



**Tree Survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment
Preliminary Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan
In Accordance with BS 5837:2012**

Proj. No 8989	Monks Hall Treehouse, Syleham Road, Eye, Suffolk, IP21 4LN		
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Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide a preliminary consideration of the arboricultural implications created by the proposed development. In accordance with the feasibility and planning sections of BS5837:2012 “*Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations*”, trees deemed to be within the influencing distance of the projected construction have been evaluated for quality, longevity, and initial maintenance requirements. Where trees do not have to be removed for health and safety reasons, a detailed and objective assessment has been made of the consequences of the intended layout.

In this circumstance it is intended to construct a self-supporting treehouse in the woodland. As a result, fourteen individual trees, one hedge and one woodland were inspected. The arboricultural related implications of the proposal are as follows:

- 1 It is necessary to fell three low quality individual trees and a section of one low quality landscape feature in order to achieve the proposed layout. Additionally, seven trees require minor surgery to permit construction space or access.
- 2 The alignment of the proposed treehouse encroaches within the Root Protection Areas of trees that are to be retained. In view of this, careful consideration must be given to foundation design as discussed at item 4.4.1 and within the Blue Forest Treehouse Construction Method Statement.
- 3 The construction process will require the installation of a temporary load bearing surface.
- 4 This report recommends that specialist advice is obtained by expert practitioners in other disciplines. Such input should always be sought prior to the submission of this report in support of a planning application in order to demonstrate that the techniques and methods hereby proposed are achievable. In this particular circumstance it is necessary to contact the following:
 - Structural Engineer (foundation design, item 4.4.1)
- 5 All trees and landscape features that are to remain as part of the development should suffer no structural damage provided that the findings with this report are complied with in full. This includes ensuring that protective fencing is erected as detailed at items 4.6 and 5.1 of this report.
- 6 Post Planning Permission – Subject to achieving Planning Permission, a detailed Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan will be required. This will include the following: fencing type, ground protection measures, access facilitation pruning specification, installation of services, phasing and an extensive auditable monitoring schedule.

Given the above, there are no overt or overwhelming arboricultural constraints that can be reasonably cited to preclude the proposed construction.



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1.1 Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants Limited has been commissioned by Blue Forest to prepare a Tree Survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Preliminary Arboricultural Method Statement and Preliminary Tree Protection Plan for the existing trees at Monks Hall Treehouse, Syleham Road, Eye, Suffolk, IP21 4LN.
- 1.1.2 The site survey was carried out on 29/07/2021. The relevant qualitative tree data was recorded in order to assess the condition of the existing trees, their constraints upon the prospective development and the necessary protection and construction specifications required to allow their retention as a sustainable and integral part of the completed development.
- 1.1.3 Information is given on condition, age, size and indicative positioning of all the trees, both on and affecting the site. This is in accordance with the British Standard 5837:2012 *Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations*.

1.2 Scope of Works

- 1.2.1 The survey of the trees and any other factors are of a preliminary nature. The trees were inspected on the basis of the Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) method as developed by Mattheck and Breloer (1994). The trees were inspected from ground level with no climbing inspections undertaken. It is not always possible to access every tree and as such some measurements may have to be estimated. Trees with estimated measurements are highlighted in the schedule of trees. No samples have been removed from the site for analysis. The survey does not cover the arrangements that may be required in connection with the removal of existing underground services.
- 1.2.2 Whilst this is an arboricultural report, comments relating to non arboricultural matters are given, such as built structures and soil data. Any opinion thus expressed should be viewed as provisional and confirmation from an appropriately qualified professional sought. Such points are clearly identified within the body of the report.
- 1.2.3 An intrinsic part of tree inspection in relation to development is the assessment of risk associated with trees in close proximity to persons and property. Most human activities involve a degree of risk with such risks being commonly accepted, if the associated benefits are perceived to be commensurate. In general, the risk relating to trees tends to increase with the age of the trees concerned, as do the benefits. It will be deemed to be accepted by the client that the formulation of the recommendations for all tree management will be guided by the cost-benefit analysis (in terms of amenity), of the tree work.
- 1.2.4 Where the trees inspected stand within woodland, the frequency with which these trees/woodlands are accessed, or will be accessed, must be considered as an integral part of the recommendations given for the future management of these trees/woodlands. Priority will be given to those trees near existing and proposed footpaths, public highways and the site boundaries where it is assumed that the presence of persons and property will be more frequent and therefore of a potentially higher risk. Many of the trees surveyed within the woodland areas present little or no risk (barring exceptional circumstances) to site users and could therefore be left unmanaged.



The decision regarding the frequency of use of these areas within the site, and the management decisions taken based on this frequency, must ultimately be the responsibility of the client.

1.3 Documentation

1.3.1 The following documentation was provided prior to the commencement of the production of this report;

- Email of instruction from Ms Sophie Nightingale on the 15th July 2021
- Definition of site boundary
- Description of requirements/deadlines
- Topographical survey/map
- Proposed site layout

2.0 The Site

2.1 Overview

2.1.1 The site is a section of woodland located at Monks Hall, Syleham Road, Eye, Suffolk, IP21 4LN.

2.2 Soils

2.2.1 The soils type commonly associated with this site are lime rich loams and clays with impeded drainage. They are of high fertility and support base-rich pastures, and classic 'chalky boulder clay' ancient woodland type habitats. This soil type constitutes approximately 5.3% the total English land mass.

2.2.2 The data given was obtained from a desk top study which provides indications of likely soil types. By definition, this information is not comprehensive and therefore any decisions taken with regards the management, usage or construction on site should be based on a detailed soil analysis.

2.2.3 Further to item 2.2.2, this report provides no information on soil shrinkability. It may be necessary for practitioners in other disciplines (e.g. engineers considering foundation design) to obtain this data as required.

2.3 Statutory Tree Protection

2.3.1 Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants Limited have been informed that at the *date of the tree inspection* the trees concerned were not located within a Conservation Area or the subject of a Tree Preservation Order. As such, no written permission would be required from the local planning authority Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council prior to commencing works to trees. It should be noted however, that Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council have the power to serve Tree Preservation Orders very rapidly, and therefore it is incumbent upon owners, managers or any persons wishing to undertake work to any trees to contact the local planning authority prior to commencing works to ensure that the situation has not changed.

This information was sourced using the Local Planning Authority's Online Mapping System (as instructed by them) and to our best knowledge was current and accurate at the time the information was accessed. We would advise it prudent that before any tree work commences, this is checked directly with the Local Planning Authority to confirm that their online mapping system is definitive.



2.3.2 Felling Licence

All trees within the United Kingdom are protected under the Forestry Acts. In general, anyone felling more than 5 cubic metres of timber in any calendar quarter requires a Felling Licence from the Forestry Commission. There are exemptions however and these are as follows:-

A Felling Licence is not required in the following instances:

- To fell trees in a garden, an orchard, a churchyard, or a designated open space (Commons Act 1899).
- To carry out surgery operations such as pruning, reduction, dead wooding or pollarding.
- To fell less than 5 cubic metres in a calendar quarter. (Please note that not more than 2 cubic metres in a calendar quarter may be sold).
- To fell trees that are 8 centimetres or less in diameter when measured 1.3 metres from the ground. Trees removed for thinning may have a diameter of up to 10 centimetres and trees managed under a coppice regime may have a diameter of up to 15 centimetres.
- To fell trees previously approved for removal under a Dedication Scheme, or where Detailed Planning Permission has been granted.

Substantial fines exist for not complying with the requirements of a Felling Licence.

2.3.3 Hedgerow Regulations and Inclosure Act

Certain hedgerows within the United Kingdom are protected under The Hedgerow Regulations 1997. The regulations apply to any hedgerow growing in, or adjacent to, any common land, protected land (local nature reserves and SSSIs), or land used for agriculture, forestry or the breeding or keeping of horses, ponies or donkeys, if it: (a) has a continuous length of, or exceeding 20m; or (b) it has a continuous length of less than 20m and, at each end, meets another hedgerow. The regulations do not apply to hedgerows within the curtilage of, or marking a boundary of the curtilage of, a dwelling house.

Anybody wishing to remove or destroy a hedge must apply to their Local Planning Authority (LPA) for consent. Substantial fines exist for not complying with the requirements The Hedgerow Regulations.

Older hedges could be protected by old Inclosure Acts. These Acts may require that hedges are retained and managed in perpetuity.

It is recommended professional legal advice be sought before removing hedgerows to determine whether the hedgerow might be protected by the Inclosure Act. Details of the Inclosures Act are held by the Local Records Office.



3.0 Tree Survey

- 3.1 As part of this survey a total of fourteen individual trees, one hedge and one woodland have been identified. These have been numbered T001 – T014, H001 and W001 respectively.
- 3.2 A topographical survey was provided which showed the position of the trees on site. It should be noted however that topographical surveys are not always comprehensive and sometimes it is considered appropriate to record details of trees and landscape features omitted from or beyond the scope of the plan. If this circumstance occurs, the location of the individual tree or landscape feature is estimated. The position of each tree is shown on the attached drawing no. 8989-D-AIA.
- 3.3 In order to provide a systematic, consistent and transparent evaluation of the trees included within this survey, they have been assessed and categorised in accordance with the method detailed in item 4.3 of *BS 5837:2012 "Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction - Recommendations"*. For further information, please see the attached Explanatory Notes.
- 3.4 The detailed assessment of each tree and its work requirements with priorities are listed in the attached Schedule of Trees.
- 3.5 Over and above the general and prudent recommendation that all trees are inspected on an annual basis, the following items have been identified as requiring enhanced monitoring to assess any changes in faults and weaknesses etc as detailed in the Schedule of Trees:

W001	Monitor annually for signs of deterioration.
T008	Monitor annually for signs of deterioration.
T014	Monitor annually for signs of deterioration.

- 3.6 In accordance with item 4.2.4 (c) of BS 5837:2012, the items inspected and detailed within this report have been selected for inclusion due to the likely influence of any proposed development on the trees, rather than strictly adhering to the curtilage of the site. However, it must be understood that there may be trees beyond the site and not included in this survey which may exert an influence on the development. Where works for cultural, health and safety, quality of life, or development purposes have been recommended on trees outside the ownership of the site, these can only progress with the agreement of the owner, except where it involves portions of the trees overhanging the boundary.

4.0 Arboricultural Impact Assessment

4.1 The Proposal

- 4.1.1 The proposal is to construct a self-supporting treehouse in the woodland within the curtilage of the site.

4.2 Access

- 4.2.1 Access from the closest road way and up to the site is via an arable field and is unencumbered by the Root Protection Areas (RPA) of any trees to be retained. Therefore, and from a purely arboricultural perspective, it will not be necessary to install a proprietary temporary load bearing road to protect tree roots.



4.2.2 Site access from the arable field and into the area of construction is encumbered by the Root Protection Areas (RPA) of the following retained trees – T003, T004, T013 and T014. Therefore, and from a purely arboricultural perspective, it will be necessary to install a proprietary temporary load bearing surface to prevent compaction damage to tree roots. This must be installed as a first stage of development, immediately after the completion of the necessary tree surgery and the installation of protective fencing.

4.3. **Demolition**

4.3.1 There is no demolition associated with this proposal.

4.4 **Construction**

4.4.1 Construction of foundations or structural supports for the proposed tree house and decking encroaches within the RPA of one or more trees to be retained – T003, T004, T007, T008, T010, T011, T013 and T014. As such, the tree house manufacturer Blue Forest, in conjunction with an Arboriculturalist and Structural Engineer have designed specialized piled foundations where the footprint of the structure coincides with the RPA. The outline details of the specialist foundations have been included in the Blue Forest Treehouse Construction Method Statement. The design must allow for the ground beam or supporting structure to be formed above the existing ground level, not requiring excavation work within the RPA. Furthermore, consideration will need to be given to the piling rig, if required, or machinery used to ensure it is sufficiently small scale to be operable beneath the crown of the retained tree/s.

4.4.2 It is understood that there are no new hard surfaces associated with this proposal.

4.4.3 Excavation and soil re-modeling is not shown to encroach within the RPA of any retained trees. Therefore, no adverse arboricultural implications are expected.

4.5 **Implications of Sloping Ground**

4.5.1 The arboricultural implications of the proposed structures are based on an assumption that because there are no significant existing slopes on site, level changes will not occur within the RPA of trees that are shown to be retained.

4.6 **Requirement for Tree Barrier Fencing**

4.6.1 Prior to the commencement of construction and immediately after the completion of the necessary tree surgery and felling work, protective fencing will be erected on site. This must be fit for purpose (including any ground protection if necessary) in full accordance with the requirements of BS 5837:2012 and positioned as shown on the attached Preliminary Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Tree Protection drawing. Full details of fencing will be supplied by Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants in the detailed Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan.

4.7 **Compound**

4.7.1 The site provides adequate internal space to locate a construction compound outside the RPA of any trees and landscape features that are to be retained.



4.8 Phasing

4.8.1 The proposal involves the integration of a number of complex aspects that affect tree protection (e.g. – but not exclusively – access, installation of foundations, movement of materials and the installation of services). For this reason, the project must be carefully phased to ensure the highest level of protection for retained trees at all times. As part of the detailed Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan, Hayden’s Arboricultural Consultants will produce an in-depth phasing recommendation to cover the major operations on site as they affect retained trees.

4.9 Monitoring

4.9.1 In accordance with item 6.3 of BS 5837:2012, the site and associated development should be monitored regularly by a competent Arboriculturalist to ensure that the arboricultural aspects of the planning permission are complied with. As part of the detailed Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan, Hayden’s Arboricultural Consultants will produce an extensive auditable monitoring schedule to assess the progress of key site events/activities.

4.10 Tree Surgery to Facilitate Proposed Development

4.10.1 In order to enable the proposed development it will be necessary to undertake the following tree surgery works to retained trees: -

Feature No	Description of Works Required	BS Category*
T003	Crown lift southern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	B
T004	Crown lift southern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	B
T007	Crown lift southern and western aspects to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	B
T010	Crown lift northern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	B
T011	Crown lift northern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	B
T013	Crown lift north eastern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	B
T014	Crown lift northern, eastern and southern aspects to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	B

4.10.2 The works listed in the above table will have a minimal impact upon the retained trees in terms of their visual amenity, longevity, landscape importance.



4.11 Landscape Implications

4.11.1 The items listed in the table below require felling to permit the proposed development to proceed: -

Feature No	Reason for Removal	BS * Category	Visual Amenity Assessment*
H001 (section only)	To enable access into the woodland.	C	Low
T005	To enable construction of treehouse.	U	Low
T006	To enable construction of treehouse.	C	Low
T009	To enable construction of treehouse.	C	Low

* Please see definitions in the Explanatory Notes attached to this report.

4.12 Post Development Implications

4.12.1 No adverse arboricultural implications are considered reasonably foreseeable for the trees that remain provided that the recommendations of this report are complied with in full.

4.12.2 Due to the dynamic nature of trees and their interaction with the environment, their health and structural integrity is liable to change over time. Because of this it is recommended that all trees on or adjacent to the site be inspected on an annual basis.

4.12.3 As stated in BS 5837:2012, regular maintenance of newly planted trees is of particular importance for at least three years during the critical post-planting period and might, where required by site conditions, planning requirements or legal agreement, be necessary for five years or more. Therefore, the designer of the new landscaping should, in conjunction with the landscape design proposals, prepare a detailed maintenance schedule covering this period, and appropriate arrangements made for its implementation.

5.0 Design Advice, Preliminary Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan

5.1 Securing of Tree Structure and Root Protection Areas (RPA)

5.1.1 The trees to be retained will be protected by the use of stout barrier fencing erected in the positions indicated on the attached Preliminary Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Tree Protection drawing no. 8989-D-AIA. This fencing will be in accordance with the requirements of BS 5837:2012 including any necessary ground protection.

5.1.2 All fencing provided for the safeguarding of trees will be erected prior to any demolition or development commencing on the site, therefore ensuring the maximum protection. This fencing, which must have all weather notices attached stating "Construction Exclusion Zone – No Access" will be regarded as sacrosanct and, once erected, will not be removed or altered without the prior consent of the Local Planning Authority.



5.1.3 Where footpaths, access drives, or parking bays are constructed within the RPA of retained trees, careful attention will be paid to the type of surface treatment used in these areas, details of which are given in item 5.8, below. If possible, these should be installed as a final phase of the project, thereby protecting the RPA throughout the major construction phase of the proposed development.

5.1.4 Where fencing is impractical, consideration must be given to other forms of effective above ground tree structure protection. An example of this would be a combination of Barksavers to secure the stems and a temporary load bearing surface to shield the ground.

5.2 Location of Site Office, Compound and Parking

5.2.1 The position of the office, compound and parking will be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority prior to commencement of any permitted development works. Any proposed re-location of these items through the various phases of development will be agreed prior to re-siting with the Local Planning Authority.

5.3 On Site Storage of Spoil and Building Materials

5.3.1 Prior to and during all construction works on site, no spoil or construction materials will be stored within the RPA of any tree on, or adjacent to the site, even if the proposed development is to be within the RPA. This is to reduce to a minimum the compaction of the roots of the trees. Details of the RPA for each tree where no spoil or building materials will be stored are indicated on the attached Preliminary Arboricultural Impact Assessment & Tree Protection drawing no. 8989-D-AIA. Any encroachment within this protected area will only be with the prior agreement of the Local Planning Authority.

5.3.2 Any facilities for the storage of oils, fuels or chemicals shall be sited on impervious bases and surrounded by impervious bund walls. The volume of the bund compound shall be at least equivalent to the capacity of the tank plus 10%. If there is a multiple tankage, the compound shall be at least equivalent to the capacity of the largest tank, or the combined capacity of interconnected tanks, plus 10%. All filling points, vents, gauges and sight glasses shall be located within the bund. The drainage system of the bund shall be sealed with no discharge to any watercourse, land or underground strata. Associated pipe-work shall be located above ground and protected from accidental damage. All filling points and tank overflow pipe outlets shall be detailed to discharge downwards into the bund.

5.3.3 All material storage facilities and work areas must consider the effects of sloping ground on the movement of potentially harmful liquid spillages towards or into protected areas.

5.4 Programme of Works

5.4.1 All tree surgery works, once approved by the Local Planning Authority, will be carried out prior to any other site works. Once completed, the proposed protective fencing will be erected along the lines indicated above. All of this will be carried out prior to commencement of any development works on the site. Outline details of the proposed programme are given in the Design and Construction and Tree Care flow chart attached (Appendix G-1).



5.5 Tree Surgery

5.5.1 All tree work will be agreed with the Local Planning Authority and will be carried out in line with BS 3998:2010 (Recommendations for Tree Works). An appropriately qualified, experienced and insured arboricultural contractor will carry out the work. Any alterations to the proposed schedule of works will be agreed with the Local Planning Authority prior to commencement of works.

5.6 Levels

5.6.1 Other than for any specific exception which may be referred to at item 4.0, no alterations to soil levels within the RPA of retained trees are envisaged. However, if it is necessary for these to occur, appropriate measures must be taken to prevent or minimise any detrimental effects on the affected root systems as detailed in 5.6.2 and 5.6.3 below.

5.6.2 If it is necessary to excavate so close to trees that roots greater than 50mm diameter are likely to be encountered, particular care will be taken to avoid damage. Excavation in these areas will be undertaken by hand or using an air spade, avoiding any damage to the bark. The roots will be surrounded with sharp sand prior to the replacing of any soil or other material in the vicinity.

5.6.3 If it is necessary to raise levels, it is essential that adequate supplies of water and oxygen pass through the soil to the trees' roots. Therefore, where necessary, a granular material will be used which will not inhibit gaseous diffusion. Possible options are no-fines gravel, cobbles or, Type 2 road-stone. All hard surfaces will be of suitable specification to allow such gaseous diffusion, e.g. brick pavers.

5.7 Services

5.7.1 At the time of writing this report, no details on proposed services were available. However, the following principles should be adhered to when planning for their installation.

5.7.2 It is proposed that all underground service runs will be placed outside the RPA of the trees on or adjacent to the site. Where it is not possible to do this, the proposed length infringing the RPA will be hand dug 'broken trenches' (NJUG 4 paragraph 4) to ensure the maximum protection of the trees' roots. The trenches may also be excavated using an air spade, or trenchless technology can be employed if this methodology is considered appropriate by the relevant service company (thus allowing services to pass below and through the roots without the need for traditional excavation). If it is necessary to cut any small roots as part of any of these processes, they should be severed in such a way as to ensure that the final wound is as small as possible and free from ragged, torn ends.

5.7.3 All routes for overhead services will aim to avoid the trees. Where this is not possible, any tree work will be agreed prior to commencement with the Local Planning Authority.

5.7.4 All service providers (Statutory Authorities) will be consulted prior to commencement of works with the aim of minimising the number of service runs on the site.

5.7.5 All service runs/trenches where they encroach within the RPA of retained trees will be agreed with the Local Planning Authority prior to commencement of works.



5.8 Hard Surface Types & Construction within the Root Protection Area

- 5.8.1 Where it is necessary to construct footpaths, driveways, non-adoptable roads, and other hard surfaces within the RPA as calculated in accordance with BS 5837:2012 (item 4.6.1), it is proposed that the design will comply with the 'no-dig' principles of the Arboricultural Advisory Information Services (AAIS) Practice Note 12 "*Through the Trees to Development*" - the only difference being that instead of a geo-grid, a geo-textile base is provided, and the no-fines road stone is incorporated in and retained by a geo-web cellular confinement system. Given the individual requirements of each site, it is essential that a specialist engineer is consulted to specify the construction detail. Where it is necessary to remove any existing hard surface, or lower the ground level within the RPA, this may expose roots. This operation must be undertaken using hand tools or an air spade. Any roots found should be treated with the greatest care and surrounded by sharp sand to provide a level base. Please note that 'no-dig' surfaces are not always considered acceptable for adoption.
- 5.8.2 Where it is shown that the construction of a boundary wall or dwelling encroaches within the RPA of a retained tree, the foundations of the wall or dwelling will be designed in such a manner so as to minimise the detrimental effect of the construction on the tree's roots. In these situations, any excavations within the RPA of an affected tree will only be undertaken following exploration of the existing root system with an air spade (or by hand digging if soil conditions preclude) and the necessary root pruning undertaken to allow excavation without unnecessary pulling and tearing of the roots to be retained. This will ensure minimal damage to tree roots where pad and beam or cantilever foundations are considered appropriate. Should a piling rig be required to create piles, any access facilitation pruning or felling necessary to allow access must be undertaken before the commencement of works and only with prior consent of the Local Planning Authority.
- 5.8.3 If boundary fencing is to be erected within the RPA of retained trees, it is proposed that the fence posts will be secured by the use of "Met-Posts" or similar design in order to keep the disturbance and damage of the roots of the trees to a minimum.

5.9 Reporting and Monitoring Procedures

- 5.9.1 In accordance with item 6.3 of BS 5837:2012, the site and associated development should be monitored regularly by a competent arboriculturalist to ensure that the arboricultural aspects of the planning permission (e.g. the installation and maintenance of protective measures and the supervision of specialist working techniques) are implemented. Furthermore, regular contact between the Site Manager and the Arboriculturalist allows them to effectively deal with and advise on any tree related problems that may occur during the development process. This system should be auditable. Should any issues arise during the arboricultural monitoring of the development the Arboriculturalist will contact the Local Planning Authority and appropriate action taken only with the prior permission of Blue Forest and the Local Planning Authority.



6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that the measures outlined in this report are implemented in full to provide retained trees with the highest level of protection during the process of construction.
- 6.2 Subject to achieving Planning Permission, it is recommended that a detailed Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan should be provided. This will include the following: fencing type, ground protection measures, access facilitation pruning specification, installation of services, project phasing and an extensive auditable monitoring schedule.
- 6.3 Tree surgery should be completed as detailed in the Schedule of Trees. Where this has been identified for reasons other than to permit development, this work should be completed within the advised timescales irrespective of any development proposals.
- 6.4 The tree surgery works proposed as part of this Survey are recommended to mitigate any identified problems that may be caused by trees in close proximity to the proposed development. To this end, should these recommendations be overruled, this Survey stands as the opinion of Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants Limited, and therefore any damage or injury caused by trees recommended by this practice for felling or tree surgery works, to which the proposed schedule of works has been altered or the tree has been requested to be retained by the Local Planning Authority, cannot be the responsibility of this practice.



7.0 Limitations & Qualifications

Tree inspection reports are subject to the following limitations and qualifications.

General exclusions

Unless specifically mentioned, the report will only be concerned with above ground inspections. No below ground inspections will be carried out without the prior confirmation from the client that such works should be undertaken.

The validity, accuracy and findings of this report will be directly related to the accuracy of the information made available prior to and during the inspection process. No checking of independent third-party data will be undertaken. Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants Limited will not be responsible for the recommendations within this report where essential data are not made available or are inaccurate.

This report will remain valid for one year from the date of inspection subject to the recommendations specified within being adhered to. It must also be appreciated that recommendations proposed within this report may be superseded by extreme weather, or any other unreasonably foreseeable events.

However, if any additional alterations to the property or soil levels are carried out and/or further tree works undertaken other than specified within the report, it will become invalid and a new tree inspection strongly recommended.

It will be appreciated, and deemed to be accepted by the client and their insurers, that the formulation of the recommendations for the management of trees will be guided by the following: -

1. The need to avoid reasonably foreseeable damage.
2. The arboricultural considerations - tree safety, good arboricultural practice (tree work) and aesthetics.

The client and their insurers are deemed to have accepted the limitation placed on the recommendations by the sources quoted in the attached report. Where sources are limited by time constraints or the client, this may lead to an incomplete quantification of the risk.

Signed:



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For and on Behalf of Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants Limited



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Appendix A - Species List & Tree Problems

Species List:


Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>
Elder	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>
English Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>
Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>

Tree Problems:

This gives a brief description of the problems identified in the attached Tree Survey.

Name: Deadwood	
Symptoms/damage type and cause:	This relates to dead branches in the crown of the tree. In the majority of cases, this is caused by the natural ageing process of the tree or shading due to its close proximity to neighbouring trees. However, in some situations, it may be related to fungal, bacterial or viral infection.
Consequence:	Depending upon the location and mass of dead wood removal of the affected tissue may be necessary to prevent harm to persons or property as the wood will become unstable as it decays and in some circumstances is likely to fall from the tree with little or no warning.
Control:	Detailed monitoring should be undertaken on those trees showing signs of excessive deadwood production to identify the underlying cause.
Species affected:	Most tree species.
Images:	



Name: Epicormic growth	
Symptoms/damage type and cause:	This is the production of numerous shoots on the main stem and branches of the tree. They are produced by the bursting into life of otherwise dormant buds. It is commonly associated with elevated levels of stress on the tree.
Consequence:	Whilst epicormic growth is usually symptomatic of an issue elsewhere within the tree, heavy proliferation can cause the trees resources to become depleted or may mask significant structural weaknesses within the framework of the tree.
Control:	Pruning off epicormic growth may be necessary to improve the visual amenity of the tree or prevent the development of a hazard or obstruction. No direct means of prevention are available other than therapeutic measures to alleviate stresses on the tree.
Species affected:	Most tree species, including European Lime, Willow species, Sweet Chestnut, and Silver Maple.
Images:	



Appendix B

Schedule of Trees

SCHEDULE OF TREES (AIA) Monks Hall Treehouse, Syleham Road, Eye, Suffolk

Surveyed By: Steve Holyland Date: 29/07/2021
Managed By: Steve Holyland

TreeNo	Species	DBH	Height		Visual	Crown Spread	Problems / Comments	BS Cat	Work Required (TS)	Priority (TS)	Work Required (AIA)	Priority (AIA)
		Min Dist	Crown Base	Lowest Branch	Age	Water Demand						
		RPA (m ²)	Aspect	Aspect	SULE	Ground Cover						
H001	Hawthorn, Elder, Hazel	120	4.5		Low	N1.5, E1.5, S1.5, W1.5	A denser understorey feature at the edge of the wood more like a hedgerow. This is mostly made up of Hawthorn. Unmanaged in form.	C2	No work required.	4	Fell section to ground level.	0
		1.44	0		EM	High						
		6.5			10+ years	Woodland floor						
T001	English Oak	490	17		Low	N4, E6.5, S7.5, W5	Typical woodland specimen. Epicormic growth up main stem. Main stem has a lean towards the east. Crown dominance is to the east and south. Crown features minor and major deadwood but no target.	B2	No work required.	4		
		5.88	8		EM	High						
		108.6			20+ years	Woodland floor, Dense undergrowth						
T002	English Oak	510	17		Low	N4.5, E4.5, S4.5, W5	Typical woodland specimen. Epicormic growth up main stem. Crown features minor and major deadwood but no target.	B2	No work required.	4		
		6.12	4.5		EM	High						
		117.7		W	20+ years	Woodland floor, Dense undergrowth						
T003	English Oak	760	18.5		Low	N6, E3, S4, W6	Tree is located on the edge of the woodland. Epicormic growth up main stem. The crown is very dominant to the west as this is the exposed side on the edge of the woodland. The east side is almost bare other than some major deadwood. The crown height on the east to south east is circa. 9 metres from ground level. Crown features minor and major deadwood but no target.	B2	No work required.	4	Crown lift southern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0
		9.12	2		EM	High						
		261.3		W	20+ years	Woodland floor, Dense undergrowth						
T004	English Oak	540	17		Low	N6.5, E4.5, S4, W5	Typical woodland specimen. Main stem has a slight lean to the north. Epicormic growth up main stem. Crown features minor and major deadwood but no target.	B2	No work required.	4	Crown lift southern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0
		6.48	4.5		EM	High						
		131.9			20+ years	Woodland floor, Dense undergrowth						
T005	English Oak	500	15		Low	N2, E3, S3, W3	Tree is clearly in a poor condition with a dead and dying crown. Tree has tried to respond with Epicormic growth and Adventitious growth but tree is still dying.	U	No work required.	4	Fell to ground level.	0
		6	3		EM	High						
		113.1			<10 years	Woodland floor, Dense undergrowth						

TreeNo	Species	DBH	Height		Visual	Crown Spread	Problems / Comments	BS Cat	Work Required (TS)	Priority (TS)	Work Required (AIA)	Priority (AIA)
		Min Dist	Crown Base	Lowest Branch	Age	Water Demand						
		On site	RPA (m²)	Aspect	Aspect	SULE						
T006	Ash	190	16		Low	N3.5, E7.5, S2.5, W2	Younger tree emerging through canopy. Tall spindly specimen. Main stem has a lean to the east. Crown is also dominant to the east.	C2	No work required.	4	Fell to ground level.	0
		2.28	5.5		SM	Moderate						
Yes		16.3		E	10+ years	Dense undergrowth, Woodland floor						
T007	English Oak	460	17		Low	N4.5, E3, S4.5, W4.5	Typical woodland specimen. Epicormic growth up main stem. Crown features minor and major deadwood but no target.	B2	No work required.	4	Crown lift southern and western aspects to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0
		5.52	3.5		EM	High						
Yes		95.7			20+ years	Woodland floor, Dense undergrowth						
T008	English Oak	520	17		Low	N6.5, E5, S3.5, W3.5	Crown is more sparse than adjacent trees of the same species in the woodland. No sign as to cause.	B2	Monitor annually for signs of deterioration.	3		
		6.24	3		EM	High						
Yes		122.3			20+ years	Woodland floor, Dense undergrowth						
T009	English Oak	460	12		Low	N4.5, E4.5, S4, W4.5	Main stem bifurcates at 2.5 metres and the crown is more open and wide spreading. The leader on the west side has died leaving major deadwood.	C2	No work required.	4	Fell to ground level.	0
		5.52	2		EM	High						
Yes		95.7		S	10+ years	Dense undergrowth, Woodland floor						
T010	English Oak	520	17		Low	N4.5, E4.5, S4.5, W4.5	Typical woodland specimen. Epicormic growth up main stem. Crown features minor and major deadwood but no target.	B2	No work required.	4	Crown lift northern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0
		6.24	2.5		EM	High						
Yes		122.3			20+ years	Woodland floor, Dense undergrowth						
T011	English Oak	670	17		Low	N4, E5.5, S7, W4.5	Tree is located on the edge of the woodland. Epicormic growth up main stem. The crown is very dominant to the south and south east, as this is the exposed side on the edge of the woodland. The north side is almost bare. The crown height on the north is circa. 13 metres from ground level. Crown features minor and major deadwood but no target.	B2	No work required.	4	Crown lift northern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0
		8.04	4		EM	High						
Yes		203.1		W	20+ years	Woodland floor, Dense undergrowth						
T012	English Oak	550	14		Low	N3, E2.5, S3, W6.5	A multi-stem specimen from 0.5 metre. The union is very upright and tight but sufficient. Dense bushy Epicormic growth. Crown is dominant to the east, as that is the edge of the woodland.	B2	No work required.	4		
		6.6	1		EM	High						
Yes		136.8			20+ years	Dense undergrowth, Woodland floor						

TreeNo	Species	DBH	Height		Visual	Crown Spread	Problems / Comments	BS Cat	Work Required (TS)	Priority (TS)	Work Required (AIA)	Priority (AIA)
		Min Dist	Crown Base	Lowest Branch	Age	Water Demand						
		RPA (m ²)	Aspect	Aspect	SULE	Ground Cover						
T013	English Oak	940	20		Low	N7.5, E6.5, S7, W7.5	Mature tree located on the edge of the woodland. The crown is very dominant to the west, as this is the exposed side on the edge of the woodland. The east side is almost bare other than some major dead wood. The crown height on the east to south east is circa. 13 metres from ground level. Crown features minor and major deadwood but no target.	B2	No work required.	4		
		11.28	2.5		M	High						
Yes		399.7		W	20+ years	Woodland floor, Dense undergrowth						
T014	English Oak	650	17		Low	N5, E5.5, S4, W5	Main stem has a twist and distortion at circa. 7 metres from ground level. This could be a possible weak failure point in the future. Crown features minor and major deadwood but no target.	C2	Monitor annually for signs of deterioration.	3	Crown lift northern, eastern and southern aspects to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0
		7.8	3		EM	High						
Yes		191.1		W	10+ years	Woodland floor, Dense undergrowth						
W001	English Oak, Ash, Elder, Hawthorn, Hazel, Holly	900	25		Low	N9, E9, S9, W9	A woodland which is mainly made up of early mature to mature Oak. Ash is also occasionally present. The Oak throughout the woodland are in a fair condition but their crowns are lacking a usually expected vigour and in general there is a higher than average amount of major and minor deadwood. The lack in vigour could perhaps be due to the poor weather and growing season of 2021 but tree health should be annually monitored in case this is a wider issue. The occasional tree has been spotted to have some very minor black stem bleeds. Woodland has a dense understorey of mainly Elder and Hawthorn.	B2	Monitor annually for signs of deterioration.	3		
		10.8	0		M	High						
Yes		366.4			20+ years	Dense undergrowth, Woodland floor						

Appendix C

Schedule of Works - Irrespective of Development

Schedule of Enhanced Monitoring

Monks Hall Treehouse, Syleham Road, Eye, Suffolk

Surveyed By: Steve Holyland

Surveyed: 29/07/2021

Managed By: Steve Holyland

Tree No.	Species	Work required	Priority
T008	English Oak	Monitor annually for signs of deterioration.	3
T014	English Oak	Monitor annually for signs of deterioration.	3
W001	English Oak, Ash, Elder, Hawthorn, Hazel, Holly	Monitor annually for signs of deterioration.	3

Appendix D

Preliminary Schedule of Works to Allow Development

SCHEDULE OF WORKS (AIA)

Monks Hall Treehouse, Syleham Road, Eye, Suffolk

Surveyed By: Steve Holyland

Surveyed: 29/07/2021

Managed By: Steve Holyland

Tree No.	Species	Work required	Priority
H001	Hawthorn, Elder, Hazel	Fell section to ground level.	0
T003	English Oak	Crown lift southern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0
T004	English Oak	Crown lift southern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0
T005	English Oak	Fell to ground level.	0
T006	Ash	Fell to ground level.	0
T007	English Oak	Crown lift southern and western aspects to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0
T009	English Oak	Fell to ground level.	0
T010	English Oak	Crown lift northern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0
T011	English Oak	Crown lift northern aspect to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0
T014	English Oak	Crown lift northern, eastern and southern aspects to allow up to 1m clearance from proposed treehouse.	0

Appendix E

Explanatory Notes

Explanatory Notes



Categories

Below is an explanation of the categories used in the attached Tree Survey.

No Identifies the tree on the drawing.

Species Common names are given to aid understanding for the wider audience.

BS 5837 Main Category Using this assessment (BS 5837:2012, Table 1), trees can be divided into one of the following simplified categories, and are differentiated by cross-hatching and by colour on the attached drawing:

Category A - Those of high quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years;

Category B - Those of moderate quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years;

Category C - Those of low quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150 mm;

Category U - Those trees in such condition that they cannot realistically be retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years.

BS 5837 Sub Category Table 1 of BS 5837:2012 also requires a sub category to be applied to the A, B, C, and U assessments. This allows for a further understanding of the determining classification as follows:

Sub Category 1 - Mainly arboricultural qualities;

Sub Category 2 - Mainly landscape qualities;

Sub Category 3 - Mainly cultural values, including conservation .

Please note that a specimen or landscape feature may fulfil the requirements of more than one Sub Category.

DBH (mm) Diameter of main stem in millimetres at 1.5 metres from ground level. Where the tree is a multi-stem, the diameter is calculated in accordance with item 4.6.1 of BS 5837:2012.

Age Recorded as one of seven categories:

Y Young. Recently planted or establishing tree that could be transplanted without specialist equipment, i.e. less than 150 mm DBH.

S/M Semi-mature. An established tree, but one which has not reached its prospective ultimate height.

E/M Early-mature. A tree that is reaching its ultimate potential height, whose growth rate is slowing down but if healthy, will still increase in stem diameter and crown spread.

M Mature. A mature specimen with limited potential for any significant increase in size, even if healthy.

O/M Over-mature. A senescent or moribund specimen with a limited safe useful life expectancy. Possibly also containing sufficient structural defects with attendant safety and/or duty of care implications.



D Dead.

Height	Recorded in metres, measured from the base of the tree.
Crown Base	Recorded in metres, the distance from ground and aspect of the lowest branch material.
Lowest Branch	Recorded in metres, the distance from ground and aspect of the emergence point of the lowest significant branch.
Life Expectancy	Relates to the prospective life expectancy of the tree and is given as 4 categories: 1 = 40 years+; 2 = 20 years+; 3 = 10 years+; 4 = less than 10 years.
Crown Spread	Indicates the radius of the crown from the base of the tree in each of the northern, eastern, southern and western aspects.
Minimum Distance	This is a distance equal to 12 times the diameter of the tree measured at 1.5 metres above ground level for single stemmed trees and 12 times the average diameter of the tree measured at 1.5 metres above ground level tree for multi stemmed specimens. (BS 5837:2012, section 4.6).
RPA	This is the Root Protection Area, measured in square metres and defined in BS5837:2012 as “a layout design tool indicating the minimum area around a tree deemed to contain sufficient roots and rooting volume to maintain the tree’s viability, and where the protection of the roots and soil structure is treated as a priority”. The RPA is shown on the drawing.. Ideally this is an area around the tree that must be kept clear of construction, level changes of construction operations. Some methods of construction can be carried out within the RPA of a retained tree but only if approved by the Local Planning Authority’s tree officer.
Water Demand	This gives the water demand of the species of tree when mature, as given in the NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2 “Building Near Trees”.
Visual Amenity	Concerns the planning and landscape contribution to the development site made by the tree, hedge or tree group, in terms of its amenity value and prominence on the skyline along with functional criteria such as the screening value, shelter provision and wildlife significance. The usual definitions are as follows: Low An inconsequential landscape feature. Moderate Of some note within the immediate vicinity, but not significant in the wider context. High Item of high visual importance.
Problems/ Comments	May include general comments about growth characteristic, how it is affected by other trees and any previous surgery work; also, specific problems such as deadwood, pests, diseases, broken limbs, etc.
Work Required (TS)	Identifies the necessary tree work to mitigate anticipated problems and deal with existing problems identified in the “Problems/comments” category.



Work Required (AIA)

Identifies the tree work specifically necessary to allow a proposed development to proceed.

Priority

This gives a priority rating to each tree allowing the client to prioritise necessary tree works identified within the Tree Survey.

1 Urgent – works required immediately;

2 Works required within 6 months;

3 Works required within 1 year;

4 Re-inspect in 12 months,

0 Remedial works as part of implementation of planning consent.



BS 5837:2012 Terms and Definitions

Access Facilitation Pruning	One-off tree pruning operation, the nature and effects of which are without significant adverse impact on tree physiology or amenity value, which is directly necessary to provide access for operations on site.
Arboricultural Method Statement	Methodology for the implementation of any aspect of development that is within the root protection area, or has the potential to result in loss of or damage to a tree to be retained.
Arboriculturist	Person who has, through relevant education, training and experience, gained expertise in the field of trees in relation to construction.
Competent Person	Person who has training and experience relevant to the matter being addressed and an understanding of the requirements of the particular task being approached. <i>NOTE - a competent person is expected to be able to advise on the best means by which the recommendations of this British Standard may be implemented.</i>
Construction	Site-based operations with the potential to affect existing trees.
Construction Exclusion Zone	Area based on the root protection area from which access is prohibited for the duration of a project.
Root Protection Area (RPA)	Layout design tool indicating the minimum area around a tree deemed to contain sufficient roots and rooting volume to maintain the tree's viability, and where the protection of the roots and soil structure is treated as a priority.
Service	Any above or below ground structure or apparatus required for utility provision. NOTE - examples include drainage, gas supplies, ground source heat pumps, CCTV and satellite communications.
Stem	Principal above ground structural component(s) of a tree that supports its branches.
Structure	Manufactured object, such as a building, carriageway, path, wall, service run, and built or excavated earthwork.
Tree Protection Plan	Scale drawing, informed by descriptive text where necessary, based upon the finalized proposals, showing trees for retention and illustrating the tree and landscape protection measures.
Veteran Tree	Tree that, by recognized criteria, shows features of biological, cultural or aesthetic value that are characteristic of, but not exclusive to, individuals surviving beyond the typical age range for the species concerned. NOTE - these characteristics might typically include a large girth, signs of crown retrenchment and hollowing of the stem.



Appendix F

Tree Preservation Order Enquiry/Response

Anne Heathfield

From: David Pizzey <David.Pizzey@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 August 2021 14:36
To: Anne Heathfield
Subject: RE: 8989 - Eye - Monks Hall Treehouse

Hello Anne

There are no TPOs or conservation area status at this location.

Kind regards

David Pizzey

Arboricultural Officer

Tel: 01449 724555

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From: Anne Heathfield <AnneH@treesurveys.co.uk>
Sent: 05 August 2021 12:27
To: David Pizzey <David.Pizzey@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: 8989 - Eye - Monks Hall Treehouse

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Good Afternoon David

Monks Hall Treehouse, Syleham Road, Eye, Suffolk, IP21 4LN.

I am struggling a little with your website and wondered if you could please tell me if the above mentioned site is covered by TPO or is situation within a Conservation Area?

I have attached a site map for your use.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

Anne Heathfield

Administrator

(Please note my working days are Thursday & Friday)



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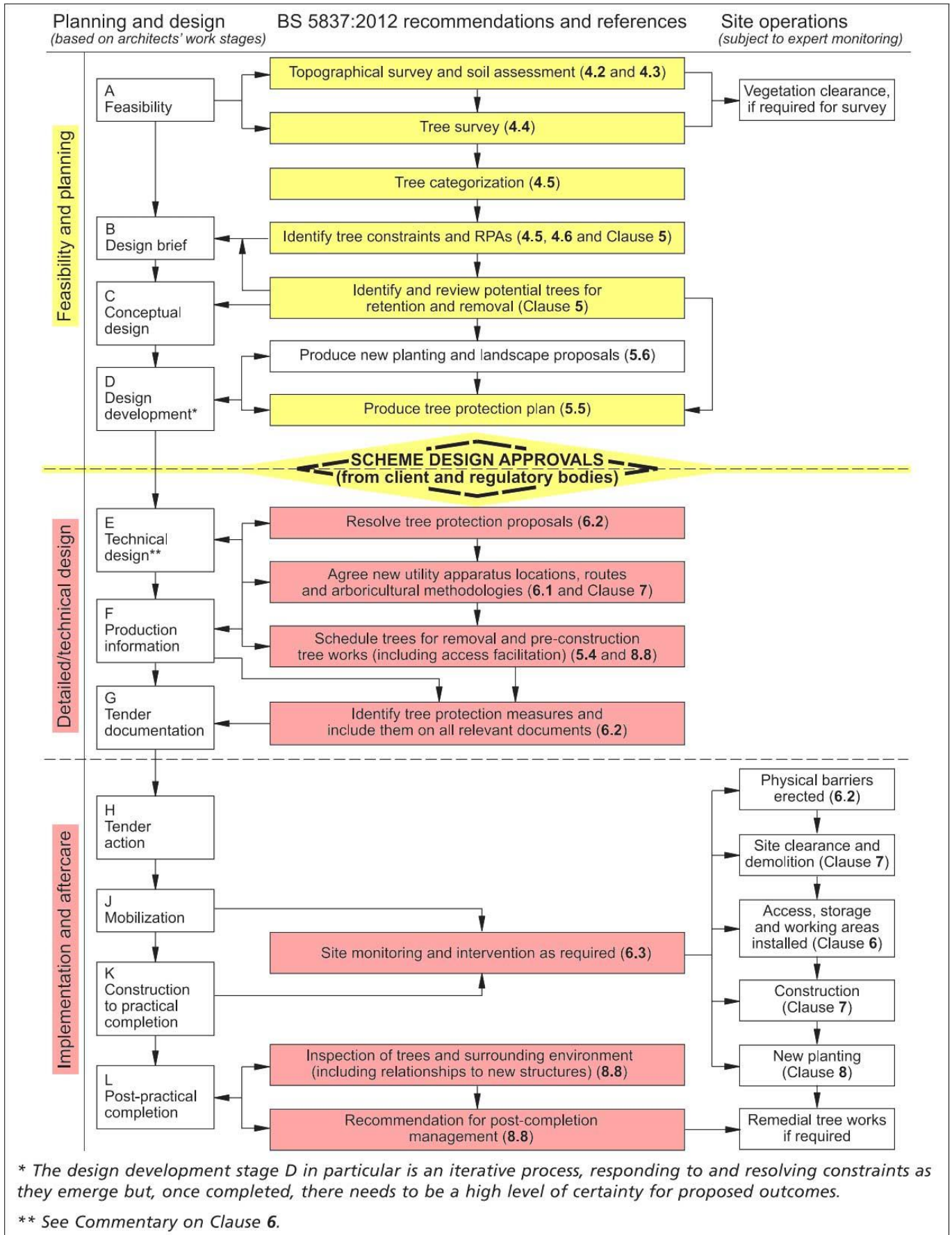
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Appendix G

Advisory Information & Sample Specifications

1. BS 5837:2012 Figure 1 - Flow Chart – Design and Construction & Tree Care

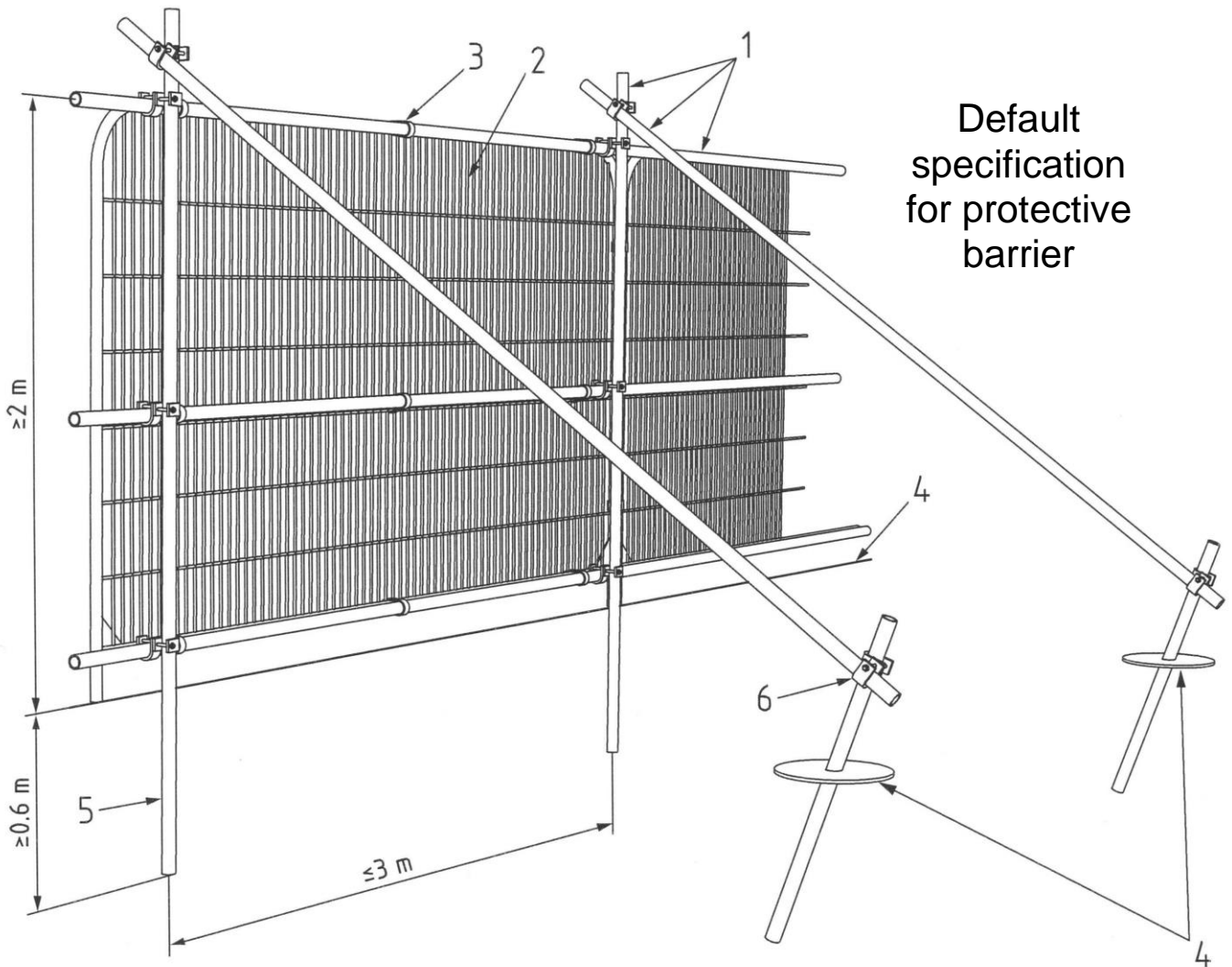


2.

European Protected Species and woodland operations. (V4)
Complete all sections of the Checklist

Checklist		Details												
1	<p>Are you within, or close to, the known mapped range of any of the protected species OTHER THAN BATS which are potentially everywhere? Tick any that apply. See distribution maps in the Good Practice Guidance for each species -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dormice <input type="checkbox"/> Otters <input type="checkbox"/> Great crested newts <input type="checkbox"/> Sand lizards <input type="checkbox"/> Smooth snakes 	<p>Name of Wood:</p> <hr/> <p>Grid Reference:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 20px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> </tr> </table> <p>Area: (ha)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 20px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> </tr> </table> <p>Date of Assessment:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; height: 20px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> </tr> </table> <p>Name of Assessor:</p> <hr/>												
2	<p>Does your wood contain any of the following habitats? Tick any that apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Old trees with holes and crevices which might be used bats <input type="checkbox"/> Species rich scrub/coppice, early growth stage plantations and forest interfaces <input type="checkbox"/> Rivers on which otters might be found <input type="checkbox"/> Ponds which might be occupied by great crested newts <input type="checkbox"/> Open areas on heathy soils 	<p>YES</p> <p>NO</p>												
3	<p>Have any of the protected species been recorded in this wood or on adjoining sites? Tick any that apply. Indicate which sources of information you have checked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> National Biodiversity Network (www.nbn.org.uk) <input type="checkbox"/> Local Biological Records Centre <input type="checkbox"/> Local Wildlife Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other <p>Specify Other:</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>NO</p>												
4	<p>Have your inspections or any expert surveys found any of the following signs or evidence? Tick any that apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Signs (e.g. otter spraint, nuts gnawed by dormice, leaves folded by newts) <input type="checkbox"/> Sightings (or echo-location) <input type="checkbox"/> Potential breeding or roosting sites (e.g. veteran trees, old trees with crevices, riverside hollow trees, ponds, timber stacks, large fallen deadwood) <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmed breeding or roosting sites (i.e. evidence of sites actually being used) <p>Details:</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>NO</p>												
CHECK POINT	<p>If you have answered NO to ALL of the above then only bats need to be considered in your operations.</p> <p>If you have answered YES to any of the above then the species concerned must be considered as well as bats.</p>													
5	<p>Do the operations comply with Good Practice for bats and any other species found (or likely to be found in your wood) or can the operations be modified to do so? <i>Details: Use reverse of form to expand as required.</i></p>	<p>YES</p> <p>NO</p>												
6	<p><u>Whether or not a licence is required...</u> Has the information been communicated to operators (including the location of breeding sites and sensitive areas)? Tick any that apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Included in documentation (e.g. contract, letter of instruction, site assessment or other management plan) <input type="checkbox"/> Shown to operators and/or their supervisor <input type="checkbox"/> Marked with paint or hazard tape <input type="checkbox"/> Shown on the site plan <p>Other means:</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>NO</p>												
7	<p>Have arrangements for supervision been made to ensure Good Practice guidance is complied with during the operations? <i>Details:</i></p>	<p>YES</p> <p>NO</p>												
		Notes												
		<p>A licence is not required but continue to sections 6 and 7 below</p> <p>You will need to obtain a licence BEFORE carrying out the work (see EPS Licence Application Forms and Notes)</p>												
		<p>You may commit an offence if you do not tell your operators about the protected species in your wood.</p>												
		<p>You may commit an offence if you do not take steps to ensure that your operators comply with the Good Practice guidance.</p>												

3. BS 5837:2012 Figure 2: Default specification for protective barrier

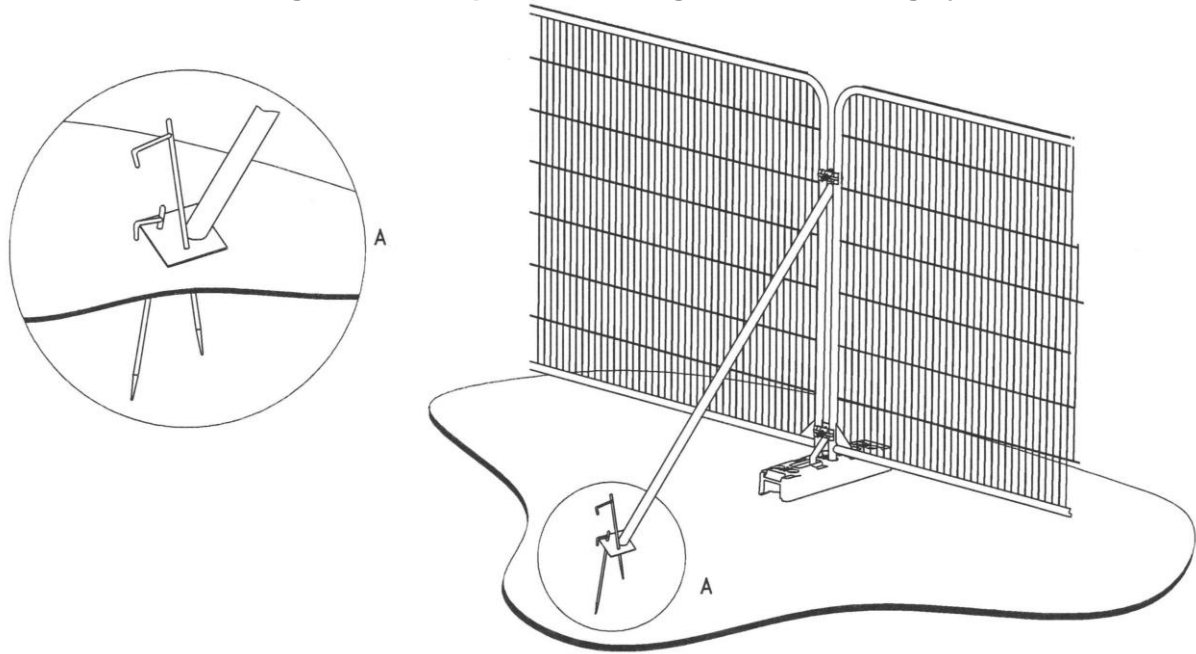


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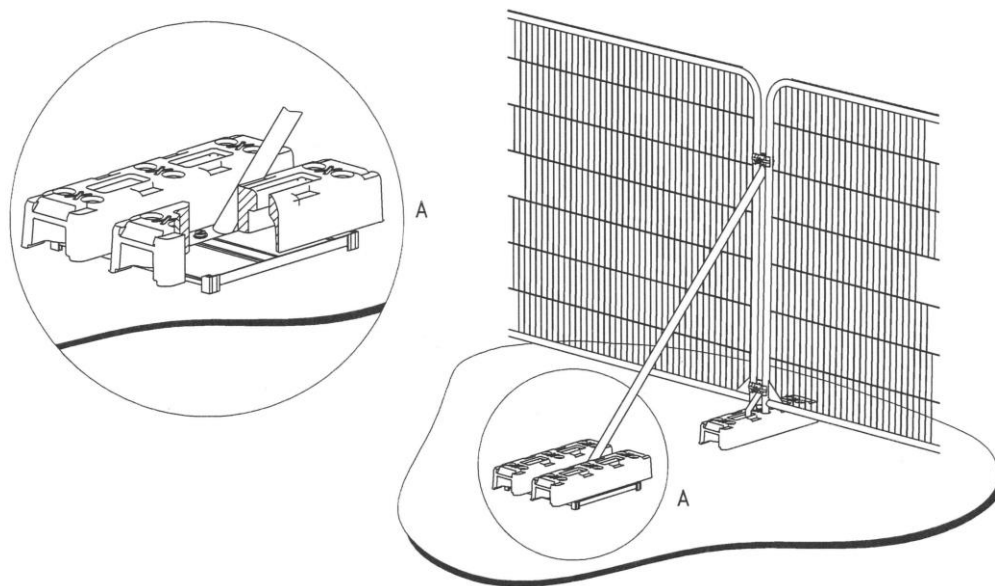
Key

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

4. BS 5837:2012 Figure 3: Examples of above-ground stabilizing systems



a) Stabilizer strut with base plate secured with ground pins



b) Stabilizer strut mounted on block tray

Appendix H

Hayden's Drawing

- Arboricultural Impact Assessments ●
- Arboricultural Method Statements ●
- Tree Constraints Plans ●
- Arboricultural Feasibility Studies ●
- Shade Analysis ●
- Picus Tomography ●
- Arboricultural Consultancy for Local Planning Authority ●
- Quantified Tree Risk Assessment ●
- Health & Safety Audits for Tree Stocks ●
- Tree Stock Survey and Management ●
- Mortgage and Insurance Reports ●
- Subsidence Reports ●
- Woodland Management Plans ●
- Project Management ●
- Ecological Surveys ●



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