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For Trees At

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1. Introduction

1.1 We are instructed by AJ Design NCL to provide an updated Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) regarding the protection and management of the significant trees located at 215 Sunderland Road, South Shields. This report is Revision A.

1.2 This method statement is a reference document produced to ensure best practice in the management of the trees during the demolition and construction phases of the development and brings together all of the relevant information including the recommendations set out in British standard 5837:2012 – Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction. The method statement must be read in conjunction with our Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Revision A dated 9th June 2023).

1.3 The method statement forms part of the specification and schedule of works to be issued to the contractor and may form part of the contract documentation.

1.4 This document should be kept on file at the site office and be available for inspection by relevant parties.

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. In addition, some tree felling may require a felling licence from the Forestry Commission.

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.

2.3 AllAboutTrees has been able to ascertain with South Tyneside Council (the Local Planning Authority) on Wednesday 26th October 2022 that there are restrictions protecting some of the trees on the site. Trees 1 and 2 are protected by TPO (no.6) 1976 and tree 4 is protected by TPO 136. It is an offence to carry out any tree work to these individuals unless permission is granted by the Local Planning Authority.

2.3.1 The site is not within a Conservation area.

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2.3.2 Trees 3, 5 and 6 are not protected by Tree Preservation Orders at the time of enquiry.

3. Site Operations Prior To Any Construction Works

3.1 Tree Works

3.1.1 There is no requirement to conduct any tree works to facilitate the proposed works.

3.1.2 We have made two recommendations to establish a higher level of arboriculture management for the site:

- Remove tree 3U due to impaired condition and limited safe useful life expectancy.
- Crown clean to remove the deadwood from tree 1.

3.1.3 The tree works should wherever possible be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations.

3.2 Wildlife Habitats

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

Bats

3.2.2 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 2017

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

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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.)*

3.2.3 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.

3.2.4 No visual signs were found to indicate the presence of bats in the surveyed trees though the larger individuals may have 'bat-friendly' features in the aerial portions not visible from ground level - as such caution must be exercised.

3.2.5 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

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

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

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

3.2.7 No nesting birds were present at the time of inspection though signs of past nesting activity were evident and as such caution must be exercised.

3.2.8 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.

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3.3 Protective Barrier Erection

3.3.1 The protective barriers are to be erected prior to the commencement of site works including demolition, soil stripping or movement, bringing onto site of materials, supplies or machinery. Tree works can be undertaken prior to the erection of the barriers.

3.3.2 The barriers must be erected in the position indicated on the Tree Protection Plan (TPP) by the dark blue line and be constructed as per the following specification.

3.3.3 The barriers should be considered essential and should not be removed or altered without prior recommendation by an Arboriculturalist and approval of the local planning authority.

3.3.4 The barrier should consist of proprietary 2m tall, welded mesh panels mounted on rubber or concrete feet. The panels must be joined together with a minimum of two anti-tamper couplings situated at least 1m vertically apart and installed uniformly throughout the barrier so that they can only be removed from inside the barrier. The panels must be supported by stabilising struts mounted on a block tray.

3.3.5 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.

3.3.6 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.

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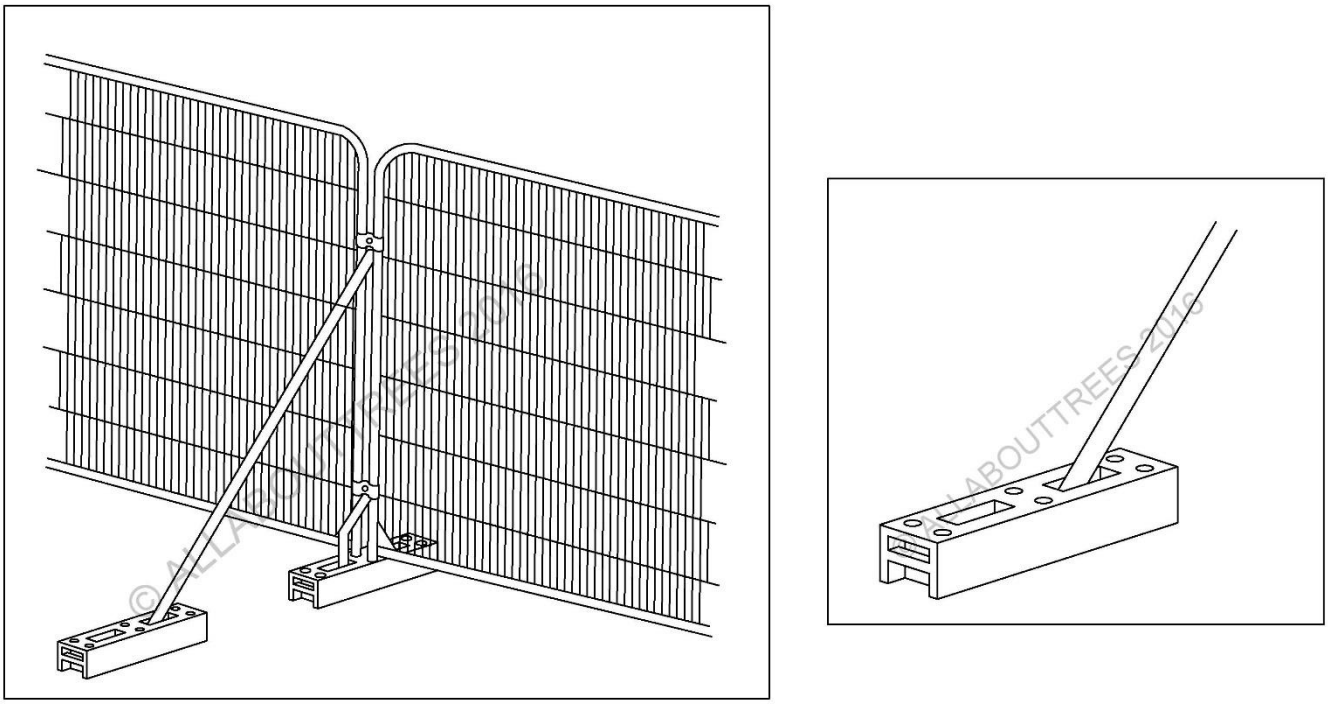


Figure 1 - Stabiliser strut mounted on block tray.



Figure 2 – An example of a barrier erected on a site

3.4 Location Of Site Compound & Storage Areas

3.4.1 The contractor's site compound, storage & parking areas must be located outside of the root protection areas (RPAs) of the retained trees. This includes any trees which are located outside of the study area but not included within the survey.

3.4.2 All site storage areas, especially cement mixing and washing points for plant and vehicles must also be situated outside of the root protection areas (RPA). Where there is a possible risk of polluted water runoff heavy duty plastic sheeting and sandbags must be used to contain spillages and contamination.

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4. Construction Methodology

4.1 No Dig 'Tree Friendly' Porous Surfacing

4.1.1 The development requires the installation of 'tree friendly' no dig porous surfacing in the areas shown by the green hatching on the TPP adjacent to trees 1 & 2.

4.1.2 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.

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

4.1.4 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 0.5mm away from the trunks 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.

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4.1.5 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

4.1.6 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

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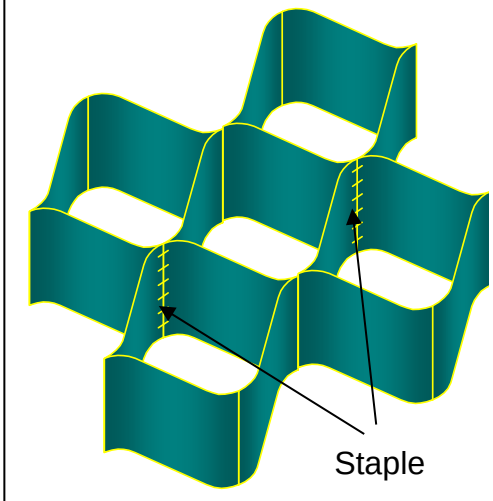
2) Lay and expand the cellular confinement system, Cellweb by Geosynthetics Ltd, and anchor open during infilling. As a general indication only, a depth of at least 100mm is required for domestic traffic up to approximately 3 tons. A 200 mm depth should accommodate vehicles up to approximately 8 tons. 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.

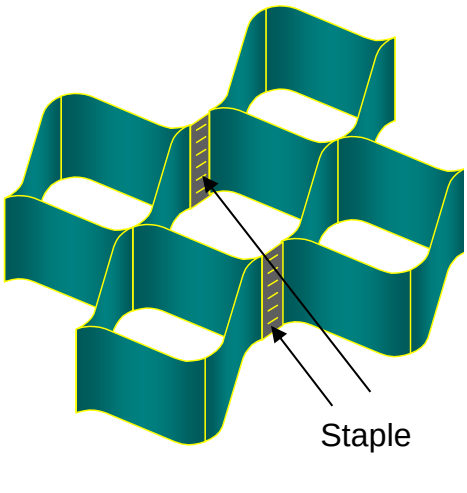
Expand the Cellweb 2.56m wide panels to their full 8.1m length and pin with staking pins to anchor the cells open. Staple adjacent panels together to create a continuous mattress.

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

Panel Edges:



Panel Ends:



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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

4.1.7 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

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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

4.1.8 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.

4.1.9 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.

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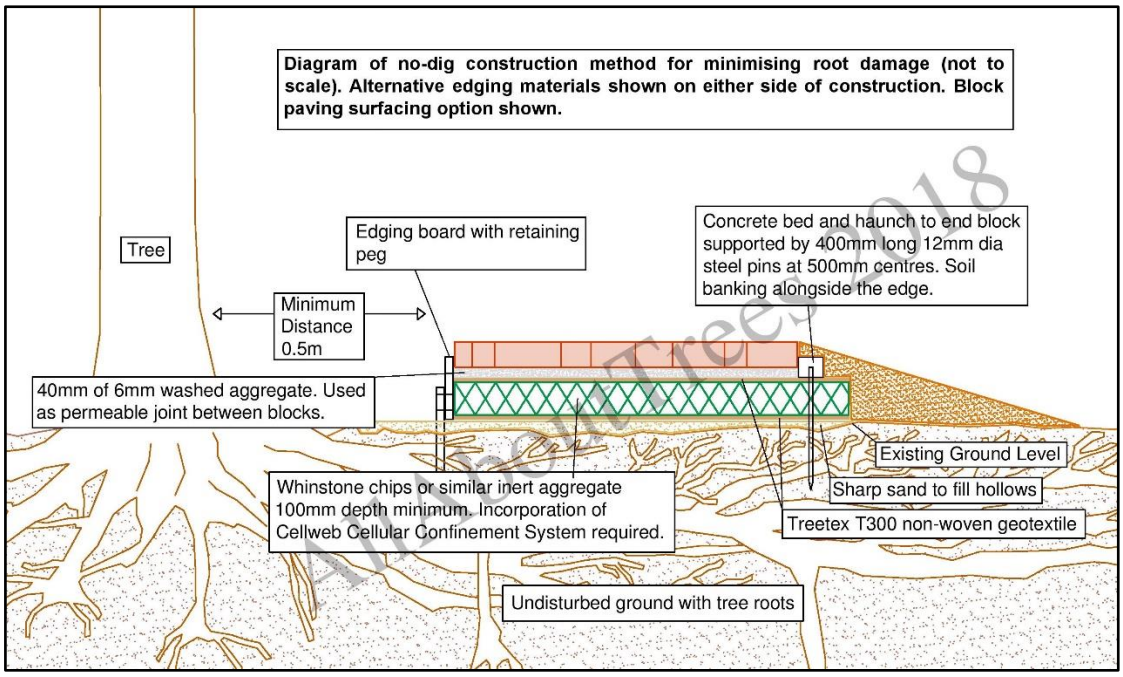


Figure 3 – Special Construction Measures

4.1.10 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. Consequently it is recommended that the new surfacing is laid as one of the primary activities once construction commences.

4.2 Deconstruction Of Boundary Wall

4.2.1 The boundary wall must only be deconstructed to the level of the higher ground in which trees 1 and 2 are rooted. Attempting to go beyond this is likely to result in disturbance to adjacent roots. The work should be conducted from the footpath with care taken to avoid debris dropping into the RPA of tree 1.

4.3 Excavation By Hand Only

4.3.1 All excavation in the area indicated by the magenta hatching must be done so in accordance with the following principles in order to minimise disturbance to the adjacent roots:

- Access will be required for installation of the new fence. Therefore, this element of the works should be undertaken at the end of the project when all other construction activity has finished and the protective barrier is no longer required.
- Access limited to pedestrian only.

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- All excavation to be carried out with the use of hand tools. This can include spade, pick, mattock, fork, etc.
- If appropriate below ground structures should be left in place if their removal was to cause excessive root disturbance.
- A wheel barrow can be used to aid in movement of materials.
- It is likely roots will be encountered. A pair of secateurs and a hand saw must be available to cut any exposed roots. The root must be cleared of excess soil for the cut to be made and should, where possible, be cut off back to sound root material with a clean cut. Where possible the root should be cut back to a root branch point.
- No roots above 25mm diameter to be severed without prior removal by AllAboutTrees.
- If at any time the contractors require further assistance our office can and should be contacted on 01388 710481. If the issue cannot be solved over the phone an AllAboutTrees representative will attend site.

4.4 Service Runs

4.4.1 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.

4.4.2 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.

4.4.3 Acceptable techniques for the laying of services in order of preference are:

- **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 bentonite) should be avoided.

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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 popes, 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

4.4.4 If trenchless insertion is not feasible the alternatives are detailed below in order of preference.

- **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 the Project Arboriculturalist.

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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

4.4.5 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.

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

4.4.7 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.

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5. Arboricultural Supervision

5.1 The following programme of supervision is proposed to assist in the preservation and protection of the retained trees during all aspects of the proposed development.

5.2 The supervision arrangements must be sufficiently flexible to allow for the supervision of all sensitive works as they occur. The Arboricultural Consultant's initial role is to liaise with the developer and the council to ensure that the appropriate protective measures are in place before any works commence on site and once the site is active monitor compliance with the Arboricultural conditions and advise on any tree problems that may arise.

Action	Programming	Extent of supervision	Nature of supervision
Pre-commencement meeting with site manager & Council tree officer	Before any site activity commences	Meeting on site Review any updates to the proposal Confirm extent of tree works and protective barrier position.	Site meeting & letter or email confirming results of meeting distributed to relevant parties.
Tree works meeting with tree works contractor	Prior to commencement of tree works	Meeting on site to confirm tree works specification and method of working	Site meeting & letter or email confirming results of meeting distributed to relevant parties.
Tree works undertaken Finalising tree protection barrier installation	Before any plant enters site or demolition/construction work commences.	Confirm position of the protective barriers have been installed and comply with the Tree Protection Plan (TPP) Provide photographs indicating completed tree protection	Site meeting & letter or email confirming results of meeting distributed to relevant parties.
Installation of no-dig surfacing. Installation of services within root protection areas (if required)	Prior to installation of surfacing or services & during installation of surfaces and services	Meeting with contractor prior to installation and during installation of surfacing and services to ensure compliance with AIA	Site meeting & letter or email confirming results of meeting distributed to relevant parties.
Removal of protective barriers	Once construction activities have finished	Meeting with contractor for briefing before removal commences	Site meeting & letter or email confirming results of meeting distributed to relevant parties.

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5.3 Site Management

5.3.1 It is the developer's responsibility to ensure that the details of the Arboricultural method statement and any agreed amendments are known and understood by all relevant site personnel. Copies of the agreed documents must be kept on site at all times and the site manager or other appropriate person must brief all personnel who could impact the trees on the specific tree protection requirements.

5.3.2 This should form part of the site induction procedure and be written into the appropriate site management documents.

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Appendix 1

Tree No.	Species Common Name *Latin Name*	Height (M)	Crown Spread (M) N	 S	 E	 W	Trunk Diameter (MM)	No. Of Stems	Height Of Lower Canopy (M)	First Significant Branch Position (M)	Age	Physiological Condition	Structural Condition	Root Protection Area Radii (M)	Estimated Remaining Contribution (Years)	Tree Quality Assessment	Comments	Maintenance	Bat Roost Potential	Ultimate Size For Species (M) Height	 Spread	Priority
1	Common lime *Tilia x europaea*	17.5	5.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	660	1	2.0	3.5 NW	Early mature	Fair	Fair	7.9	40+	A – High	Epicormic growth removed. 2x codominant stems from approximately 3.5m. Swing attached to limb in lower canopy. Nest in upper canopy. Minor deadwood retained in canopy. No major visible defects. Prominent to local streetscape.	This tree is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barrier as indicted by the blue line on the TPP. No-dig methodology required in the area indicated by the green hatching. Excavation by hand tools only in the area indicted by the magenta hatching. No tree works required at the present time.	None	22	20	-
2	Copper Beech *Fagus sylvatica Purpurea*	18.0	5.0	7.0	5.0	6.0	610	1	2.5	4.0 SW	Early mature	Fair	Poor	7.3	20+	B – Moderate	Prominent to local streetscape. 2x codominant stems from approximately 4.0m; the resulting fork union is tight with included bark. Nest in canopy. Inspection of basal area hindered by rockery feature. Deadwood retained in canopy.	This tree is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barrier as indicted by the blue line on the TPP. No-dig methodology required in the area indicated by the green hatching. Crown clean to remove the deadwood.	None	20	20	B
3	Laburnum *Laburnum anagyroides*	6.0	0.5	2.5	1.0	2.5	430	1	4.0	3.5 S	Mature	Poor	Poor	5.2	<10	U – Unsuitable for retention	Moribund tree with poor aesthetics and limited contribution. Asymmetric; crown distorted due to group pressure.	Remove as part of site management due to impaired condition and limited safe useful life expectancy.	None	10	8	A

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																	3x stems from approximately 1.0m – south and east stems are dead and decaying. Decay present in main stem. Leans south. Stem in contact with adjacent stone wall. Deadwood in canopy. Measurements refer to live canopy – deadwood extends further.					
4	Japanese cherry *Prunus serrulata*	8.0	6.5	5.0	6.5	6.0	636	1	2.0	2.5 NW	Mature	Fair	Fair	7.6	20+	B – Moderate	Located in the adjacent property – tree surveyed remotely with some dimensions estimated. Oversailing into study area. Stem divides below 1.5m. Minor deadwood retained in canopy. Crossing / rubbing branches in canopy.	This tree is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barrier as indicated by the blue line on the TPP. No tree works required at the present time.	None	12	10	-
5	Western balsam poplar *Populus trichocarpa*	14.0	3.5	3.5	4.0	4.5	320	1	2.0	2.5 S	Middle aged	Fair	Fair	3.8	20+	B – Moderate	Located in the adjacent property – tree surveyed remotely with some dimensions estimated. Oversailing into study area. Pollarded and allowed to regenerate in past. Nest in canopy.	This tree is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barrier as indicated by the blue line on the TPP. No tree works required at the present time.	None	25	20	-

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6	Laburnum *Laburnum anagyroides*	7.0	4.0	4.0	5.5	4.0	200	1	2.5	3.0 SE	Young	Fair	Fair	2.4	10+	C – Low	Located in the adjacent property – tree surveyed remotely with some dimensions estimated. Oversailing into study area. Multiple stems below 1.5m. Leans south.	This tree is retainable and will be adequately protected by the position of the protective barrier as indicated by the blue line on the TPP. No tree works required at the present time.	None	10	8	-

Appendix 2(1)

Glossary of Terms

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 to the nearest centimetre. 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, Fair = Moderate health and vitality normal or slightly less for species and age Poor = Poor shape or form - signs of decline in crown, may have structural weakness. Dead = dead or dying tree
9	**Structural Condition:**	Good = No visible structural defects Fair = Only minor structural defects Poor = Defects which may need to be rectified or regularly monitored 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 Short: 0 – 10years Medium: 10– 20 Years 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 B - Works to achieve higher levels of arboricultural management. C - To improve the aesthetic appearance.
12	**Ultimate Size:**	Taken from Arboriculture Research Note 8490ARB or NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2 as appropriate The Normal Ultimate Height in an Urban Situation in metres**.** Ultimate spread of the Crown in metres.
13	**Root Protection Area:**	The distance at which the protective barrier should be erected measured in radii from the centre of the trunk in metres.
14	**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.

15 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.

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

17 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.

18 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 Trees to be considered for retention	Criteria – Subcategories			Identification on plan
	1. Mainly arboricultural values	2. Mainly landscape values	3. Mainly cultural values, including conservation	
Category High = A **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 **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 **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 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) • Trees that are dead or are showing signs of significant, immediate and irreversible overall decline • 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 • Habitat reinstatement may be appropriate (e.g. U category trees used as a bat roost- installation of bat box in nearby tree)			Red



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