

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

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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 new access into site from Straight Road and develop to new residential dwelling and car garages with associated infrastructure. As a result, five individual trees, one group of trees, one area of trees and three hedges were inspected. The arboricultural related implications of the proposal are as follows:

- It is necessary to fell two individual trees and three landscape features in order to achieve the proposed layout. Additionally, two trees require minor surgery to permit construction space or access.
- The alignment of the proposed buildings does not encroach within the Root Protection Areas of any trees that are to be retained. In view of this, and as assessed in accordance with BS5837:2012, no specialist foundation designs or construction techniques will be required to prevent damage to tree roots. Specialist foundations may still be required for other reasons, including mitigating the influencing distance of tree roots, subject to expert advice from a structural engineer.
- The alignment of hard surfaces encroach within the Root Protection Areas of two trees that are to be retained but given the use of modern "no dig" construction techniques and linear root pruning this is not considered to be a substantial issue.
- The construction process will require the installation of a temporary load bearing road or for the main new access to be installed at the first stage of the development.
- 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)
  - Civil Engineer ("no dig" surfacing, item 4.4.2)
- 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.



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, "no dig" surfacing, access facilitation pruning specification, 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 James Bailey Planning Ltd to prepare a Tree Survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Preliminary Arboricultural Method Statement and Preliminary Tree Protection Plan for the existing trees at 2 School House, Straight Road, Battisford, Stowmarket, IP14 2HR.
- 1.1.2 The site survey was carried out on 15/09/2023. 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.

#### 1.3 **Documentation**

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

- Email of instruction by Radmila Borkovic dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023
- 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 2 School House, Straight Road, Battisford, Stowmarket, IP14 2HR.

#### 2.2 Soils

- 2.2.1 The soils type commonly associated with this site are slowly permeable and seasonally wet, slightly acid but base-rich loams and clays. They are of moderate fertility and mainly support seasonally wet pastures and woodlands type habitats. This soil type constitutes approximately 19.9% 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 Tree Preservation Order(s)

The local planning authority Mid Suffolk District Council have deemed it appropriate to provide statutory protection to trees on and/or neighbouring this site through the serving of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), Ref no TPO 445/T2. The effect of this on the owners, managers or any persons wishing to undertake work on preserved trees is to require them to obtain written permission from Mid Suffolk District Council prior to actioning any surgery or felling etc. The purpose of this process is to try to ensure that the works are appropriate, proportionate, and in keeping with the long-term aims of the TPO (as expressed in the original TPO statement) but, given that trees are living organisms, and the locality within which they are set is liable to change, it is often the case that local planning authority decisions relating to TPO applications require regular review to reflect the current situation rather than the historical perspective of the original date of protection.

There are certain circumstances where written permission from the local planning authority may not be necessary before undertaking works. These include;

- Making a tree safe if it is an imminent threat to people or property.
- Removing dead wood, or a dead tree.

Owners, managers or any persons wishing to undertake work as an exemption to the written permission process **are required** to provide the local planning authority with 5 days' notice prior to attending to a tree which they deem as being dead or dangerous; unless such works are required in an emergency. It is the tree owner's responsibility to provide proof that the tree was indeed dead or dangerous should this exception be challenged; hence, it is advisable always to request an inspection by the Local Planning Authority prior to carrying out such operations. Furthermore, and even in the event of an emergency situation, there is still a duty to notify the local planning authority that work has been completed including supplying an explanation of the necessity. Failure to comply with the requirements of TPO legislation can lead to a maximum fine of up to £20,000 per tree in the Magistrates Court. Fines in the Crown Court are unlimited.

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NB: If **detailed planning permission** is granted and as part of the relevant approval, works (felling or surgery) to trees protected by a TPO are agreed as acceptable by the local planning authority, no **additional** written permission to proceed will be required provided that (i) the planning permission remains live, (ii) the works are in strict accordance with the specification of the extant planning permission, and (iii) the works are being completed solely to implement the detailed planning permission.

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 five individual trees, one group of trees, one area of trees and three hedges have been identified. These have been numbered T001 T005, G001, A001 and H001 H003 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. 10498-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.
  - Recorded within this tree survey are the approximate locations of dead trees of low risk to persons or property. These are denoted on drawing no. 10498-D-AIA with a red symbol, as per the drawing key. As there is little health and safety concern with regards to these identified trees, it is to the landowners discretion whether they are removed or left in situ (i.e., for wildlife/habitat purposes).
- 3.5 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.



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#### 4.0 Arboricultural Impact Assessment

#### 4.1 The Proposal

4.1.1 The proposal is to construct a new access into site from Straight Road and develop to new residential dwelling and car garages with associated infrastructure within the curtilage of the site.

#### 4.2 Access

4.2.1 The current site access is via a small timber bridge to the western aspect from Straight Road. Given the construction of this feature it is not deemed suitable to facilitate the requirements for the development of the site. It will therefore be necessary to construct the proposed main access point at the first stage of the development. This should be undertaken immediately after the completion of the required tree surgery and the installation of the tree protection measures to cover the rooting material of the trees being retained. Alternately a temporary load bearing road could be installed with the adequate tree protection measures still being installed to protect the trees and their rooting environment as shown on drawing no.10498-D-AIA.

#### 4.3 **Demolition**

4.3.1 Although a small amount of demolition is required, this takes place well beyond the influencing area of the retained trees.

#### 4.4 Construction

- 4.4.1 Construction of foundations or structural supports do not encroach within the Root Protection Area (RPA) of any trees to be retained. Therefore from an arboricultural perspective, no specialised construction or foundation techniques will be required to protect tree roots. However, dependent on the soil type, species and topography, trees may have an influence on the soil beyond their calculated RPA. Given the proximity of the proposed construction to the trees to be retained, it is recommended that a Structural Engineer is consulted to assess the implications of the tree retention on the required foundation design.
- 4.4.2 Installation of new hard surfaces encroach within the RPA of the following items to be retained - T002 and T003. Provided that these work with finished levels and required load bearings without cutting into the ground, the surfaces should be attended to by the use of "no dig" construction methods. In the detailed Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection Plan, Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants will supply a sample design of "no dig" surfacing. However, the exact specification (adhering to the principles of the sample design) must be designed by a Civil Engineer who can confirm that the finished levels and load bearings are achievable with this type of design without cutting into the ground. In order to protect the RPA of the affected trees, these areas should be constructed as a first phase of the development – i.e. immediately after the necessary tree surgery has been completed and protective fencing erected. It is recognised that the final top dressing of the hard surfaces could be added at the completion of the project, however during the construction phase the permeable surface must be sealed and protected to prevent contamination and compaction. Whatever method of sealing and protection is used, this must be removed at the completion of construction to allow for moisture penetration and gaseous exchange.

Alternatively, the protective fencing could be re-sited to the edge of the RPA of these trees and the "no dig" construction completed as a final phase of development. In addition, it is considered appropriate to undertake linear root pruning to T003 as part of the access facilitation pruning (AFP) works. This operation will obviate the need for "no dig" construction methods in this situation.

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 After the completion of demolition and prior to the commencement of construction and immediately after the completion of the necessary tree surgery, 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, 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	Description of Works Required.	BS
No.		Category*
T002	Undertake a crown raise to 2.4m to allow for adequate space under the canopy of the tree for development works on the northern aspect. An overall crown raise has been shown on drawing no 10498-D-AIA to ensure the tree remains well balanced.	Α
T003	Undertake a crown raise to 2.4m to allow for adequate space under the canopy of the tree for development works on the northern and eastern aspect. An overall crown raise has been shown on drawing no 10498-D-AIA to ensure the tree remains well balanced. Undertake linear root pruning to facilitate the construction of the new access and hard surfacing.	A

#### 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*
A001	Conflicts with proposed location of residential building, garage, hard surfacing and garden area.	С	Low
G001	Conflicts with proposed hard surfacing.	С	Low
H002	Conflicts with location of proposed footpath.	U	Low
T004	Conflicts with proposed new access.	С	Low
T005	Conflicts with proposed location of residential building, garage, hard surfacing and garden area.	В	Moderate

<sup>\*</sup> 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. 10498-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. 10498-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 F-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 James Bailey Planning Ltd 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, "no dig" surfacing, access facilitation pruning specification, 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:

October 2023...

For and on Behalf of Hayden's Arboricultural Consultants Limited

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### **Appendix A - Species List & Tree Problems**

#### **Species List:**

Cherry Prunus sp

Cotoneaster Sp
English Oak Quercus robur

Hawthorn Crataegus monogyna

Hazel Corylus avellana
Plum Prunus domestica

Walnut Juglans regia

#### **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:							



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Name: Hedera helix	(Ivy)
Symptoms/damage	Ivy may grow to varying degrees on all areas of a tree from the
type and cause:	base to the upper crown. It is possible that in doing so it will
	out-compete the host tree for available light thereby
	suppressing the host.
Consequence:	This is generally only harmful to the tree on already unhealthy
	specimens which may be constricted by large ivy stems around
	the trunk or may have their top growth suppressed by a mass
	of flowering shoots in the crown. Ivy can also mask potentially
	dangerous faults on a tree.
Control:	Ivy should only be removed if absolutely necessary because it
	provides abundant cover to wildlife and then by severing twice
	close to the ground and removing a length of stem thereby
	causing the gradual dying away of the aerial parts of the plant
	providing extended benefit to wildlife whist relieving the
	pressure on the tree.
Species affected:	Most trees can be affected.
Images:	



### Appendix B

Schedule of Trees

#### **SCHEDULE OF TREES (AIA)**

2 School House, Straight Road, Battisford, Stowmarket

Surveyed By: Matthew Plane-Da'Silva Date: 15/09/2023 Managed By: Matthew Plane-Da'Silva

**Problems / Comments** BS Work Required (TS) Priority Work Required (AIA) **Priority** TreeNo Species DBH Height Visual Crown Spread Cat (AIA) (TS) Crown Lowest Min Dist **Water Demand** Aae Base Branch **Ground Cover** RPA (m²) Aspect Aspect On site SULE Hazel, Plum 6 A001 90 Low N1.5, E1.5, S1.5, The area is largely inaccessible as it C2 No work required. Fell landscape feature. 0 W1.5 has been left unmanaged which has Υ resulted in a dense understorey 0 Moderate 1.08 which includes smaller specimens Yes 3.7 10+ years Dense undergrowth and nettles. Low value and little N4, E4, S4, W4 G001 Hazel 90 5 Low Group of unmanaged coppiced C2 No work required. Fell landscape feature 0 Hazel I ow value and little merit 1.08 1.5 Υ Low Yes 3.7 20+ years Light undergrowth Moderate N0.5, E0.5, S0.5, Small well manage hedgerow. H001 Hawthorn 60 1.5 C2 No work required. 4 W0.5 0.72 0 SM High Yes 1.6 20+ years Dense undergrowth Hawthorn 80 1.8 N0.5, E0.5, S0.5, Small section of an unmanage poor U No work required. Fell landscape feature 0 H002 Low W0.5 hedgerow which is covered in Ivy. 0.96 0 SM High 2.9 <10 years Light undergrowth Yes 1.5 N0.5. E0.5. S0.5. The hedgerow appears to be under C2 No work required. H003 Cotoneaster Spp 40 Low 4 W0.5 the ownership of the neighbouring 0.48 0 Υ Moderate property. No 0.7 10+ years Dense undergrowth 15 A1 No work required. T001 English Oak 680 High N7. E8. S7. W7 The tree is located on neighbouring land therefore dimensions have been estimated. The tree is situated 3 8.16 Hiah in a hedgerow and the lower main No 209.2 40+ years Dense undergrowth stem is cover in Ivy. Overall the tree appears to be in a good physiological condition however a full detailed inspection was not possible due the tree being out of the ownership of the client. There is some major deadwood in the main crown over the highway.

reeNo	Species	DBH	Не	ight	Visual	Crown Spread	Problems / Comments	BS Work Required (TS)	Priority	Work Required (AIA)	Priority	
		Min Dist	Crown Base	Lowest Branch	Age	Water Demand	Cat		(TS)		(AIA)	
On site		RPA (m²)				Ground Cover						
T002	English Oak	680		15	High	N7, E6.5, S7, W6	side of the small ditch. No fungal	A1	No work required.	4	Undertake a crown raise to 2.4m to allow for adequate space	0
		8.16	2		М	High	fruiting bodies around the main stem are present. The tree is in a good				under the canopy of the tree for development works on the	
Yes		209.2			40+ years	Light undergrowth	physiological condition with deadwood accumulating in the				northern aspect. An overall crown raise has been shown on	
							crown, this is a typical characteristic of the species therefore not deemed as a significant issue. Overall the tree is displaying a large amount of healthy foliage throughout the canopy. A power cable in touching the main stem at approximately 5 metres on the northern side.				drawing no 10498-D-AIA to ensure the tree remains well balanced.	
T003	English Oak	810		15	High		The main stem originates from the side of the small ditch on the northern side. No fungal, fruiting bodies around the main stem are	A1	No work required.	4	Undertake a crown raise to 2.4m to allow for adequate space	0
Yes		9.72 296.8	1.5		M	High  Dense undergrowth				under the canopy of the tree for development works on the		
							present. The tree is in a good physiological condition with deadwood accumulating in the crown, this is a typical characteristic of the species therefore not deemed as a significant issue. Overall the tree is displaying a large amount of healthy foliage throughout the canopy. A power cable in touching the main stem at approximately 5				northern and eastern aspect. An overall crown raise has been shown on drawing no 10498-D-AIA to ensure the tree remains well balanced. Undertake linear root pruning to facilitate the construction of the new access and hard surfacing.	
T004	Cherry Sp	90		3	Low	N1, E1, S1, W1	metres on the northern side.  Small low value tree which is located in an area of dense vegetation.	C1	No work required.	4	Fell tree	0
		1.08	1.8		Y	Moderate	a area or derioe vegetation.					
Yes		3.7			10+ years	Dense undergrowth	-					
T005	Walnut	450	1	13	Moderate	N7, E7, S6, W5.5	The tree is located in an area of dense mixed species, predominantly	B1	No work required.	4	Fell tree	0
		5.4	1		SM	Moderate	lapsed coppice Hazel. The tree form and condition has been hindered					
Yes		91.6			20+ years	Dense undergrowth	due to the surrounding vegetation however does have the potential to					

### Appendix C

Schedule of Works to Allow Development

#### **SCHEDULE OF WORKS (AIA)**

2 School House, Straight Road, Battisford, Stowmarket

Surveyed By: Matthew Plane-Da'Silva Surveyed: 15/09/2023 Managed By: Matthew Plane-Da'Silva

Tree No.	Species	Work required P	riority
A001	Hazel, Plum	Fell landscape feature.	0
G001	Hazel	Fell landscape feature	0
H002	Hawthorn	Fell landscape feature	0
T002	English Oak	Undertake a crown raise to 2.4m to allow for adequate space under the canopy of the tree for development works on the northern aspect. An overall crown raise has been shown of drawing no 10498-D-AIA to ensure the tree remains well balanced.	
T003	English Oak	Undertake a crown raise to 2.4m to allow for adequate space under the canopy of the tree for development works on the northern and eastern aspect. An overall crown raise has been shown on drawing no 10498-D-AIA to ensure the tree remains well balanced. Undertake linear root pruning to facilitate the construction of the new access and hard surfacing.	e <b>0</b>
T004	Cherry Sp	Fell tree	0
T005	Walnut	Fell tree	0

### Appendix D

**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

Diameter of main stem in millimetres at 1.5 metres from ground level.

(mm)

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:

An inconsequential landscape feature. Low

Moderate Of some note within the immediate vicinity, but not significant

in the wider context

High Item of high visual importance.

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.

Identifies the necessary tree work to mitigate anticipated problems and deal **Work Required** with existing problems identified in the "Problems/comments" category. (TS)

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Problems/ Comments

### 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.



**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. 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.

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

**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.

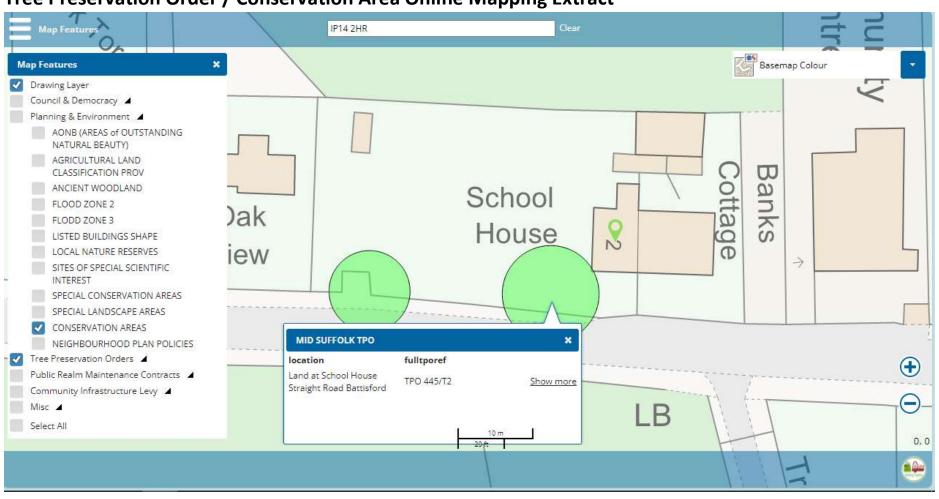
**NOTE** - these characteristics might typically include a large girth, signs of crown retrenchment and hollowing of the stem.



### Appendix E

Tree Preservation Order Response/Enquiry

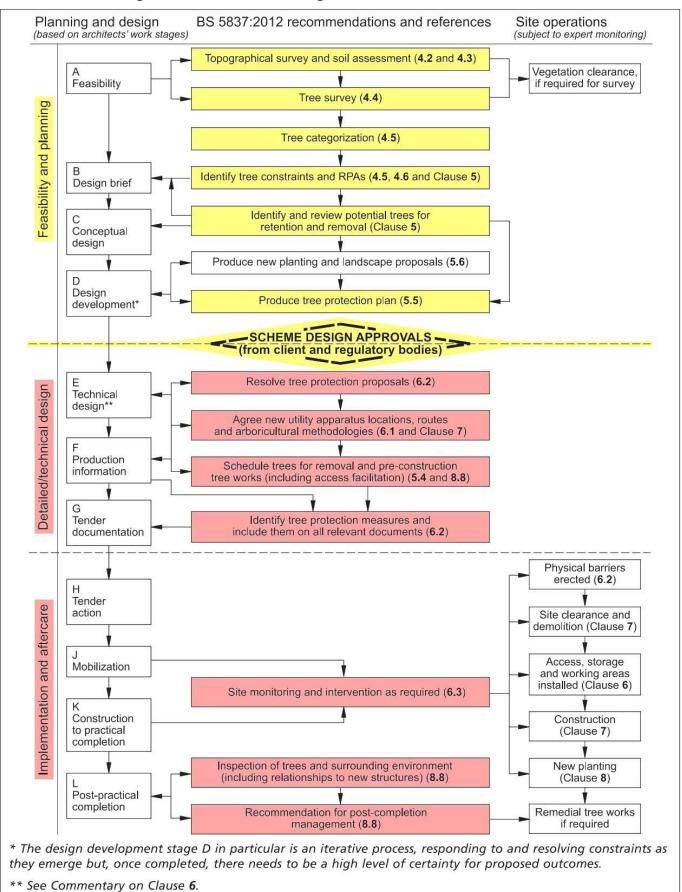
### **Tree Preservation Order / Conservation Area Online Mapping Extract**



### Appendix F

Advisory Information & Sample Specifications

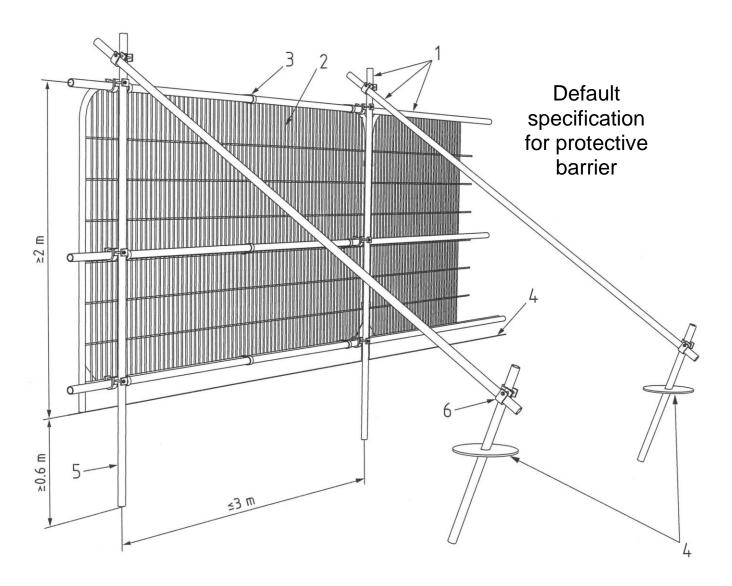
#### 1. BS 5837:2012 Figure 1 - Flow Chart - Design and Construction & Tree Care



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

	Checklist	•	Details
1	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.	YES	Name of Wood:
	See distribution maps in the Good Practice Guidance for each species -  Dormice	NO	
	Otters     Great crested newts		Grid Reference:
	□ Sand lizards □ Smooth snakes		
2	Does your wood contain any of the following habitats? Tick any that apply.	YES	Area: (ha)
Ч	☐ Old trees with holes and crevices which might be used bats☐ Species rich scrub/coppice, early growth stage plantations and forest interfaces☐ Rivers on which otters might be found	NO	
	☐ Ponds which might be occupied by great crested newts ☐ Open areas on heathy soils		Date of Assessment:
3	Have any of the protected species been recorded in this wood or on adjoining sites? Tick any that apply.	YES	
	Indicate which sources of information you have checked:	NO	Name of Assessor:
	□ National Biodiversity Network ( <u>www.nbn.org.uk</u> ) □ Local Biological Records Centre		
	☐ Local Wildlife Trust ☐ Other Specify Other:		
	Have your inspections or any expert surveys found any of the following signs or	YES	
4	evidence? Tick any that apply.	NO)	
	☐ Signs (e.g. otter spraint, nuts gnawed by dormice, leaves folded by newts) ☐ Sightings (or echo-location)		
	□ Potential breeding or roosting sites (e.g. veteran trees, old trees with crevices, riverside hollow trees, ponds, timber stacks, large fallen deadwood)     □ Confirmed breeding or roosting sites (i.e. evidence of sites actually being used)		
	Details:		
		_	
HECK	If you have answered NO to ALL of the above then only bats need to be considered in your operations.		
OINT	If you have answered YES to any of the above then the species concerned		
	must be considered as well as bats.		Notes
5	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?  Details: Use reverse of form to expand as required:	S	licence is not required but continue to ections 6 and 7 below
		C	ou will need to obtain a licence BEFORE arrying out the work (see EPS Licence pplication Forms and Notes)
6	Whether or not a licence is required	YES	
0	Has the information been communicated to operators (including the location of breeding sites and sensitive areas)? Tick any that apply.		ou may commit an offence if you do not
	☐ Included in documentation (e.g. contract, letter of instruction, site assessment or other management plan)		pecies in your wood.
	Shown to operators and/or their supervisor     Marked with paint or hazard tape		
	☐ Shown on the site plan Other means:		
		YES	
7	Have arrangements for supervision been made to ensure Good Practice guidance is complied with during the operations?  Details:	NO Y	ou may commit an offence if you do not
		ta	ke steps to ensure that your operators omply with the Good Practice guidance.

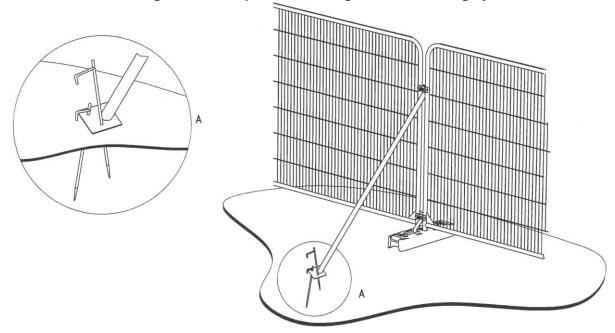
#### 3. BS 5837:2012 Figure 2: Default specification for protective barrier



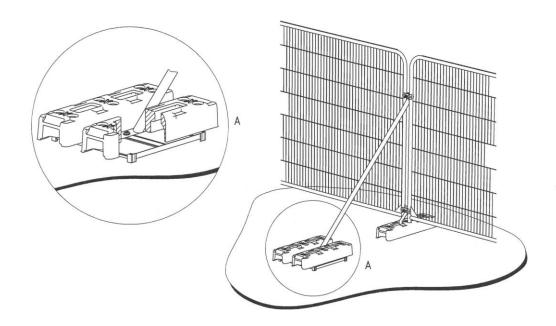
### Key

- 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 G

Haydens 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** •

