TREE PROTECTION AND METHOD STATEMENT

INSTRUCTION

This Arboricultural Method Statement was commissioned by the Client to propose a methodology for the management and protection of the trees on or adjacent to the site in order to accompany a planning application. The trees were inspected in line with the recommendations of BS5837: 2012 in March 2022.

TREE WORK

PEOPLE	DUTY	TIME
Suitably qualified person	• carry out the necessary inspections for bats and nesting birds • advise on start date	Before any activity on site
Arboricultural Consultant	• meet with contractors to discuss the treeworks needed	Before any activity on site
Contractor	• produce their own Method Statement for tree works that will include Risk Assessments, staff profiles and certification, machinery and equipment inspection records and certificates	Before work begins
Client	• agree disposal of timber, brash and other arisings	Before work begins

GENERAL

- Tree work must be the first operation, before any other activity on site involving plant, machinery or materials.
- Tree work is skilled and potentially dangerous work, which must be carried out by trained and certificated staff working to BS3998: 2010 and working in accordance with the various Regulations within the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- Contractors must have Public Liability Insurance (preferably £5 million) and Employer's Liability Insurance (preferably £10 million)
- Machinery and equipment must be maintained, inspected and operated in accordance with the various Regulations within the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

WORK REQUIRED

- Remove the following trees:

9256	Flowering Cherry
9257	Cow Pine
9258	Flowering Cherry
Group A (part)	Hawthorn, Plum
9261	Flowering Cherry
9262	Cockspur Thorn
9263	Elder
9264	Berberis
9266	Flowering Cherry
9267	Flowering Cherry
9269	Lime
9270	Flowering Cherry
9271	Walnut
Group B	Elder
9272	Flowering Cherry
9273	Silver Birch

- Remove dead wood greater than 25mm ∅ from Walnut 9260 and Norway Maple 9265
- Lift the crown of Walnut 9259 to 4.5m above existing ground level
- Lift the crown of Walnut 9260 to 2.4m above existing ground level
- Laterally reduce the north and eastern crown of Norway Maple 9265 by up to 2m to facilitate development
- Lift the crown of Blue Atlas Cedar 9268 to 3m above existing ground level.
- Cut Group A to 650mm in height and trim sides

TREE PROTECTION

PEOPLE	DUTY	TIME
Arboricultural Consultant	• inspect barriers	Before construction begins
	• attend during excavations for road construction	During installation
Site Manager	• monitor the physical and managed protective tree measures continually	During construction

GENERAL NOTES

- The Site Manager will keep a copy of this Plan on site for reference during construction and for site induction where staff or contractors' work may implicate working near trees so they understand the purpose of the measures.
- No fires will be lit on site where flames can reach within 5m of the crown of a tree taking the size of the fire, wind speed and direction into account
- No storage or discharge of materials within 5 metres of a tree bole.
- No mixing of cement or dispensing of fuel or chemicals within 15 metres of the tree bole.
- Any damage that occurs to the trees during construction will be rectified to BS3998: 2010.
- Trees must not be used as anchor points for winching or for supporting wires/cables.
- Plant will be re-fueled and serviced at least 10 metres from the edge of the Root Protection Areas.
- Any plant with known fuel or other fluid leaks will only be operated near the trees whereby the leaks can be retained in absorbent mats or trays.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PHASE

NO.	MATERIALS	NOTES
1	Weldmesh panels on robust scaffold frame	Once the treeworks are complete, a barrier to Fig 2 BS5837 will be erected where shown by the broad blue lines (see notes on barriers below)
2	Scaffold planks A quantity of chipped woodmulch	Ground within the root protection areas of trees that cannot be fenced will be protected with scaffold planks laid over a 50mm thick covering of chipped woodmulch before any construction starts and be retained in-situ until the end of the main development period. Areas for ground protection are shown by the blue crosshatch on the drawing

NOTES ON BARRIERS

- Weather-proof notices stating: 'PROTECTED AREA – DO NOT ENTER' to be erected on barriers not less than 5m apart. (example on plan)
- The site manager will assess the integrity of the protective barrier protection measures continually. Any shortcomings must be rectified to the original specifications immediately.
- Barriers will remain in place until the end of the main construction period.

NOTES ON EXCAVATION FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION

- The areas for excavation within Root Protection Areas will be hatched with aerosol paint to draw attention to the minimal excavation zone before works start.
- Roots less than 25mm Ø will be ignored.
- Roots greater than 25mm Ø will be cut back to a union using sharp bypass secateurs in accordance with British Standard 3998: 2010 'Tree work – recommendations'.
- Any exposed roots will be covered with hessian until granular material can be placed over the roots.

NOTES ON INSTALLATION OF SERVICES

- Any trenching for the installation of services or other excavations for soakaways etc. will be located at least 1m from the radial extent of the RPAs drawn.

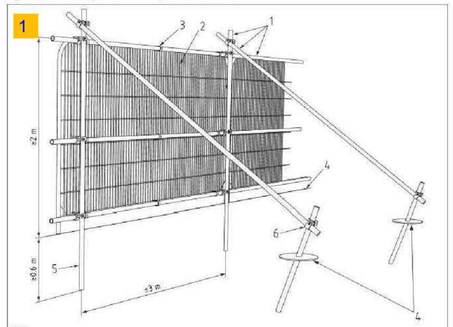
POST CONSTRUCTION

- Once all the construction and hard landscaping works are completed, the protective barriers and ground protection will be removed before landscaping work begins.
- Soil cultivation within the previously protected zones will be carried out by hand only. No machine cultivation will take place within these zones whatsoever.
- Planting within the previously protected zones will be carried out by hand using hand tools only.
- Retained trees will be re-inspected post-development by a qualified arboriculturalist and any works arising carried out within the time limits specified.

NOTES ON PAVING

- Paving laid within root protection areas will be constructed with a minimum of excavation. Excavation will be limited to 50mm below the existing ground level.

Figure 2 **Default specification for protective barrier**



Key

1. Standard scaffold poles
2. Heavy gauge 2 m tall galvanized tube and welded mesh infill panels
3. Panels secured to uprights and cross-members with wire ties
4. Ground level
5. Uprights driven into the ground until secure (minimum depth 0.6 m)
6. Standard scaffold clamps

PROTECTED AREA

DO NOT ENTER

(WITHOUT PERMISSION)

This barrier is designed to protect these trees.

PLEASE REPORT ANY BREACH IN THE BARRIER TO THE SITE MANAGER

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NOTES: Based on survey drawing 2202-212 and proposed site plan 524.PL.09

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KEY

- ROOT PROTECTION AREA
- CANOPY OUTLINE - INDIVIDUAL TREE
- CANOPY OUTLINE - GROUPS
- TREES TO BE REMOVED
- BARRIER TO FIG 2. BS5837
- AREAS FOR PRUNING
- GROUND PROTECTED WITH BOARDS

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