Date: 26/10/2023

Site: North Road, West Boldon

Client: TELMAC Developments Ltd - Paul Telford

Planning Application: ST/0139/22/FUL

Subject: Certification of inspection of tree protection measures regarding the discharge of condition 13. Ref: ARB/CP/2492 dated April 2021.

With regards to the discharge of condition 13 of the planning consent please find attached my statement of inspection of tree protection measures.

The tree protection barriers, meeting the amended design agreed upon between myself and Simon McDermott, have been erected as per the Tree Protection Plan (ARB/CP/2492 Appendix 3), with several minor amendments to the layout as indicated below.

I believe the barriers encompass the root protection areas and crown extents of the retained trees as identified within ARB/CP/2492, and that the barriers are installed according to the locations found in the Tree Protection Plan, Appendix 3, aside from small changes to increase protection area and remove the need for ground protection.

It should be noted **that ground protection has not been installed** according to the locations in Appendix 3 and the specifications within Appendix 5. Instead, the tree protection fencing has been extended to encompass these areas, providing the following.

- T1 has a protection distance of 6.9m (replacing 5m fencing distance plus 1.9m ground protection), which is sufficient for DBH 52cm.
- T10 has a protection distance of 4.4m (replacing 3.2m fencing distance plus 1m ground protection), which is sufficient for DBH 35cm.
- T13 has a protection distance of 10m, which is sufficient for DBH 71cm.

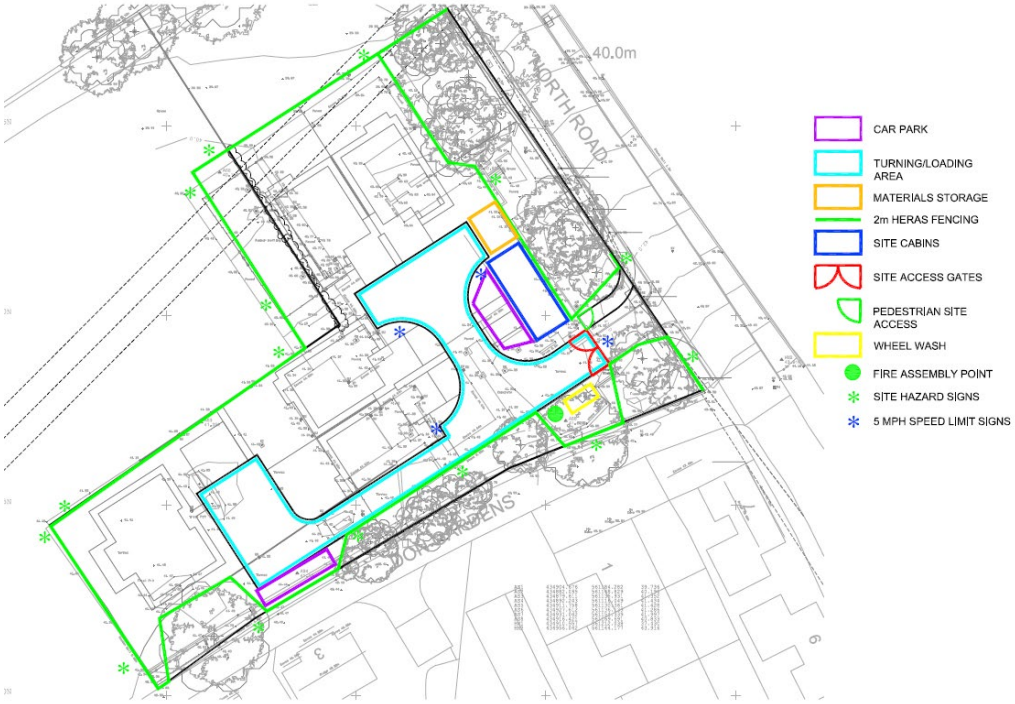


It is my opinion that the barriers conform not to the specification within ARB/CP/2492 Appendix 4, Type B, but to that approved by memo 'ST/0139/22/FUL: change of RPA fence spec' dated 11th October 2023 and agreed by Simon McDermott 16th October 2023.

All weather notices shown to the left have been attached to the Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ) fencing. Whilst these deviate from the sign example included within ARB/CP/2492 Appendix 7, I am comfortable these satisfy BS5387 6.2.2.4 'words such as Construction Exclusion Zone – No Access',

The site plan (overleaf) shows a clearly defined materials storage area, as shown below; provided this is respected, it is in a satisfactory location outside of the construction exclusion zone.

My client assures me a copy of the tree protection plan will be made known to contractors and will be on display within the site cabins. The location of the cabins is shown on the site plan. The site cabins lie outside the Construction Exclusion Zone.



Pre-development tree work, including any necessary pruning or removal works to both non-TPO and TPO trees, has been carried out as per the ARB/CP/2492 Appendix 2.

It should also be noted prior to any works commencing that tree T5 (a silver birch at the southern side of the site entrance) is in very poor condition, worse than that shown on the report (BS5837 category B1), and I believe this condition will likely decline over the course of the project without interference from the works, and provided the contractor respects the CEZ in this location I cannot see how their actions would be contributory to its expected deterioration.

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