

QUANTIFIED TREE RISK ASSESSMENT - RISK DECISION INFORMING FRAMEWORK

Risk Thresholds	Description	Action
1/1 000	Unacceptable Risks will not ordinarily be tolerated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control the risk • Periodically review the risk
	Unacceptable (where imposed on others) Risks will not ordinarily be tolerated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control the risk • Periodically review the risk
1/10 000	Tolerable (by agreement) Risks may be tolerated if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those exposed to the risk accept it, or • the tree has exceptional value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control the risk unless there is broad stakeholder agreement to tolerate it, or the tree has exceptional value • Periodically review the risk
	Tolerable (where imposed on others) Risks are generally tolerable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess costs and benefits of risk control • Control the risk only where a significant benefit might be achieved at a reasonable cost • Periodically review the risk
1/1 000 000	Broadly Acceptable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action currently required • Periodically review the risk

Costs and Benefits of Risk Control.

Risk control measures bring benefits in terms of reducing or eliminating a risk, but those benefits come at a cost that should, in broad terms, be balanced against the benefits of risk control. For guidance on considering costs and benefits, please refer to the Quantified Tree Risk Assessment Practice Note, available at to <http://www.qtra.co.uk/cms/index.php?section=25> (due to be updated October 2013).

Based on the tree owner/manager accepting the principles set out in the Quantified Tree Risk Assessment Practice Note and or any other specific instructions, the risk assessor will take account of the cost/benefit balance when providing management recommendations.