

Tree Protection Details

November 2023

SITE

Malthouse Farm
High Street
Lenham
ME17 2QG

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

23/504938/FULL
Erection of single storey side extension.

THE SITE AND LOCATION ASSESSMENT

Lenham High Street is off Ashford Road A20, 10 miles east of Maidstone town centre. The house is a two-storey dwelling, finished in ragstone and brickwork detailing under a tiled roof. Malthouse Farm is detached with a garden that surrounds the property to the northwest side of the High Street, it is screened to the street by a 2m high brick wall. The only tree close to the site of proposed works is an ornamental cherry, this tree is not subject to a TPO, cherry trees tend to have a short lifespan,

RESPONSIBILITIES

- All personnel working on the site are made aware of the tree protection measures covering any activities they will undertake.
- This duty includes delegating the task of briefing personnel in the absence of the site manager.
- The tree protection measures are left in place until the construction phase of the utility room is completed, except with the written consent of the LPA.
- Site personnel are updated of any approved changes or variations to the approved tree protection measures.
- All personnel on the site shall work in accordance with this document at all times, or in accordance with any approved variation.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The following must not be carried out under any circumstances:

- Cutting down, uprooting, damaging or otherwise destroying any retained tree
- Lighting a fire within 10 metres of the canopy of any retained tree.
- Equipment, signage, fencing, tree protection barriers, materials, components, vehicles or structures shall not be attached to or supported by a retained tree.
- Mixing cement, chemical toilets and other use or storage of anything that would be harmful to trees shall not take place within, or close to a Root Protection Area (RPA). The distance away from the RPA must be sufficient, and the slope of the site must be such that contamination of soil in the RPA would not occur if there were spillage, seepage or displacement.
- No alterations or variations shall be made to the approved tree protection measures without written approval from the LPA.

EXCAVATION WITHIN ROOT PROTECTION AREAS

At all times during works within any RPA:

- If any roots are discovered, stop excavating with machinery and dig by hand;
- When hand digging, carefully work around roots, retaining as many as possible;
- Roots over 25mm in diameter shall not be cut without written consent from the LPA.
- Roots which have to be removed shall be pruned with a sharp handsaw or secateurs. Make a clean cut, leaving as small a wound as possible.
- When backfilling excavations, take care around retained roots.
- Don't repeatedly move/use heavy mechanical plant except on hard standing.
- For excavations left open overnight, cover exposed roots with dry sacking. Remember the sacking before backfilling.