

# **Arboricultural Method Statement**

Site: 38 Pattison Road, NW2 2HJ

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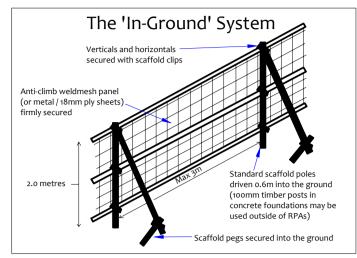


#### **Tree Protection Barriers**

activity within the site. The barriers should be erected prior to the commencement of all activity authorised personnel. including demolition, soil stripping and delivery of materials and demolition (except where existing structures require demolition to enable the barriers to be installed). Barrier systems are specified below and should be installed according to the legend on the Tree Protection Plan.

The In-Ground System This system may be installed where indicated by a solid purple line on the Tree Protection Plan. It should be robust enough to withstand occasional knocks by plant machinery and, once installe shall remain in place throughout the entire construction phase.

Vertical scaffold poles are driven into the ground, onto which are affixed horizontal scaffold poles and diagonal bracing struts. Weldmesh panels (or similar – e.g. Heras type fencing panels, or 18mm+ Within Restricted Activity Zones, soils containing roots may be subject to compaction due to general plywood boards) are secured to this scaffold framework using sturdy clips e.g. standard scaffold construction activity (including pedestrian activity and use of plant machinery). In order to minimise clips. The system is illustrated in the diagram to the right and is based on BS 5837 guidelines.

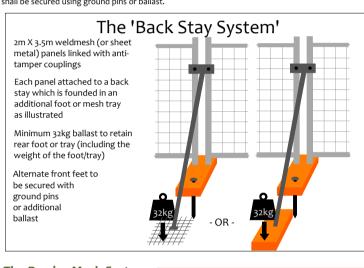


#### The Back-Stay System ——

his system may be installed where indicated by a solid or dashed purple line on the Tree Protection Plan. It is more practical over existing hard surfaces or where the fencing needs to be moved to enable permitted activities within a Restricted Activity Zone. This system should be able to withstand occasional knocks by machinery and should not be relocated except with the consent of the site manager and the approval of the local authority.

Within this system, weldmesh fencing panels (minimum height 2m) are affixed into rubber or concrete feet and clipped together with anti-tamper couplers. Two couplers should be used, spaced at least 1m apart. Alternate panels should be attached to a diagonal back stay connected to an additional foot or baseplate secured with ground pins or additional ballast. Where ground pins are not used, the total weight of the foot/plate plus ballast should total not less than 32kg.

Where it is not possible to install diagonal struts (such as very close to a hedge) then the front feet shall be secured using ground pins or ballast.



#### The Barrier-Mesh System Where indicated by a thick red line (solid or dashed) on the Tree Protection Plan, it shall be acceptable to install a less robust system than those specified above. This is because of the nature of construction activity or its distance from tree protection areas. The purpose of such a system shall be to demarcate the protection zone. It is not intended that such fencing will withstand knocks by

In this system, high visibility plastic safety fencing, 1m high, minimum grade 140g/m2, is secured onto alternate wooden posts and fencing pins. Wooden posts to be located at 5m intervals, minimum

## **Restrictions in Specific Zones**

## Restricted Activity Zone A

Within this zone trees roots are likely to be present where access will be required to facilitate construction. The following restrictions shall apply:

 No vehicles or plant machinery shall park or operate unless a suitable load spreading is to be mixed at considerable surface is in place. The load spreading surface shall be installed and/or maintained as distances from trees and water specified under the heading **Ground Protection Measures**. This shall remain in place run-off cannot enter Root throughout the entire demolition and construction phase or until any new Protection Areas, then no permanent hard surfacing is installed. Any pedestrian activity other than very further special measures are occasional shall also require a suitable load spreading surface. • Removal of existing structures such as, walls, steps and hard surfaces (where shall be made to ensure that applicable) shall be undertaken using hand tools or a mechanical excavator operating the mixing area is contained so from outside the Restricted Activity Zone and carefully marshalled by the project that no water run-off enters

• No excavation shall occur beneath any existing hard surfacing and its sub-base or cleaned within this area. beneath the foundations of any structure such as wall, steps or patio.

• Existing ground levels shall be retained undisturbed or raised by no more than ssential cement products) shall be forbidden. 50mm. Ground levels may only be raised using granular topsoil (not rich in clay) or where new surfacing is proposed No new permanent or temporary structures shall be erected other than those shown | Underground Services

on the planning application documents unless approved by the local authority. with the project arborist and a methodology agreed and approved by the local Statement and approved by the local authority. If roots are encountered in excess of 25mm diameter, they shall be retained
 Site Hoarding

wherever possible and protected with damp sacking during times that they are If site hoarding shall be installed over the Root Protection Area of any tree, the following restrictions unearthed. Any roots in excess of 10mm that need to be severed shall be pruned with shall apply: • Storage of materials and spoil shall be avoided unless it has been agreed with the project arborist that the ground protection measures are adequate to ensure no soil compaction or contamination occurs. All hazardous materials (including non-essential cement products) shall be forbidden.

#### **Restricted Activity Zone B** In this zone foundations are to be installed. In order to minimise the impact on roots it is proposed Site hoarding may be installed in place of the specified tree protection measures subject to the

to utilise the <u>Hand-Dig Method</u>. The following restrictions shall apply: • Hand tools shall be used during the excavation to a depth of 600mm. Below this Siting of Cabins

• The excavation shall not extend more than 200mm beyond the footprint of the excavation, they shall be retained wherever possible and protected with damp sacking during times that they are unearthed. Any roots that need to be severed shall be pruned with secateurs.

## **Restricted Activity Zone C**

In this zone foundations for the new timber decking are to be installed. The following restrictions

Post holes shall be narrow as possible and shall not exceed 300mm x 300mm.

 Excavation for the post holes shall be undertaken using hand tools only. • A flexible system which permits the relocation of the posts will therefore be

 All exposed roots over 25mm diameter shall be sleeved to prevent contact with fence posts and cement products.

## **General Restrictions - Throughout the Site**

#### No demolition, removal of surfaces, or soil stripping shall commence until the protective fencing and ground protection measures are installed to the satisfaction of the local authority.

Preparatory Works

No fires shall be permitted beneath any tree canopy or within 5m of any tree stem, branch or foliage. If scaffolding is required in areas containing ground protection measures, the protective boards shall No fires shall be permitted within any Construction Exclusion Zone or Restricted Activity Zone. No need to remain in-situ and be strengthened and stabilised to bear the weight of scaffold poles. fires shall be permitted in the vicinity of any exposed tree roots.

#### Canopy Protection In order to protect tree canopies the following restrictions shall apply throughout the site:

#### • No machinery in excess of 2m shall pass beneath the canopy of any tree without being carefully marshalled in order to ensure that no branches are damaged.

• If materials require installation or delivery beneath tree canopies, this shall be done without the use of overhead cranes • If materials are to be installed or delivered close to tree canopies (but not beneath them) and a crane is required, they shall be carefully marshalled in order to ensure that branches are not accidentally damaged.

## Storage of Spoil and Materials

Storage of materials and spoil shall be avoided in any Construction Exclusion Zones and Restricted Activity Zones unless it has been agreed with the project arborist that the ground protection measures are adequate to ensure no soil compaction or contamination occurs. All hazardous materials (including non-essential cement products) shall be forbidden.

The purpose of tree protection barriers is to keep construction activity away from Restricted Activity

Zones or Construction Exclusion Zones. They should be appropriate to the nature and proximity of

## **Removal of Tree Protection Barriers**

Removal of protective fencing or ground protection measures shall be done after all major

#### **Ground Protection Measures**

compaction, it is proposed to ensure that a suitable load-spreading surface is in place at all times. Any existing hard surfacing may be retained where engineers consider it adequate to spread the load of construction traffic. Otherwise it shall be reinforced or replaced with adequate ground protection

Unless specified otherwise, ground protection shall consist of 24mm OSB boards laid at double thickness and screwed together to prevent slippage. The ground shall first be made even by raking, or by adding a few centimetres of sand or woodchip. Where only pedestrian traffic will occur boards or planks may be supported by a scaffold framework. The scaffold may be founded on poles driven into the ground and/or onto blocks (to raise the scaffold) with additional couplings to make the

Where engineers consider OSB boards to be inadequate (e.g. for large plant machinery where the  $\,$ tracks may chew up the timber) sturdier ground protection measures will be installed such as road plates, or 100mm of 7–40mm angular gravel installed in 3D cellular confinement system (e.g. CellwebTM).

## If a piling mat is required, engineer's specifications should be referred to.

The ground protection measures shall be installed and approved before commencement of demolition and construction activity and before the arrival of plant machinery or materials. They shall remain in place until all heavy construction activity is complete or until they are due to be replaced

### **Construction Exclusion Zones**

## Within Construction Exclusion Zones the following restrictions shall apply

- Tree Protection Barriers shall be erected and maintained throughout the entire project as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan and under the header -Tree • These shall remain in place at all times except when authorised landscaping works
- are being undertaken. At such times, adequate ground protection measures shall be nstalled, and excavation shall be limited to that required for new planting. Furthermore, the project arborist shall be consulted prior to any works being undertaken in these zones. • No construction activity or excavation shall occur unless agreed otherwise by the
- project arborist and local authority. • No vehicles or plant machinery shall be driven or parked.
- No tree works, other than those specified on this document shall be undertaken. No alterations of ground levels or conditions shall occur.
- No chemicals or cement washings permitted. No temporary structures shall be installed
- No spoil shall be stored.
- All hazardous materials (including non-essential cement products) shall be forbidden · Removal of hard surfaces, structures or turf shall be done using hand operated tools

## **Tree Works Specification**

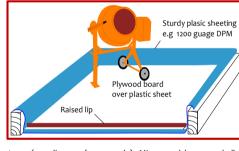
The following table specifies the tree works which will be required prior to the commencement of

|             | Tree<br>Reference                        | Action Required                                        | Notes                                                                                                               |  |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|             | The 4m tall<br>shrubs and<br>young trees | Remove.                                                | Stumps of trees within the RPAs of retained trees shall be removed with a stump grinder NOT a mechanical excavator. |  |
| e<br>of     | The Portuguese<br>laurel shrub           | Prune canopy back to the boundary.                     | Branches to be pruned back to a secondary branch junction or the branc collar wherever possible.                    |  |
| e<br>y<br>o | T3, T4 and T6                            | Crown lift to 4m on the side overhanging the proposal. | Branches to be pruned back to a secondary branch junction or the branc collar wherever possible.                    |  |
| n           |                                          |                                                        |                                                                                                                     |  |

## General Restrictions - Throughout the Site Continued

#### **Hazardous Materials** Any mixing of cement based

required. Otherwise, provision



the Root Protection Area of any trees (see diagram for example). Mixers and barrows shall be All other chemicals hazardous to tree health, including petrol and diesel, shall be stored in suitable

• No further excavation shall occur in this zone without consulting the project arborist containers as specified by current COSHH Regulations, and kept away from Root Protection Areas.

No underground services (including soak-aways) shall be located in any part of the Construction • Underground services shall not be installed in this area without prior consultation | Exclusion Zones or Restricted Activity Zones unless done so in a manner detailed in a specific Method

#### Post holes shall not exceed 300mm x 300mm No post hole shall be excavated within 1.5m of any tree stem.

The cabins shall be founded on a suitable load spreading surface.

- Post holes shall be excavated using hand tools or by a post-hole auger attached to plant
- machinery sited outside of Root Protection Areas.
- Roots in excess of 25mm shall be retained wherever possible Roots in excess of 10mm shall be pruned with sharp secateurs.
- Pruning shall be minimal and only undertaken where absolutely necessary to facilitate the site hoarding. It shall be undertaken by a reputable tree surgeon working to BS 3998 (2010).

# approval of the local authority with regard to its location and specification.

- Cabins shall be located outside of Construction Exclusion Zones and Restricted Activity Zones unless agreed otherwise by the project arborist. Where this is being considered, the project arborist shall be • If roots in excess of 25mm diameter are encountered close to the edge of the
  - No excavation shall occur within Root Protection Areas to enable cabins to be installed.
  - Lighting, Bollards, CCTV and associated Cables If any of the above are to be installed close to tree canopies or within Root Protection Areas of retained trees; installation methods shall be detailed in a specific Method Statement and approved
  - by the local authority. Consideration should be given to the following: • Pruning of branches to enable sufficient clearance for light and views. Branches should be removed to the branch collar as per British Standard 3998 (2010).
  - Post holes must be excavated by hand or using an appropriate sized auger. No other form of mechanical excavation may be used. Wherever possible, cables should be routed in a direction directly away from the tree stem rather than tangentially across the rooting zone. The location of all such cables shall be determined after consultation with the project arborist and approval by the local authority.

be carefully marshalled when working close to tree canopies.

All machinery operatives are to be made aware of any Construction Exclusion Zones and Restricted Activity Zones that apply to this site. All machinery operatives are to respect these zones and ensure that no damage occurs to trees due to the careless use of machinery. Mechanical excavators should have tracks rather than wheels to help spread their load. They should

Prior to the installation of any scaffolding within 0.5m of any tree branches, the project arborist shall be consulted to specify any pruning works that may be required.



| Timing of Operations  Activity within the site shall be phased according to the following chronology |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Order                                                                                                | Phase                 | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  |  |  |
| 1st.                                                                                                 |                       | Planning conditions relating to trees to be identified and discussed with the Project arborist and site manager.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |  |  |  |
| 2nd.                                                                                                 | Pre-<br>Construction  | All specified tree removal and pruning to be undertaken (see Header -Tree Works Schedule).                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |  |  |  |
| 3rd.                                                                                                 |                       | Install the tree protection barriers (fencing and ground protection boards - see Headers -Tree Protection Barriers and Ground Protection Measures).                                                                                                                                                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 4th.                                                                                                 | Phase                 | Pre-Commencement site meeting: Tree protection barriers inspected. Additional protection measures to be agreed. Variances to be agreed. Location of underground services to be agreed. Extents of excavation to be agreed. Scaffold restrictions to be agreed. Scope of future inspections / monitoring to be agreed. |  |  |  |  |
| 5th.                                                                                                 |                       | Arboricultural Method Statement to be revised and approved inecessary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |  |  |  |
| Protection measures confirmed acceptable by the local authority                                      |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |
| 6th.                                                                                                 | Demolition<br>and     | Demolish existing structures and remove existing surfaces where applicable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |
| 7th.                                                                                                 | Construction<br>Phase | Install new pool house and decking taking into account restricted activities as specified in this Arboricultural Method Statement.                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |
| 8th.                                                                                                 |                       | Site meeting with project arborist. Landscaping restrictions to be agreed. Condition of retained trees to be assessed and mitigation agreed. Ground conditions to be assessed and ground remediation to be agreed.                                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |
| 9th.                                                                                                 | Post-                 | Remove protective barriers (fencing and ground protection measures as applicable).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |
| 10th.                                                                                                | Construction<br>Phase | Undertake restricted landscaping operations within Root Protection Areas, including (where applicable) boundary treatments, pedestrian surfaces, decking and any proposed tree planting.                                                                                                                              |  |  |  |  |

#### **Personnel and Accountability** This table should be completed at the Pre-Start Meeting or earlier

| Position              | Name                        | Contact Phone & email                                    | Roles                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Project<br>Manager    | Insert Details              | Insert Details                                           | Liaising with site manager & project arborist regarding any potential issues relating to trees.  Scheduling of meeting, excavations and inspections.  Overseeing this monitoring schedule.  Instructing the project arborist and arranging access.  Liaising with local authority regarding discharge of planning conditions and variances to the Arboricultural Method Statement. |
| Site<br>Manager       | Insert Details              | Insert Details                                           | Day to day monitoring of tree protection measures. Fortnightly supply of site photographs showing all tree protection measures. Induction of all contractors. Reporting to the Appointed Arborist of any incidents or potential variations to the agreed tree protection measures.                                                                                                 |
| Project<br>Arborist   | Crown Tree<br>Consultancy   | 08000 14 13 30<br>0203 797 7449<br>Info@crowntrees.co.uk | Liaising with LPA Tree Officer over all arboricultural matters. Initial inspection and signing off of tree protection barriers including ground protection measures. Monthly site visits and inspections. Oversight of excavation for basement down to 1.2m in Restricted Zones. Reporting to the local authority following site inspections and any variation or incidents.       |
| Local<br>Authority    | London Borough<br>of Barnet | Planning and Building<br>Control<br>0208 359 4730        | Receipt of reports from the appointed arborist. Liaising with the appointed arborist to agree suitability of tree protection measures and any variations. Enforcement. Advice and assistance with the discharge of planning conditions relating to trees.                                                                                                                          |
| Additional<br>Contact | Insert Details              | Insert Details                                           | Insert Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Additional<br>Contact | Insert Details              | Insert Details                                           | Insert Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

# Site Monitoring Schedule

| Inspection                                                                                    | Site Attendees                  | Comments                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pre- Start Desk-top To occur prior to any works taking place on the site.                     | N/A.                            | Project Manager and Site manager to study this Method Statement & contact the Project Arborist to agree all protection measures.      |
| Pre-Start Meeting                                                                             | Site manager, project arborist. | Tree protection fencing locations & specification checked.                                                                            |
|                                                                                               | Tree Officer invited.           | Ground protection measures checked.                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                               |                                 | Contractors to be inducted to all relevant aspects of the Arboricultural Method Statement. Responsibilities checked and acknowledged. |
|                                                                                               |                                 | Adherence to the Arboricultural Method Statement to be discussed and agreed.                                                          |
|                                                                                               |                                 | Report on findings to be sent to the local authority tree officer (see accompanying reporting template)                               |
|                                                                                               | Site manager and project        | rect Tree protection fencing locations & specification checked.                                                                       |
|                                                                                               | arborist.*                      | Ground protection measures checked.                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                               |                                 | Past month, present and future month – activities and adherence to Arboricultural Method Statement discussed and checked.             |
|                                                                                               |                                 | Report on findings to be sent to the local authority tree officer within 5 working days.                                              |
| Post-Construction Meeting                                                                     | Site manager, project arborist. | Retained trees inspected. Ground conditions assessed and mitigation measures agreed whe                                               |
| Post external construction activity but prior to removal of fencing & landscaping operations. | Tree Officer invited.           | appropriate. Further landscaping operations and restrictions to be agreed.                                                            |

\* Where agreed with the L.A. it may be acceptable to supply photographs of the fencing to avoid the necessity for a site visit.

# **Site Overview**





Defects: No significant defects.

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History: Crown lifted on east side.

Position: Situated on third party land.

Heavily reduced on east side.

No evidence of significant pruning.

No significant defects.

Position: Situated within the front garden

Twin-stemmed at 1m with an unbalanced crown

Semi-Mature

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BS 5837 Root Protection Area (radius = 12xstem diameter Root Protection Area needing amendment due to site conditions, e.g. presence of exising road or building. Root Protection Area having been amended to account for for site conditions

G2 = Group No 2 H3 = Hedge No 3

Category A tree Category B tree Category C tree Category U tree

Tree Retention Categories

Trees of high quality with an estimated life expectancy of 40+ years. Usually large trees with significant presence or smaller trees with ellent form. Retention of these trees is highly desirable. Usually maturing trees, or younger trees with good form. Retense trees is desirable though less than Category A trees arkable trees of low quality and merit. Individual specimer Trees unsuitable for retention due to their very poor condition

Drawing No: CCL 10766b Tree Protection Plan (Existing Layout with Proposals Overlaid) 38 Pattison Road

