

Appendix D: Arboricultural Method Statement

1. Timing of Works

The phasing of works should be carried out in accordance with Table 1, below.

Table 1: Timing of Works

Stage	Works
1	Site induction
2	Carry out tree removal works
3	Install tree protection fencing
4	Inspection by arboricultural consultant
5	Carry out demolition / excavation / construction works, including removal of hard standing surfaces
6	Remove tree protection when works completed

2. Site Induction

- 2.1. Prior to works commencing, all contractors should be briefed on trees within the site and their root protection areas (RPA's) during a site induction. This method statement and a copy of the Tree Protection Plan (see Appendix C) should be issued to all contractors working on the site.

3. Tree Works

- 3.1. G1 and G2 will require removal prior to construction works commencing.
- 3.2. All work should be undertaken to the standards set out in BS3998: 2010 – Tree Works: Recommendations.
- 3.3. No works should be carried out on protected trees without consent from the local authority.

4. Tree Protection Fencing

- 4.1. Prior to machinery entering the site, it will be necessary to ensure that all trees on the site are adequately protected. A tree protection plan can be viewed in Appendix C Tree Protection Plan.
- 4.2. Tree protection fencing should consist of a vertical scaffold framework, well braced to resist impacts. The vertical poles should be spaced at a maximum interval of 3m and driven securely into the ground. Onto this framework, welded mesh panels should be fixed (see figure 4.1, below). Laminated waterproof A3 signs should be fixed securely to fencing panels on each enclosure at 9m intervals. The signs should clearly read: 'Protected Tree Zone, no storage or operations within fenced off areas'.
- 4.3. No materials that are likely to have an adverse effect on tree health, such as oil, bitumen or cement should be stored within the protective fencing. Where possible this area should be extended to 10m away from the fencing. Where there is a risk of polluted water runoff into RPAs, heavy duty plastic sheeting and sandbags must be used to contain any spillages and prevent contamination. No fires should be lit within 20 metres of the protective fencing.
- 4.4. After the tree protection fencing has been installed, an arboricultural consultant should visit the site to confirm that the tree protection measures are satisfactory.
- 4.5. If any breach in the tree protection measures occurs, it is the site manager's responsibility to report this to an arboricultural consultant so the appropriate measures may be taken.
- 4.6. Once the construction works have been completed, the tree protection fencing may be removed. This should be done with care to ensure that no damage to trees is caused.

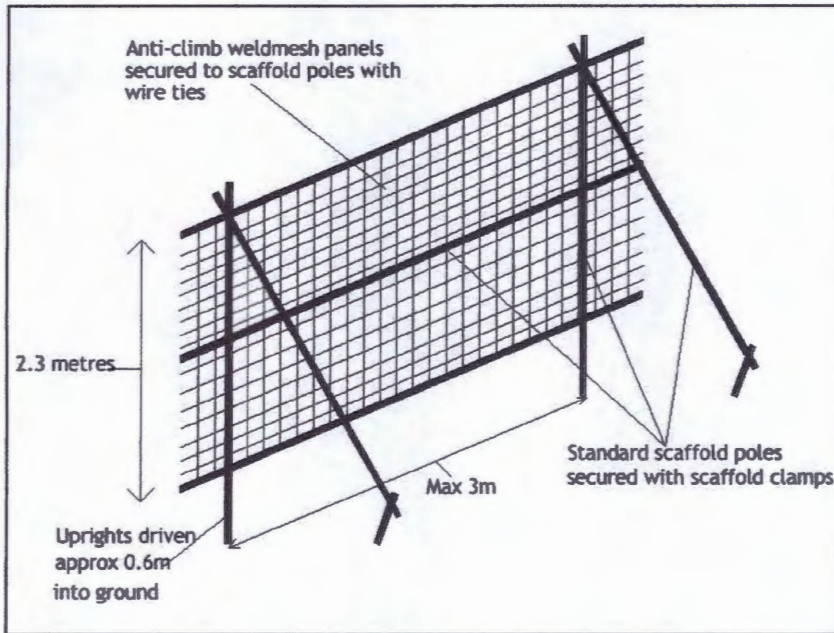


Figure 1: Temporary Protective Fencing