining ones as they become exposed.

Target areas: sheep, occasional farmer, shed. Risk of tree failure is to be considered medium to high. Impact is pretty low as the area is not open to the public and I advised Terry not to enter the area under the trees when high winds take place.

Let me know if I can do anything else for you or if you need some more information.

Open Spaces Information App

<https://copelandbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d006905969954bbcbef8135bfa87e48e>

hopefully the map shows the 2 really bad ones I named them 1 and 2

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