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## For Trees At

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## For

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# 1. Introduction

1.1 We are instructed by Tolent Living Ltd to provide an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) for the significant trees located within a specified area at Temple Park, South Shields.

1.2 This report is produced to evaluate the proposed construction of a club house, sports pitches and parking facilities with associated infrastructure. The developments juxtaposition with the existing trees is considered.

1.3 We were provided with the following documents:

- Existing plan in digital AutoCAD format
- Proposed development plans in digital AutoCAD format

1.4 This assessment is concerned with recording the species, size and condition of the trees. Recommendations are made where appropriate to establish acceptable levels of safety for the site and also to establish a higher level of arboricultural management.

1.5 The trees are also evaluated for the purposes of British Standard 5837–2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition & construction, with regard to their quality and value. The type and size of the root protection area is calculated and the position of the protective barriers is determined. The remaining contribution or safe useful life expectancy is estimated as an indication of the trees period of retention.

1.6 All observations were from ground level without detailed investigation.

1.7 Trees are living organisms whose health and condition may change rapidly and all observations are based on the status of the tree at the time of inspection.

# 2. Protected Status Of Trees

2.1 Trees may be legally protected, this may either be in the form of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) or that the trees are located within a Conservation area.

2.2 Potentially large penalties may be enforced for illegally carrying out works on protected trees. It is recommended that checks are made before any works are undertaken and no work should commence until permission has been granted. Please note that there are a number of exemptions from the requirement to obtain a felling licence including land on which full

planning permission has been granted by the local authority, however this exemption does not cover land where only outline planning permission has been granted, or on land which has been allocated for residential development within local authority urban and local development plans.

## 3. Site Visit & Description

Site location – N 54° 57' 58.41 W 01° 25' 10.66
O/S Grid reference- NZ 371 636 GB Grid


*Figure 1 - The study area is indicated by the red boundary line as shown on the above image.*

3.1 A site visit was undertaken in September 2017 by Tim Archment. The weather was fine with no visibility constraints.

3.2 The study area is located on the south flank of South Shields, to the west of the King George Road.

3.3 The study area is open parkland, the majority of which is given to grass. There were sports pitches sprayed into the grass adjacent to groups 4-6 and 9. Aerial photography indicates there have been more pitches in the past.

The park has been landscaped. Topography of the site varies with raised mounds present in various places. The topographical survey indicates the site levels range from around 27.3m to 33.6m. The height differences are facilitated with graded land.

3.4 There are a number of public footpaths across the site. These appeared to be popular with dog walkers. A group of horse riders were also seen using the site at the time of the survey.

3.5 There are a range of tree groups around the study area. These are primarily in the form of mixed broadleaf groups, clustered around the site. The majority of the trees are young to middle aged though a number of mature individuals can be found. Tree management appears to be relatively light and works are needed across the site to bring the trees into a higher level of arboricultural management.

3.6 Despite the levels changes there did not appear to be any drainage issues on the site.

# 4. Appraisal

4.1 The trees have been surveyed on site and plotted on the site plan. Their positions are considered accurate given the provision of a detailed topographical survey.

4.2 All significant trees have been inspected and some of the smaller specimens have been included for accuracy. Individual recommendations are included within Appendix 1 of this report.

## 4.3 Root Protection Areas (RPAs)

4.3.1 The British Standard Root Protection Areas (RPAs) are indicated by the red circles surrounding the trunk position of the trees on the associated plans. These indicative circles do not take into consideration site specific conditions such as the presence of buildings, roads, footpaths, topography, underground utility services etc. and are representative of typical root morphology where said structures are not encountered.

## 4.4 Tree Removals

4.4.1 The design of the project is still at a relatively early stage and final proposed levels have not yet been agreed. Given the topography of the study area earthworks are envisaged to achieve flat and usable sports facilities.

4.4.2 This will necessitate tree removal where trees are in direct conflict. An allowance has been made around the perimeter of the proposals to allow for gentle regrading of the land, rather than employing steep and harsh regrading or using retaining walls.

4.4.3 Once final proposed levels are agreed upon the Arboricultural Impact Assessment can be updated to more accurately reflect the proposals.

4.4.4 It will be necessary to remove some of the existing trees to facilitate the proposed development and to establish a higher level of arboricultural management for the site.

- Trees 6-7 & 9-11, groups 2, 7-8, 11 and parts of groups 5, 6 and 10 will need to be removed to facilitate the construction of the new buildings and associated infrastructure.

4.4.2 A breakdown of recommended removals, alongside their BS5837 category rating is provided in the table below. For further information regarding the BS5837 quality categorisation system please refer to Appendix 2 (II).

| Tree Category Rating | Remove To Facilitate The Development |
|---|---|
| A – High | - |
| B – Moderate | Trees 6-7 and 10-11<br>Groups 2, 7 & 8<br>Parts of groups 6 & 10 |
| C – Low | Tree 9<br>Group 11<br>Part of group 5 |
| U – Unsuitable For Retention | - |

4.4.3 To mitigate the above removals new planting should take place throughout the site. Careful consideration should be given to all new planting positions to ensure the trees can grow fully into maturity without requiring major or regular pruning works. New specimens should not be positioned in close proximity to buildings, windows or utility services.

### 4.5 Retained Trees

4.5.1 Protective barriers as per section 5.1 of this report should be erected around all retained trees in the position indicated by the blue line on the Tree Protection Plan prior to any works on site. Signs should also be attached stating that the area is a protected zone and should not be entered.

### 4.6 Special 'Tree Friendly' Construction

4.6.1 The proposed path around the rugby pitch crosses the RPA of tree 8.

4.6.2 It is important that no damage is caused to the rooting area, therefore special 'no-dig, tree friendly' methodology as described in section 5.2 of this report should be laid in the areas indicated by the green hatching on the Tree Protection Plan (TPP).

4.6.3 Trees that require the above works are:

- Tree 8

### 4.7 Ground Level

4.7.1 There should be no alteration of the ground level within the RPA of any retained tree. This includes the lowering of the ground level via the excavation of existing material or the raising of the ground level via the importation of additional material.

4.7.2 Lowering of the ground level results in the inevitable severance of roots. As the majority of feeding roots are located towards the surface of the soil, lowering the ground level by even a few centimetres can have a drastic effect on the trees physiological health, greatly limiting the trees ability to uptake nutrients. A more significant reduction in ground level is likely to sever larger supporting roots resulting in immediate loss of structural integrity, predisposing the tree to failure.

4.7.3 Raising the ground level encourages anaerobic conditions, resulting in reduced gaseous exchange, a necessary part of the respiration process. Water penetration to the underlying root system is also limited. The roots are slowly suffocated leading to decline. Symptoms are likely to include wilting foliage, poor shoot elongation, late bud break, early leaf abscission, crown thinness, followed by dieback and eventually death.

4.7.4 Any level changes, installation of retaining structures etc, should take place outside of the RPA of retained trees.

### 4.8 Wildlife Habitats

4.8.1 As part of the survey the significant trees were inspected from ground level for signs of wildlife habitation, in particular birds and bats.

**Bats**

4.8.2 All UK bats and their roosts are protected by law. The legislation protecting bats are:

- The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (WCA)
- Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010

4.8.3 For all countries of the UK, the legal protection for bats and their roosts may be summarised as follows:

You will be committing a criminal offence if you:

1. Deliberately* capture, injure or kill a bat
2. Intentionally or recklessly disturb a bat in its roost or deliberately disturb a group of bats
3. Damage or destroy a bat roosting place (even if bats are not occupying the roost at the time)

4. Possess or advertise/sell/exchange a bat (dead or alive) or any part of a bat
5. Intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to a bat roost

**In a court, 'deliberately' will probably be interpreted as someone who, although not intending to capture/injure or kill a bat, performed the relevant action, being sufficiently informed and aware of the consequence his/her action will most likely have.)*

4.8.4 Penalties on conviction - the maximum fine is £5,000 per incident or per bat (some roosts contain several hundred bats), up to six months in prison, and forfeiture of items used to commit the offence, e.g. vehicles, plant, machinery.

4.8.5 No visual signs were found to indicate the presence of bats in the surveyed trees though a number of the mature trees within the site display characteristics found favourable to bats and as such caution must be exercised.

4.8.6 When carrying out tree works it is essential that the contractor or other competent person carriers out a specific 'bats in trees risk assessment' which can be obtained from the 'Arboricultural Association' or the 'Bat Conservation Trust' (BCT). If evidence of bats is found work must stop immediately and Natural England Batline contacted (0845 1300 228). A further inspection may well be required by a licensed bat handler or roost visitor.

**Birds**

4.8.7 In the UK, all wild birds, their nests and their eggs are protected by law.

4.8.8 In England, Scotland and Wales the legislation that protects wild birds is:

- The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
- The Countryside (or CRoW) Act 2000

4.8.9 No nesting birds were present at the time of inspection though given the scope of the site and the extent of vegetation potential exists for birds to nest and as such caution must be exercised.

4.8.10 As with bats the contractor has an obligation to carry out visual checks prior to works. Where possible tree works should be carried out in the period from August to the end of February in order to avoid the bird nesting season.

# 5. Tree Protection Measures

## 5.1 Root Protection Area & Barrier Specification

5.1.1 Trees on development sites are prone to damage during the course of demolition and construction works. Retained trees need to be protected in line with British Standard 5837–2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition & construction.

5.1.2 This usually involves identifying a construction exclusion zone around the tree which should remain undisturbed with appropriate protective barriers preventing access to this Root Protection Area for the duration of the project.

5.1.3 The minimum root protection areas (measured in a radius from the centre of the tree to the protective barrier) are outlined for each individual tree and the barrier layout is indicated on the plan.

5.1.4 The exact root spread of an individual tree is difficult to quantify, but in general, the bulk of a trees roots are situated in the upper 600mm of the soil with the finer absorbing roots prevalent in the upper 250mm.

5.1.5 Dependant on soil conditions and the species of the tree, the root plate may extend radially for distances in excess of the height of the tree.

5.1.6 In the case of development sites, the root protection area is designed to prevent any significant long term damage to the tree by protecting the root plate and to some extent the lower branches of the tree.

5.1.7 The barriers should be erected prior to work commencing on site and should remain until construction activities have been completed. The root protection area should be considered essential and should not be removed or altered without prior recommendation by an Arboriculturalist and approval of the local planning authority.

5.1.8 The barrier should consist of a vertical and horizontal framework of scaffold tubing which is adequately braced to resist impacts. The vertical scaffold tubes need to be placed at a distance not exceeding 3m apart and driven securely into the ground for a minimum depth of 0.6m. Care should be taken when locating the vertical poles to avoid underground services and, in the case of the bracing poles, also to avoid any structural roots. The weldmesh or Heras panels need to be a minimum 2.0m tall and are securely attached to the scaffold framework with wire or scaffold clamps. The wire or scaffold clamps should be secured on the inside of the barrier to avoid easy dismantling. Panels on rubber or concrete feet are not resistant to impact and should not be used.

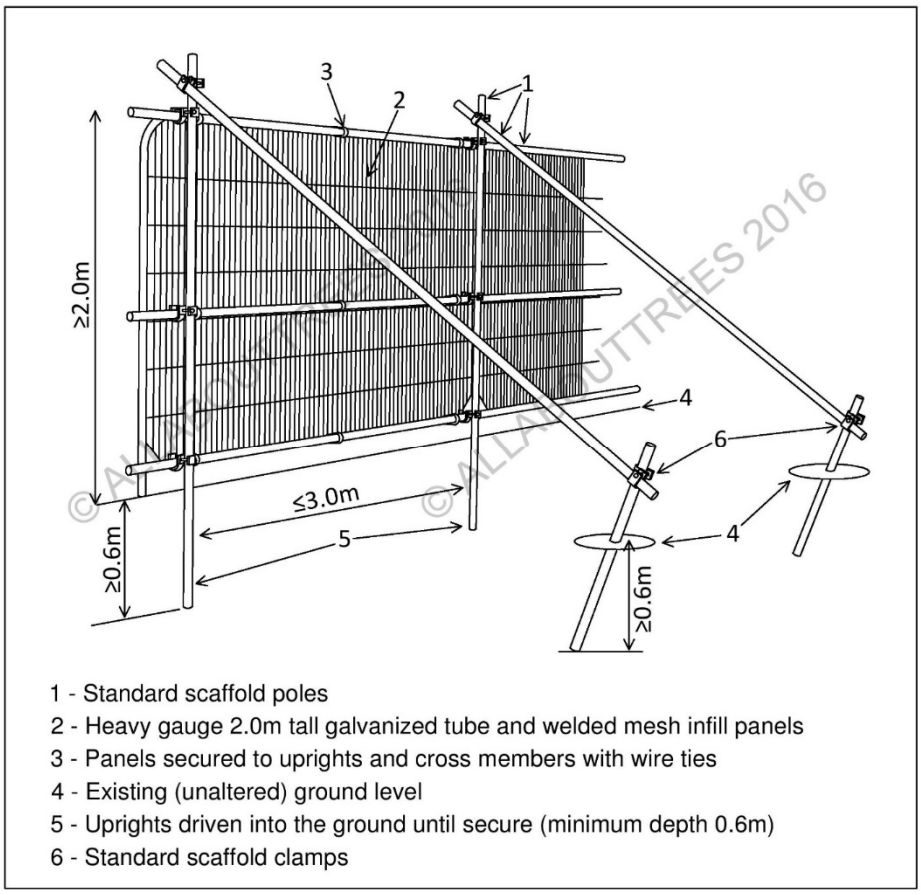



*Figure 2 - Protective barrier specification*

*Figure 3 - Example of a barrier erected on a site*

5.1.9 No fixing shall be made to any tree and all possible care must be taken to prevent damage to tree roots when locating the posts.

5.1.10 All types of barriers must be firmly attached to prevent movement by site personnel or vehicles and all weather signs with the wording "Construction exclusion zone- keep out" should be attached.

## 5.2 Construction Methodology & Materials Near To Retained Trees

5.2.1 As the site contains a number of trees which will need to be retained as an integral part of the development, it is vital that the trees health and condition is maintained through protective measures and 'tree friendly' construction methods which avoid both short and long term damage to the trees. The areas which require this tree friendly construction are indicated as hatched green on the tree protection plan (TPP).

5.2.2 The construction method outlined below is suitable for the construction of permeable footpaths, roads and parking bays. It is not intended as a finished engineering solution but as an outline methodology to allow the construction of the above elements without damaging the nearby tree root system. We recommend the Cellweb system by Geosynthetics Ltd for this application as it has been thoroughly tested in the field and scientific data is available to support its use near to retained trees.

5.2.3 If the principles of the 'no dig' construction are followed, no significant permanent damage should occur to the retained trees.

5.2.4 The **principal rules of construction** are as follows:

1) No roots are to be severed (except for hand digging to remove rocks or protrusions taking care not to sever any roots over 2.5cm in diameter).

2) The soil must not be compacted

3) Oxygen and water must be able to diffuse into the soil beneath the engineered surface

4) The construction of the road, footpath or parking bay will have to be **above existing ground** level and at least 0.5m away from the trunks and buttress roots of the retained trees.

5) Dependent on the landform and underlying soil type, permeable surfacing can result in the soil moisture content remaining at or near field capacity for long periods. Where there is a risk of waterlogging appropriate land drainage should be incorporated into the design. If land drainage is required within the root protection area it must be designed to avoid damage to the tree and the soil structure, for

example sand slitting formed by compressed soil displacement (soil pick or air spade) with the slits set radially to the tree.

6) If the permeable surface is to be used by construction traffic it must be protected with a temporary sacrificial surface laid onto a geotextile separator (Treetex T300) to ensure that the interstices do not become blocked and the surfaces permeability is maintained.

5.2.5 The method of construction is:

1) Ideally construction should be undertaken between the months of May and October when the ground is at its driest and less prone to compaction

2) Ground vegetation should be carefully removed with any organic material being removed from the line of the surfacing to prevent the build-up of anaerobic conditions beneath the surfacing which will damage the tree roots.

3) No digging should take place within the protective zone except for the careful removal of organic matter by hand tools. Any hollows must be filled with sharp sand, any digging to remove rocks or protrusions must be by hand taking care not to sever any roots over 2.5cm in diameter. Stumps should be ground out rather than excavated to prevent damage to the retained trees roots.

*Photo 1- line of new road prior to the commencement of works*

5.2.6 The method of providing a permeable surfacing is as follows:

1) Lay a Treetex T300 geotextile material directly on the existing subgrade. Overlap dry joints by 300mm

*Photo 2- laying of Fibretex material onto existing subgrade*

2) Lay and expand the cellular confinement system, Cellweb by Geosynthetics Ltd, and anchor open during infilling. As a general indication only, a depth of at least 100mm is required for domestic traffic up to approximately 3 tons. A 200 mm depth should accommodate vehicles up to approximately 8 tons. Footpaths and cycle ways generally require a depth of 75mm. Geosynthetics Ltd provide a free consultation, design and advisory service to help specify the exact depth and construction of the Cellweb system.

3) The three dimensional cell structure is formed by ultrasonically welding polyethylene (perforated) strips and panels together to create a three dimensional network of interconnecting cells. A high degree of frictional interaction is developed between infill and cell wall, increasing the stiffness of the system. The use of cellular confinement reduces the bearing pressure on the subsoil by stabilising aggregate surfaces against rutting under wheel loads. Comparisons between cellular confinement and traditional aggregate and grid reinforced structures demonstrate a 50% reduction in construction thickness.

   Expand the Cellweb 2.56m wide panels to their full 8.1m length and pin with staking pins to anchor the cells open. Staple adjacent panels together to create a continuous mattress.

   Below are illustrations of the correct stapling procedure for joining both edges and ends of panels together.

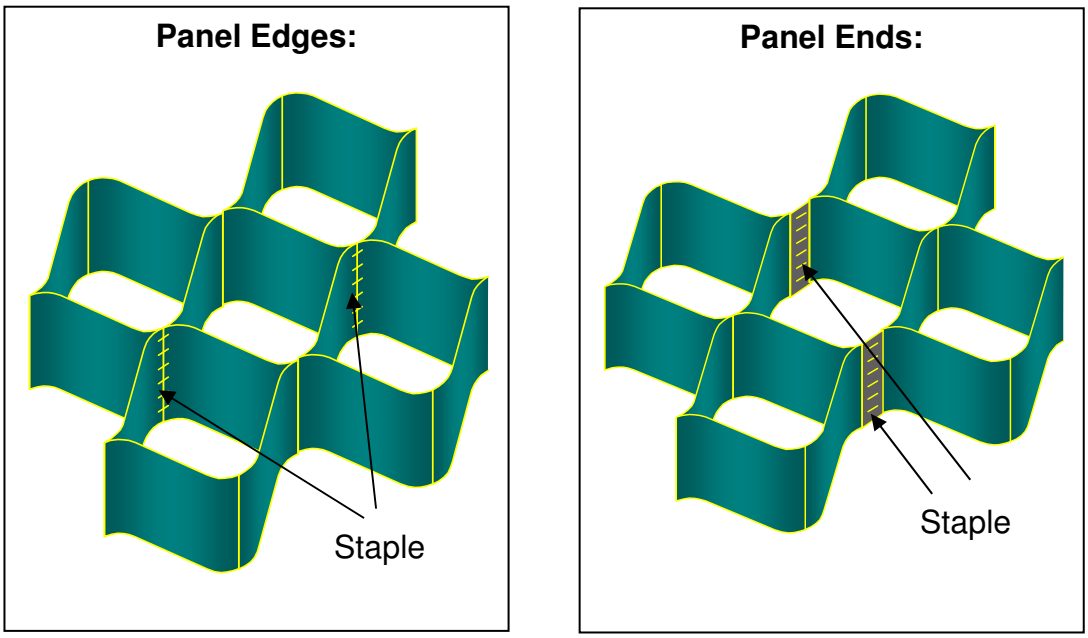



*Photo 3- expanding and filling the Cellweb system*

4) Fill the cellular confinement system with aggregate (the amount is dependent on the depth of the Cellweb employed). The aggregate should not contain any fines and be of an inert type material such as whinstone chips rather than any lime based product. The angular particle dimensions should be 20-40mm. As most urban soils are already alkaline in nature, the use of dolomite, limestone or crushed concrete is not suitable for this application as it can react with rain water with the potential to change the soil pH and form impenetrable layers which impede water movement and gaseous exchange

*Photo 4- once filled the system can support plant to carry aggregate to the fill area*

5.2.7 Final surfacing options

- **Block paving or paving slabs –**will require the laying of a second layer of Treetex T300 Geotextile separation fabric over the infilled Cellweb sections. Then lay a sharp sand or coarse aggregate (no fines) bedding layer compacted with a vibro compaction plate to the recommended depth. Place paviors as per the manufacturer's instructions using the sand or coarse aggregate as the jointing material. The use of porous blocks such as 80mm Priora by Marshalls are particularly tree friendly and allow natural rainfall to reach the rooting area.

- **In-situ concrete –** in-situ concrete forms an impermeable surface therefore falls and openings need to be provided to allow air and water to enter the soil. The necessary liner can be penetrated through the falls and openings once the concrete has set.

  This can be achieved by forming 50mm diameter holes in the construction of a slab at regular spacing's of 300-600mm and backfilling the resultant holes with no fines gravel or aggregate

- **Porous tarmac and resin bonded gravels –** place 25mm surcharge of the granular material above the Cellweb system and lay either the bitumen base and wearing course or the resin bonded gravel layer

- **Loose Gravel-** Place a second layer of Treetex T300 Geotextile separation fabric over the infilled Cellweb sections. Place decorative aggregate to the required depth. A treated timber edge should be provided to restrict gravel movement

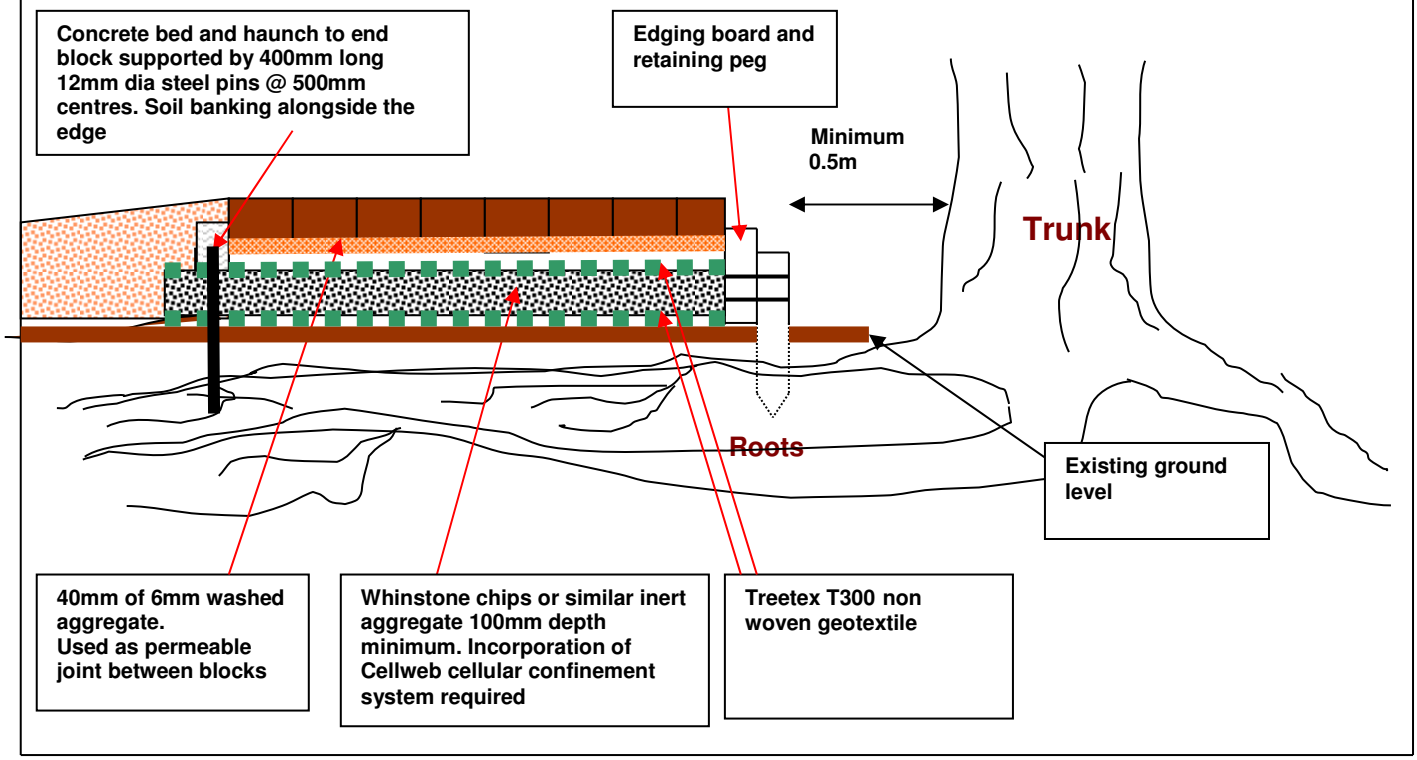
- **Grass blocks or gravel infilled blocks -** Lay a second layer of Treetex T300 Geotextile separation fabric over the infilled Cellweb sections. Lay Turfpave sub-surface paving system infilled with 50/50 rootzone mix. Seed as required. Alternatively the Turfpave blocks may be infilled with gravel

5.2.8 It is important that the edging material used does not encroach into the protected area and the use of conventional kerbing is not possible as the depth of excavation required for their installation will sever the tree roots.

5.2.9 Edging supports such as angled steel section, pinned edges, sleepers (pinned in place) or gabions are advised although there are a number of varying kerbing options available which do not require any excavation and could be used above the existing ground level.

*Photo 5- completed road using porous tarmac surfacing*

**Diagram of no-dig construction method for minimising root damage (not to scale). Alternative edging materials shown on either side of construction. Block paving surfacing option shown**



5.2.10 Where the footpath, road or parking bay goes through a root protection area, it is not usually possible to erect the normal permanent protective barrier at the correct distance from the tree as access to construct the hard surfacing is a requirement. In this situation the permanent protective barrier is erected as per the TPP as near to the edge of the working area as possible.

5.2.11 This leaves a portion of the root protection area unfenced and unprotected until the surfacing is laid. Extreme care must be taken to avoid damage to these areas until the Cellweb and aggregate is laid and access must be prevented especially to vehicles and plant. This could be achieved by using temporary Heras fencing at distance indicated in the appraisal until such times as the surfacing is constructed.

### 5.3 Service Runs

5.3.1 It is assumed that the existing service runs will be exploited where possible, but if new works are required it is important that they comply with the National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) 'Guidelines for the planning, installation, and maintenance of utility services in proximity to trees' and BS 5837:2012. The excavation of open trenches by machine will be unacceptable within the protective zone of any of the retained trees.

5.3.2 Acceptable techniques (fuller details in the appendices) for the laying of services in order of preference are:

- **Trenchless-** by using thrust boring or similar techniques
- **Broken Trench-** to be dug by hand
- **Continuous trench-** to be dug by hand

5.3.3 Wherever possible, services should be routed outside of any retained trees RPA. When this is not possible apparatus should be routed together in a common duct and any inspection chambers sited outside the RPA.

5.3.4 When underground apparatus is to pass within the RPA of a retained tree, trenchless insertion methods should be used (see table below) with entry and retrieval pits sited outside the RPA.

5.3.5 Shallow services runs may be dug with hand tools if appropriate and preferably by compressed air soil displacement. Roots, whilst exposed, should immediately be wrapped or covered to prevent desiccation and to protect them from rapid temperature changes. Any wrapping should be removed prior to backfilling, which should take place as soon as possible.

| Trenchless Solutions For Installation Of Underground Services | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Method** | **Accuracy (MM)** | **Bore (A) diameter (MM)** | **Maximum subterranean length (M)** | **Applications** | **Not suitable for** |
| Micro tunnelling | <20 | 100 to 300 | 40 | Gravity-fall pipes, deep apparatus, watercourse/ roadway under crossings | Low-cost projects due to relative expense |
| Surface-launched directional drilling | ≈100 | 25 to 1200 | 150 | Pressure pipes, cables including fibre optic | Gravity fall pipes, e.g. drains and sewers (B) |
| Pipe ramming | ≈150 | 150 to 2000 | 70 | Any large-bore pipes and ducts | Rocky and other heavily obstructed soils |
| Impact moling (C) | ≈50 (D) | 30 to 180 (E) | 40 | Gas, water and cable connections, e.g. from street to property | Any application that requires accuracy over distances in excess of 5m. |

(A) Dependent upon strata encountered
(B) Pit-launched directional drilling can be used for gravity fall pipes up to 20m in subterranean length
(C) Impact moling (also known as thrust-bore) generally requires soft, cohesive soils.
(D) Substantial inverse relationship between accuracy and distance
(E) Figures given relate to single pass: up to 300mm bore achievable with multiple passes

# 6. Conclusion

6.1 As with any construction exercise near trees, there are potential areas of conflict where damage could be caused to retained trees.

6.2 By using the protective elements dictated by British Standard 5837, no significant damage should take place during the construction phase and the tree cover should flourish in the longer term.

6.3 It is anticipated that all of the retained trees can be incorporated into the site design; however, it is vital that the ultimate size and spread of the trees should be considered when retaining trees near to the building and that shading and light penetration should also be considered when positioning the windows in the building.

6.4 All tree works must conform rigorously to BS 3998 (2010) 'Tree Work - Recommendations'

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# Appendix 1

| Tree No. | Species<br>Common Name<br>*Latin Name* | Height (M) | Crown Spread (M)<br>N | <br>S | <br>E | <br>W | Trunk Dia (MM) | No. Of Stems | Height Of Lower Canopy (M) | First Sign Branch (M) (Position) | Age | Physiol-ogical Condition | Structural Condition | Root Prot Area Radii (M) | Estimated Remaining Contribution (Years) | Tree Quality Assessment | Comments | Maintenance | Bat Roost Potential | Ultimate Size For Species (M)<br>Height | <br>Spread | Priority |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Swedish Whitebeam<br>*Sorbus intermedia* | 5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 230 | 1 | 0.5 | 0 NE | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 2.8 | 40+ | C - Low | No major visible defects.<br>Multiple stems below 1.5m. | This tree will not be affected by the proposed development.<br>No tree works required at the present time. | None | 12 | 11 | - |
| 2 | Large-leaved Lime<br>*Tilia platyphyllos* | 6.5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 170 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.5 SW | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 2 | 40+ | B - Moderate | No major visible defects. | This tree is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barriers as indicated by the blue line on the TPP.<br>No tree works required at the present time. | None | 22 | 11 | - |
| 3 | Large-leaved Lime<br>*Tilia platyphyllos* | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 180 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.5 S | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 2.2 | 40+ | B - Moderate | No major visible defects.<br>Stem divides above 1.5m. | This tree is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barriers as indicated by the blue line on the TPP.<br>No tree works required at the present time. | None | 22 | 11 | - |
| 4 | Rowan<br>*Sorbus aucuparia* | 5 | 2.5 | 3 | 3.5 | 3 | 350 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.5 N | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 4.2 | 20-40 | C - Low | Stem diameter estimated as single value.<br>No major visible defects.<br>Multiple stems at ground | This tree will not be affected by the proposed development.<br>No tree works | None | 10 | 10 | - |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | level. | required at the present time. | | | | |
| 5 | Rowan<br>*Sorbus aucuparia* | 5.5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 260 | 1 | 1.5 | 1 SW | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 3.1 | 20-40 | B - Moderate | Stem divides below 1.5m.<br><br>Low branches over road/footpath. | This tree is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barriers as indicated by the blue line on the TPP.<br><br>Crown lift to 3m over footpath. | None | 10 | 10 | B |
| 6 | Ash<br>*Fraxinus excelsior* | 14 | 7 | 7.5 | 2.5 | 6 | 460 | 1 | 0.5 | 2.5 N | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 5.5 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Stem divides above 1.5m.<br><br>Deadwood retained in canopy.<br><br>Asymmetric crown spread; canopy distorted due to group pressure. | This tree is in conflict with the proposed design and will need to be removed to facilitate the development. | None | 23 | 16 | A |
| 7 | Rowan<br>*Sorbus aucuparia* | 8 | 3.5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 472 | 2 | 1.5 | 1.5 NE | Mature | Fair | Fair | 5.7 | 20-40 | B - Moderate | Mechanical damage to basal area.<br><br>Stem divides below 1.5m; included bark present in main fork.<br><br>Crossing/ rubbing branches. | This tree is in conflict with the proposed design and will need to be removed to facilitate the development. | None | 10 | 10 | B |
| 8 | Sycamore<br>*Acer pseudoplatanus* | 12 | 6.5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 694 | 2 | 2 | 1 SW | Mature | Fair | Fair | 8.3 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Stem divides below 1.5m; included bark present in main fork.<br><br>Minor/ small diameter deadwood retained in canopy. | This tree is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barriers as indicated by the blue line on the TPP.<br><br>Special tree friendly 'no-dig' methodology required in the area | None | 22 | 18 | - |

| Tree No. | Species<br>Common Name<br>*Latin Name* | Height (M) | Crown Spread (M)<br>N | <br>S | <br>E | <br>W | Trunk Dia (MM) | No. Of Stems | Height Of Lower Canopy (M) | First Sign Branch (M) (Position) | Age | Physiol-ogical Condition | Structural Condition | Root Prot Area Radii (M) | Estimated Remaining Contribution (Years) | Tree Quality Assessment | Comments | Maintenance | Bat Roost Potential | Ultimate Size For Species (M)<br>Height | <br>Spread | Priority |
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| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | indicated by the green hatching.<br><br>No tree works required at the present time. | | | | |
| 9 | Silver Birch<br>*Betula pendula* | 6 | 2.5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 140 | 1 | 2 | 2.5 NE | Young | Fair | Fair | 1.7 | 20-40 | C - Low | Leaning South.<br><br>Asymmetric crown spread; canopy distorted due to group pressure.<br><br>Snapped branches in lower canopy. | This tree is in conflict with the proposed design and will need to be removed to facilitate the development. | None | 12 | 8 | A |
| 10 | Sycamore<br>*Acer pseudoplatanus* | 5.5 | 4 | 2.5 | 3 | 3 | 340 | 2 | 0.5 | 0.5 SE | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 4.1 | 40+ | B - Moderate | No major visible defects.<br><br>Stem divides below 1.5m. | This tree is in conflict with the proposed design and will need to be removed to facilitate the development. | None | 22 | 12 | A |
| 11 | Sycamore<br>*Acer pseudoplatanus* | 6.5 | 4 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 450 | 1 | 0.5 | 0.5 S | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 5.4 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Stem diameter estimated as single value.<br><br>Multiple stems at ground level.<br><br>Minor/ small diameter deadwood retained in canopy. | This tree is in conflict with the proposed design and will need to be removed to facilitate the development. | None | 22 | 14 | A |
| **Groups** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Swedish Whitebeam<br>Field Maple<br>Hawthorn<br>Common Alder<br>Blackthorn<br>Elder Rowan<br>Goat Willow | 7.5 | - | - | - | - | 250 | 1 | - | - | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 3 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Mixed species tree group.<br><br>Part of parks landscaping.<br><br>Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br><br>Some low branches over | This group will not be affected by the proposed development.<br><br>Crown lift to 3m over footpath. | None | 23 | 18 | B |

| Tree No. | Species<br>Common Name<br>*Latin Name* | Height (M) | Crown Spread (M)<br>N | <br>S | <br>E | <br>W | Trunk Dia (MM) | No. Of Stems | Height Of Lower Canopy (M) | First Sign Branch (M) (Position) | Age | Physiol-ogical Condition | Structural Condition | Root Prot Area Radii (M) | Estimated Remaining Contribution (Years) | Tree Quality Assessment | Comments | Maintenance | Bat Roost Potential | Ultimate Size For Species (M)<br>Height | <br>Spread | Priority |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Hazel Turkish Hazel English Oak Cherry Plum Ash<br><br>*Sorbus intermedia, Acer campestre, Crataegus monogyna, Alnus glutinosa, Prunus spinosa, Sambucus nigra, Sorbus aucuparia, Salix caprea, Corylus avellana, Corylus colurna, Quercus robur, Prunus cerasifera, Fraxinus excelsior* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | adjacent footpaths.<br><br>Group would benefit from density thin to promote lateral crown development and limit etiolation of trees. | Conduct 25% density thin of trees. | | | | |
| 2 | Ash Elder Hawthorn Hazel Grey Alder Cherry Plum White Poplar Rowan Silver Birch English Oak<br><br>*Fraxinus excelsior, Sambucus nigra, Crataegus monogyna, Corylus avellana, Alnus incana, Prunus* | 9 | - | - | - | - | 170 | 1 | - | - | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 2 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Mixed species tree group.<br><br>Part of parks landscaping.<br><br>Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br><br>Group would benefit from density thin to promote lateral crown development and limit etiolation of trees. | This group is in conflict with the proposed design and will need to be removed to facilitate the development. | None | 23 | 18 | A |

| Tree No. | Species<br>Common Name<br>*Latin Name* | Height (M) | Crown Spread (M)<br>N | <br>S | <br>E | <br>W | Trunk Dia (MM) | No. Of Stems | Height Of Lower Canopy (M) | First Sign Branch (M) (Position) | Age | Physiol-ogical Condition | Structural Condition | Root Prot Area Radii (M) | Estimated Remaining Contribution (Years) | Tree Quality Assessment | Comments | Maintenance | Bat Roost Potential | Ultimate Size For Species (M)<br>Height | <br>Spread | Priority |
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| | *cerasifera, Populus alba, Sorbus aucuparia, Betula pendula, Quercus robur* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Ash Hawthorn Grey Alder White Poplar Rowan Field Maple Goat Willow Cherry Plum Elder<br><br>*Fraxinus excelsior, Crataegus monogyna, Alnus incana, Populus alba, Sorbus aucuparia, Acer campestre, Salix caprea, Prunus cerasifera, Sambucus nigra* | 11 | - | - | - | - | 300 | 1 | - | - | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 3.6 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Mixed species tree group.<br><br>Part of parks landscaping.<br><br>Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br><br>Miscreant activity evident within group.<br><br>Group would benefit from density thin to promote lateral crown development and limit etiolation of trees. | This group is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barriers as indicated by the blue line on the TPP.<br><br>Conduct 25% density thin of trees. | None | 23 | 18 | B |
| 4 | Ash Hawthorn White Poplar Goat Willow Blackthorn Grey Alder<br><br>*Fraxinus excelsior, Crataegus monogyna, Populus alba, Salix caprea, Prunus spinosa, Alnus incana* | 11 | - | - | - | - | 170 | 1 | - | - | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 2 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Mixed species tree group.<br><br>Part of parks landscaping.<br><br>Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br><br>Group would benefit from density thin to promote lateral crown development and limit etiolation of trees. | This group is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barriers as indicated by the blue line on the TPP.<br><br>Conduct 25% density thin of trees. | None | 23 | 18 | B |

| Tree No. | Species<br>Common Name<br>*Latin Name* | Height (M) | Crown Spread (M)<br>N | <br>S | <br>E | <br>W | Trunk Dia (MM) | No. Of Stems | Height Of Lower Canopy (M) | First Sign Branch (M) (Position) | Age | Physiol-ogical Condition | Structural Condition | Root Prot Area Radii (M) | Estimated Remaining Contribution (Years) | Tree Quality Assessment | Comments | Maintenance | Bat Roost Potential | Ultimate Size For Species (M)<br>Height | <br>Spread | Priority |
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| 5 | Ash Hawthorn White Poplar Swedish Whitebeam Elder Blackthorn<br>*Fraxinus excelsior, Crataegus monogyna, Populus alba, Sorbus intermedia, Sambucus nigra, Prunus spinosa* | 6 | - | - | - | - | 200 | 1 | - | - | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 2.4 | 40+ | C - Low | Mixed species tree group.<br>Part of parks landscaping.<br>Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br>Number of dead hawthorn in group.<br>Bindweed established in group.<br>More of a 'scrub' group than adjacent groups. | Part of this group is in conflict with the proposed design and will need to be removed to facilitate the development. The remainder is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barriers as indicated by the blue line on the TPP.<br>Remove dead hawthorn. | None | 23 | 18 | A |
| 6 | Ash Hawthorn Elder Swedish Whitebeam Field Maple White Willow Grey Alder Goat Willow Blackthorn<br>*Fraxinus excelsior, Crataegus monogyna, Sambucus nigra, Sorbus intermedia, Acer campestre, Salix alba, Alnus incana, Salix caprea, Prunus spinosa* | 11 | - | - | - | - | 500 | 1 | - | - | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 6 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Mixed species tree group.<br>Part of parks landscaping.<br>Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br>Bindweed established around group.<br>Miscreant activity evident in group. | Part of this group is in conflict with the proposed design and will need to be removed to facilitate the development. The remainder is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barriers as indicated by the blue line on the TPP.<br>No tree works required at the present time. | None | 23 | 18 | A |
| 7 | Ash Field Maple White Willow Aspen Western | 19 | - | - | - | - | 570 | 1 | - | - | Mature | Fair | Fair | 6.8 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Mixed species tree group.<br>Part of parks landscaping. | This group is in conflict with the proposed design and | Low | 23 | 18 | A |

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| | Balsam Poplar<br>Swedish Whitebeam<br>Norway Maple<br>Rowan White Poplar<br><br>*Fraxinus excelsior, Acer campestre, Salix alba, Populus tremula, Populus trichocarpa, Sorbus intermedia, Acer platanoides, Sorbus aucuparia, Populus alba* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br><br>Parts of group would benefit from density thin to promote lateral crown development and limit etiolation of trees.<br><br>Number of dead trees in group.<br><br>Deadwood retained in larger mature trees.<br><br>Bindweed in group. | will need to be removed to facilitate the development. | | | | |
| 8 | Swedish Whitebeam<br>Crack Willow<br>Western Balsam Poplar Grey Alder Sycamore<br>Osier<br><br>*Sorbus intermedia, Salix fragilis, Populus trichocarpa, Alnus incana, Acer pseudoplatanus, Salix viminalis* | 18 | - | - | - | - | 450 | 1 | - | - | Mature | Fair | Fair | 5.4 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Mixed species tree group.<br><br>Part of parks landscaping.<br><br>Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br><br>Roots lifting adjacent tarmaced surface. | This group is in conflict with the proposed design and will need to be removed to facilitate the development. | Low | 23 | 18 | A |
| 9 | White Poplar<br>White Willow<br>Osier<br><br>*Populus alba,* | 15 | - | - | - | - | 800 | 1 | - | - | Mature | Fair | Fair | 9.6 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Low branches over road/footpath.<br><br>Mixed species tree group. | This group is outside of the site boundary. If the football pitches on the plan are incorporated into the | Low | 23 | 18 | B |

| Tree No. | Species<br>Common Name<br>*Latin Name* | Height (M) | Crown Spread (M)<br>N | <br>S | <br>E | <br>W | Trunk Dia (MM) | No. Of Stems | Height Of Lower Canopy (M) | First Sign Branch (M) (Position) | Age | Physiol-ogical Condition | Structural Condition | Root Prot Area Radii (M) | Estimated Remaining Contribution (Years) | Tree Quality Assessment | Comments | Maintenance | Bat Roost Potential | Ultimate Size For Species (M)<br>Height | <br>Spread | Priority |
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| | *Salix alba, Salix viminalis* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Part of parks landscaping.<br><br>Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br><br>Roots lifting adjacent tarmaced surface.<br><br>Deadwood retained in larger mature trees.<br><br>Storm damaged poplar in centre of group.<br><br>Group continues to east (not surveyed). | design, a large section of this group will need to be removed.<br><br>Crown lift to 3m over footpath.<br><br>Remove deadwood from mature trees.<br><br>Make safe storm damaged poplar. | | | | |
| 10 | White Willow Hawthorn Ash Aspen Silver Birch<br><br>*Salix alba, Crataegus monogyna, Fraxinus excelsior, Populus tremula, Betula pendula* | 14 | - | - | - | - | 300 | 1 | - | - | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 3.6 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Mixed species tree group.<br><br>Part of parks landscaping.<br><br>Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br><br>Significant growth of young aspen. | Part of this group is in conflict with the proposed design and will need to be removed to facilitate the development. The remainder is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barriers as indicated by the blue line on the TPP.<br><br>No tree works required at the present time. | None | 23 | 18 | - |
| 11 | Swedish Whitebeam<br><br>*Sorbus intermedia* | 5 | - | - | - | - | 300 | 1 | - | - | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 3.6 | 40+ | C - Low | No major visible defects.<br><br>Multiple stems at ground level.<br><br>Group of x3 whitebeam. | This group is in conflict with the proposed design and will need to be removed to facilitate the development. | None | 12 | 10 | A |
| 12 | Western Balsam | 11 | - | - | - | - | 200 | 1 | - | - | Middle | Fair | Fair | 2.4 | 40+ | B - | No major visible defects. | This group will not be | None | 23 | 18 | - |

| Tree No. | Species<br>Common Name<br>*Latin Name* | Height (M) | Crown Spread (M)<br>N | <br>S | <br>E | <br>W | Trunk Dia (MM) | No. Of Stems | Height Of Lower Canopy (M) | First Sign Branch (M) (Position) | Age | Physiological Condition | Structural Condition | Root Prot Area Radii (M) | Estimated Remaining Contribution (Years) | Tree Quality Assessment | Comments | Maintenance | Bat Roost Potential | Ultimate Size For Species (M)<br>Height | <br>Spread | Priority |
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| | Poplar Hawthorn Field Maple<br>*Populus trichocarpa, Crataegus monogyna, Acer campestre* | | | | | | | | | | aged | | | | | Moderate | Mixed species tree group.<br>Part of parks landscaping.<br>Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br>Poplar to 11m, remainder of group to 6.0m. | affected by the proposed development.<br>No tree works required at the present time. | | | | |
| 13 | Hawthorn Field Maple Wild Cherry Western Balsam Poplar Rowan<br>*Crataegus monogyna, Acer campestre, Prunus avium, Populus trichocarpa, Sorbus aucuparia* | 14 | - | - | - | - | 240 | 1 | - | - | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 2.9 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Minor/ small diameter deadwood retained in canopy.<br>Mixed species tree group.<br>Part of parks landscaping.<br>Measurements based on larger trees in group. | This group will not be affected by the proposed development.<br>No tree works required at the present time. | None | 23 | 18 | - |
| 14 | Field Maple Ash Hawthorn Whitebeam Swedish Whitebeam Sycamore Wild Cherry Western Balsam Poplar<br>*Acer campestre, Fraxinus excelsior, Crataegus monogyna, Sorbus aria, Sorbus* | 12 | - | - | - | - | 250 | 1 | - | - | Middle aged | Fair | Fair | 3 | 40+ | B - Moderate | Low branches over road/footpath.<br>Mixed species tree group.<br>Part of parks landscaping.<br>Measurements based on larger trees in group.<br>Group would benefit from density thin to promote lateral crown development and limit etiolation of trees. | This group will not be affected by the proposed development.<br>Crown lift to 3m over footpath.<br>Conduct 25% density thin of trees. | None | 23 | 18 | B |

| Tree No. | Species<br>Common Name<br>*Latin Name* | Height (M) | Crown Spread (M)<br>N | <br>S | <br>E | <br>W | Trunk Dia (MM) | No. Of Stems | Height Of Lower Canopy (M) | First Sign Branch (M) (Position) | Age | Physiol-ogical Condition | Structural Condition | Root Prot Area Radii (M) | Estimated Remaining Contribution (Years) | Tree Quality Assessment | Comments | Maintenance | Bat Roost Potential | Ultimate Size For Species (M)<br>Height | <br>Spread | Priority |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *intermedia, Acer pseudoplatanus, Prunus avium, Populus trichocarpa* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

# Appendix 2(1)

## Glossary of Terms

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| 1 | **Reference number:** | An individual identifying number |
| 2 | **Species:** | Species identification is based on visual field observations and lists the common name. In some cases the botanical name will be used where there is no common alternative. On in-depth surveys the botanical name only may be used |
| 3 | **Height:** | Height is estimated to the nearest metre. On computerised surveys this may be within a range of heights. When measured height is required, a clinometer is used to measure to the nearest metre |
| 4 | **Diameter:** | Trunk diameter measured at 1.5 metres from ground level and recorded in millimetres. In some surveys this is indicated as a range |
| 5 | **Spread:** | Measurement of canopy from the trunk to the nearest metre in four directions, North, South, East, and West in metres |
| 6 | **Lower crown Clearance:** | Height in metres of crown clearance above adjacent ground level |
| 7 | **Age:** | Either an estimate (or statement if accurately known) of the age of the tree, classified as: |
| | **Y** | = Young tree, established tree usually up to one third of expected ultimate height & spread |
| | **MA** | = middle aged, usually between one third and two thirds of ultimate height & spread |
| | **M** | = Mature, more or less at full height but still increasing in girth & spread |
| | **OM** | = Over mature, grown to full size and becoming senescent, |
| | **V** | = Veteran tree, individuals surviving beyond the typical age range for the species |
| 8 | **Physiological Condition:** | Good = Healthy tree with good vitality,<br>Fair = Moderate health and vitality normal or slightly less for species and age<br>Poor = Poor shape or form - signs of decline in crown, may have structural weakness.<br>Dead = dead or dying tree |
| 9 | **Structural Condition:** | Good = No visible structural defects<br>Fair = Only minor structural defects<br>Poor = Defects which may need to be rectified or regularly monitored<br>Remove = Severe defects which may result in immanent failure or collapse |
| 10 | **Management Recommendations:** | General comments on the condition of the tree or group and any action required. potential for wildlife habitats |
| 11 | **Estimated Remaining Contribution:** | Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE): in some cases the age ranges are modified<br>Short: 0 – 10years Medium: 10– 20 Years<br>Intermediate: 20-40 Long: 40 + years |
| 12 | **Tree Quality:** | Assessment of tree quality see following cascade chart for details |
| 13 | **Priority:** | A - Works to achieve an acceptable level of safety or required to facilitate the development<br>B - Works to achieve higher levels of arboricultural management.<br>C - To improve the aesthetic appearance. |
| 14 | **Ultimate Size:** | Based on site specific features and the individual specimen in its surroundings. Measured to nearest metre (m) |
| 15 | **Root Protection Area:** | The distance at which the protective barrier should be erected measured in a radii from the centre of the trunk in metres. |
| 16 | **Pruning:** | Pruning shall be defined as the removal of living or dead parts of a plant by the Contractor. Such parts may be soft growth, twigs, branches, limbs or sections of the tree trunk. The cut material may vary from small to large in size. |

**17 Crown Cleaning:** Cleaning out is defined as the removal of dead, dying or diseased branchwood, broken branches or stubs left from previous tree surgery operations (see also 16 Deadwooding) together with all unwanted objects, which may include ivy (if specified) and/or other climbing plants, nails, redundant cable bracing, rope swings, tree houses and windblown rubbish from the tree, and any such debris from any cavities within the tree.

**18 Deadwood Removal:** Dead-wooding shall be defined as the removal of all dead and dying branches and limbs from the tree.

**19 Crown Lifting:** Crown lifting shall be defined as the removal of all soft growth and branches or parts thereof which are below or which extend below the height specified in the tender documents. It is recognised that the resultant canopy base might not be one single level but might be stepped to allow for different clearances, for example where a tree overhangs both the footway and the road where different height clearances are required.

**20 Crown Reduction:** Crown reduction shall be defined as the reduction of the complete outline dimension of the canopy, from the tips of limbs and branches to the main trunk, by pruning growth to an acceptable branch, twig or but to leave a flowing silhouette.

# Appendix 2(11) Cascade Chart For Assessing Tree Quality

| Category and definition<br><br>Trees to be considered for retention | Criteria – Subcategories<br>1. Mainly arboricultural values | 2. Mainly landscape values | 3. Mainly cultural values, including conservation | Identification on plan |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Category High = A**<br><br>**Trees of high quality** with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years | Trees that are particularly good examples of their species, especially, if rare or unusual, or those that are essential components of groups, or of formal or semi-formal arboricultural features (e.g. the dominant and/or principal trees within an avenue) | Trees, groups or woodlands of particular visual importance as arboricultural and/or landscape features | Trees, groups or woodlands of significant conservation historical, commemorative or other value (e.g. veteran trees or wood – pasture) | Green |
| **Category Moderate = B**<br><br>**Trees of moderate quality** with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years | Trees that might be included in category A, but are downgraded because of impaired condition (e.g. presence of significant though remediable defects including unsympathetic past management and storm damage), such that they are unlikely to be suitable for retention for beyond 40 years; or trees lacking the special quality necessary to merit the category A designation | Trees present in numbers, usually growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals; or trees occurring as collectives but situated so as to make little visual contribution to the wider locality | Trees with material conservation or other cultural value | Blue |
| **Category Low = C**<br><br>**Trees of low quality** with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years; or young trees with a stem diameter below 150mm | Unremarkable trees of very limited merit or such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories | Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on them significantly greater collective landscape value, and/ or trees offering low or only temporary/transient landscape benefits | Trees with no material conservation or other cultural benefits | Yellow |
| | NOTE Whilst C category trees will usually not be retained where they would impose a significant constraint on development, young trees with a stem diameter of less than 150mm should be considered for relocation | | | |
| **Category = U Trees unsuitable for retention**<br><br>Those of such a condition that they cannot realistically be retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years | • Trees that have a serious, irremediable, structural defect, such that their early loss is expected due to collapse, including those that will become unviable after removal of other U category trees (i.e. where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning)<br>• Trees that are dead or are showing signs of significant, immediate and irreversible overall decline<br>• Trees infected with pathogens of significance to the health and/or safety of other trees nearby (e.g. Dutch elm disease) or very low quality trees suppressing adjacent trees of better quality<br>• Habitat reinstatement may be appropriate (e.g. U category trees used as a bat roost- installation of bat box in nearby tree) | | | Red |

# Appendix 2(111)
# Guidelines for the Planning, installation and Maintenance of utility services in proximity to trees- Based on information from National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG)

Ideally all services should be placed outside of the trees root protection area, but in some situations this is not feasible due to the confines of the site. If services must be laid within the root protection area acceptable techniques are detailed below in order of preference.

- **Trenchless-** by use of thrust boring or similar techniques. The pit excavations for starting and receiving the machinery should be located outside of the root protection area.
  To avoid root damage, the mole should run at a depth of at least 600mm.
  Use of external lubricants on the mole other than water (e.g. oil or bentinite) should be avoided.
- **Broken trench-** by using hand dug trench sections together with trenchless techniques. It should be limited to practical access and installation around or below the roots. The trench must be dug by hand (see following comments re continuous trenching) and only be long enough to allow access for linking to the next section. The open sections should be kept as short as possible.
- **Continuous trench-** the trench is excavated by hand and retains as many roots as possible. The surface layer is removed carefully and hand digging of the trench takes place. No roots over 2.5cm diameter or clumps of smaller roots (including fibrous) should be severed. The bark surrounding the roots must be maintained. Cutting of roots over 2.5cm diameter should not be attempted without the advice of a qualified Arboriculturalist.
  If roots have to be cut, a sharp tool (defined as spade, narrow spade, fork, breaker bar, secateurs, handsaw, post hole shoveller, hand trowel) should be used.

**Backfilling**

Reinstatement of street works must comply with the code of practice New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991 (Specification for the reinstatement of openings in highways), but where tree roots are involved backfilling should be carefully carried out to avoid direct damage to retained roots and excessive compaction of the soil around them.

The backfill should incorporate an inert granular material mixed with top soil or sharp sand (not builders sand) around the retained roots. This will allow a measure of compaction for resurfacing whilst creating an aerated zone around the roots.

Roots and in particular fine roots, are vulnerable to desiccation on exposure to air. The roots are at greatest risk when there are rapid fluctuations in the air temperature around them (especially winter diurnal temperatures). It is vitally important that the roots are covered with sacking whilst the trench is open. The sacking should be removed once the trench is backfilled.

**Planning of services**

When laying new or replacement services it is wise to plan ahead to prevent future direct damage to the services from root growth by placing the services within a duct.

If roots have grown into a drain or duct and proliferated to cause a blockage, removal of the root mass will only have a temporary affect and the root will regrow. The fault is in the pipe or duct, not the tree roots and the only answer is to repair or replace the damaged area. Particular problems occur with old salt glazed pipes where clay has been used to seal the joints and has subsequently dried out leaving a gap for the roots to infiltrate.

A popular myth has arisen that tree roots are attracted to water or nutrients within piped systems, this is not so. Roots are adventitious and grow in all directions proliferating in areas where moisture or nutrients are present. They tend to grow near to the pipe to make use of the condensation or moisture build up on the outside of the pipe but will enter the pipe through any crack or damaged joint. They are not capable of breaking into sound pipes.

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