

**Arboricultural Implications Assessment
and Method Statement
for
The Six Bells, Church Road, Felsham**

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **Instruction:** I am instructed by Cordage 44 Ltd to report on trees which could be affected by a development proposal at The Six Bells, Church Road, Felsham and prepare an Arboricultural Implications Assessment (AIA) and preliminary Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) to support a planning application on the site.
- 1.2 **Document disclosure:** Initially, I was provided with a topographical survey (drawing reference 'Six Bells, Church Road, Felsham'). This showed the positions of the significant trees on or near the site, together with the existing buildings and any other important site features. Subsequently, I was supplied with a copy of the proposed layout, (drawing reference '22-3395-110_P1') showing a new site configuration.
- 1.3 **Scope of report:** All my tree observations are of a preliminary nature, with the tree survey carried out from ground level without any investigations using invasive or diagnostic equipment. I was not able to fully view all the trees detailed in this report from all directions, as some were located on adjacent private properties. I have therefore confined observations of them to what was visible from within the site. I have not checked the accuracy of the positions of the trees shown on the provided plans and I have estimated all dimensions unless otherwise indicated.
- 1.4 **The Tree Protection Plan:** This is included in Appendix 1 and is a composite drawing derived from the information provided. It shows the existing landscape features (from the land survey) in grey superimposed over the proposed layout shown in colour. This allows the relationship between the two to be clearly seen and an appropriate analysis of the implications of the proposed site changes to be undertaken. The Tree Protection Plan has also been annotated to show protection measures for the trees which could realistically be affected by the proposed development. It shows any activities in Root Protection Areas (RPAs) and if any trees are to be removed, they are shown with a red dashed crown outline.
- 1.5 **Qualifications and experience:** This report is based on my site observations and I have come to my conclusions in the context of my experience as a former local government tree officer and a private practice arboricultural consultant. I have qualifications in both arboriculture and forestry and details of these, together with a career summary are provided in Appendix 6.

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- 1.6 **Ecological issues and statutory tree protection:** Providing guidance on ecological issues is not within my sphere of expertise. However, trees and other vegetation can often provide nesting, roosting and feeding opportunities for protected species. Therefore, before any tree work proceeds on site, I advise that appropriate advice is sought to see whether the trees to be removed are being utilised by any protected species. I understand that the site is located within a Conservation Area. Therefore, any person intending to carry out any operations involving trees (before a formal planning consent is issued) will need to consult the council before any such works are undertaken.
- 1.7 **Relevant background information:** This report is an updated version of an earlier document (ecourban reference '191237 - AIA 4') which has been revised following changes to the proposed site layout and the submission of a new planning application.

2 SITE VISIT, DESCRIPTIONS, OBSERVATIONS AND SURVEY METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 **Site visit and description:** I visited the site on 19 May 2020 to gather my tree data. The Six Bells is located in Church Road, which is situated centrally in the village of Felsham. The site is positioned on the northern side of the road and consists of the main pub building, with car parking to the north and a grassed area beyond. Further to the west of the car parking is an irregular shaped disused and overgrown piece of land. Scattered groups and individual trees are located around the site, with the principle arboricultural features being a group of closely spaced trees located immediately to the north of the existing car parking area and additional trees positioned close to the eastern site boundary.
- 2.2 **Description of proposed development:** This development proposal is to construct two new dwellings on the grassed area of land to the rear of the pub.
- 2.3 **Soil assessment:** British Standard (BS) 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations advocates that a soil assessment should be carried out to inform decisions relating to Root Protection Areas (RPAs), tree protection, new planting and foundation design. I have consulted the British Geological Survey (BGS) website and their Geology of Britain viewer and this advises that the bedrock geology for the site is Crag Group - Sand. I did not undertake any excavations on site to confirm this and a full geotechnical site investigation may need to be undertaken to provide a more in-depth level of information regarding the soil type for the site.
- 2.4 **Tree survey methodology:** My inspection of the trees was visual and did not involve any climbing or exploratory investigations. During my visit, I identified individual trees and groups where this was appropriate and I assigned an identification number to each, as shown on the plan in Appendix 1. I then collected the tree data included in Appendix 2 and placed the vegetation in one of four categories (U, A, B or C), as set out in British Standard (BS) 5837:2012. I have included the BS categorisations in Appendix 5 for easy reference. However, many of the trees were covered in ivy and located in areas of dense understorey planting and this, together with their close proximity to one another meant that clear line of sight was not always achievable. These restrictions placed some limits on the capacity to assess tree condition and also on the use of laser measuring equipment, where clear line of sight is also required. I have therefore relied on an assessment of tree quality based on what was visible from vantage points around the site and provided estimates of tree attributes in such situations. Where of relevance, I also estimated the crown spreads for each tree/group at the appropriate cardinal compass

points and this information is also shown in the tree schedule in Appendix 2. Where it was felt of significance, the stem diameters for each tree are also indicated on the tree protection plan. Although this document is not a full and detailed report on tree health and safety, any significant visible structural defects or physiological conditions identified, together with preliminary tree works, are also noted in the appropriate columns in the tree schedule. However, this report is not a tree condition survey and a full post development tree inspection is recommended to establish that the trees retained pose acceptable levels of risk once the development has been completed.

- 2.5 **BS 5837 tree quality designations:** Because attributing arboricultural values to intimate group mixtures in a tree belt is not particularly helpful in assessing significance, I have categorised trees based mainly on their visual importance using the BS 5837:2012 landscape criteria in such situations. Consequently, those trees which I felt were the more significant components of the central tree belt, or the larger trees in acceptable condition on the eastern site boundary have been assigned to the BS Category B2 accordingly. However, any lower quality trees which I felt had limited safe and useful life expectancies have been graded C1.
- 2.6 **Data interpretation:** The Root Protection Area (RPA) calculations are included in Appendix 2. As set out in paragraphs 4.6.2 and 4.6.3 of the BS, the RPAs may have been adjusted as a matter of arboricultural judgement to indicate the estimated likely position of tree roots. These modified (or unmodified) RPAs dictate the location of the tree protection barriers (which encompass the Construction Exclusion Zones - CEZs) and also determine the position of any ground protection measures. Tree protection details are shown on the plan included in Appendix 1. Where there is a need for incursions into RPAs, an assessment of the implications of these activities is set out in Section 3 (Arboricultural Implications Assessment) of this report. Where appropriate, details of suitable work methodologies to mitigate any impact are set out in Section 5 (Arboricultural Method Statement).
- 2.7 **Revisions to the provided land survey:** During my site visit, I noted that some trees shown on the provided topographical survey were no longer present on site. I have therefore indicated these trees on the plan included in Appendix 1 to better reflect the current situation on the ground.

3 ARBORICULTURAL IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT

3.1 **Introduction to the implications of the development proposal on trees:** BS 5837:2012 sets out in some detail how trees on development sites should be managed. It is usually accepted amongst arboriculturists that Category A (high quality) and Category B (moderate quality) trees are potential constraints on any development proposal, whereas vegetation belonging to Category C (low quality) is considered to be generally less important. Category U trees/hedges are in such poor condition that they are considered unsuitable for retention. This is because they cannot realistically be retained as living entities in respect of the current land use for longer than 10 years. Therefore, these can be effectively discounted in the context of a planning application. On this site a total of ten individual trees and groups were recorded during the tree survey and were assigned to the BS 5837:2012 categories, as set out in Table 1 below:

Category A and B trees	A total of FIVE trees and groups (G2, T3, T5, T6 and G7) were rated mainly Category B
Category C trees	A total of FIVE trees and groups (T1, G4, T8, G9 and G10) were rated Category C
Category U trees	No trees, groups or hedges were rated Category U

Table 1: Tree numbers and BS categories

No Category A trees were recorded during my survey and I have focussed on the implications of the development proposal mainly on the Category B trees on or near the site and also on the Category C trees present. Of the total of ten trees and groups surveyed, part of one group is scheduled to be removed to facilitate this development proposal. Additionally, three trees/groups will have activities arising from the development occurring within their RPAs. I have summarised the development related implications on trees in Table 2 below and set these issues out in more detail in the following paragraphs.

Trees to be removed for development		Activities in RPAs arising from the development proposal	
Category A and B	Category C	Category A and B	Category C
n/a	G7 (part of group)	T3 (New bin/cycle store), T6 and G7 (low invasive surfacing, in RPAs)	n/a

Table 2: Trees lost and activities in RPAs arising from the development proposal

3.2 Direct implications of the development proposal - Tree retention and tree loss

3.2.1 **BS Category B trees to be retained (trees of moderate quality):** All the Category B trees surveyed will be retained and protected in accordance with the guidance set out in BS 5837:2012. Consequently, no high or moderate category trees will need to be removed to facilitate this development proposal.

3.2.2 **BS Category C trees to be removed (or those of low quality):** As discussed, trees belonging to Category C are not normally retained where they would impose a significant constraint on the development or redevelopment of a site. In this instance, ONE Category C group (see Table 2) is scheduled to be partially removed to facilitate the development proposal. I set out my view on the implications of the loss of these trees, as follows:

- **Group G7:** The trees to be removed from amongst this group are either small in size, overshadowed by adjacent trees, declining, or are in a poor structural condition. Consequently, I feel that these particular individuals have limited potential of reaching full maturity as useful trees. Their position within the group and the retention of larger and better quality trees to the east and west of their positions suggests that their removal is likely to have limited implications in the locality.

3.3 Additional implications arising from the development proposal

3.3.1 **BS Category B trees and activities in RPAs:** Tree T3, T6 and trees in group G7 will have activities arising from the development occurring within their RPAs. My comments on these issues are as follows:

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- **New surfacing provision:** A new access drive and car parking are indicated within the RPAs of tree T6 and trees in group G7. After careful consideration and discussions within the design team, it has been agreed that the sub base for this within tree RPAs will be a cellular confinement system. This will reduce the need for significant excavation and excessive disturbance within the RPAs of the nearby retained trees. The use of cellular confinement systems is supported in BS 5837:2012, together with bespoke suspended engineered solutions (paragraph 7.4.2.7). The surfacing would need to be installed before any clearance or construction activities occur on site and would act as ground protection throughout the construction phase. Consequently, the protective barrier positions shown on the plan included in Appendix 1 are set back from the full BS protection distances to allow space for this to be installed. I have set out some guidance in section 5.2.2 of this report detailing how this work should proceed in order to reduce the risk of implications for these trees. Provided the work proceeds in accordance with this methodology, then I feel that the risk of implications for the retained trees is likely to be low.

 - **Installation of new cycle/bin store:** A new cycle/bin store is indicated just within the RPA of tree T3. In my experience, these types of structures do not require significant foundations and can sit upon cellular confinement system/simple concrete bases cast/placed at natural ground level. Consequently, I do not envisage any significant tree implications arising from the positioning of this new cycle/bin store.

3.4 **Additional site tree issues**

- 3.4.1 **Tree protection during development:** A preliminary Arboricultural Method Statement is included in Section 5 and it details the various issues associated with successful tree protection in a development context on this site. If deemed appropriate by the council, this can be specifically referred to in a suitably worded planning condition attached to any subsequently issued planning consent.

4 SUMMARY OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT ON TREES

- 4.1 **Summary:** Of the total of ten trees and groups surveyed, part of one group is scheduled to be removed to facilitate this development proposal. Additionally, three trees/groups will have activities arising from the development occurring within their RPAs. The trees to be removed have been graded low quality and their loss is unlikely to have any significant implications in the locality. The installation of new surfacing has been carefully considered to help minimise the risk of impact on trees and full details regarding these issues and tree protection are included in this report. Provided the tree protection measures set out in this report are realised and care is taken during the sensitive works within tree RPAs, then the proposal is acceptable from an arboricultural perspective and the risk of implications for retained trees is likely to be low.

5 PRELIMINARY ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

5.1 Tree protection issues

5.1.1 **Tree Protection Plan (TPP):** The plan in Appendix 1 is illustrative, but is based on the layout drawings and topographical survey provided. Therefore, all scaled measurements should be checked against the original design documents. The attached plan and all other information in this report should only be used for dealing with the tree protection issues and all other uses are prohibited, unless authorised by ecourban Ltd. All the existing trees will have been numbered, with any higher categories (A and B) highlighted in green and blue rectangles and any low categories (C and U) highlighted in grey and red respectively. The plan also shows the locations of the proposed protective measures, including areas where special care may be required. Additionally, any trees to be removed are indicated with a red dashed crown outline. The TPP is an important document and a copy of it should be kept on site for reference whilst the development is under construction.

5.1.2 **Protective barriers:** The approximate location of the barriers is illustrated on the plan in Appendix 1 and information on barrier design based on BS 5837:2012 guidance is included in Appendix 3. The protective barriers will be erected before any materials or machinery are brought onto the site and before any clearance or construction activities occur. With the exception of the barrier positions around tree T₃ (see below), once the protective barriers have been positioned, these will stay in situ for the duration of the construction phase, unless previously agreed with the project arboricultural consultant or council's tree officer. There will be no access into the protected areas and the storage of excavated debris and building materials will be prohibited, unless authorised by the arboricultural consultant, after discussion with the council's tree officer. No fires or fuel storage will be allowed within (or near to) protected areas under any circumstances.

5.1.3 **Temporary repositioning of barriers:** With regard to tree T₃, the barriers around this tree encompass an area where a new bin/cycle store is indicated. The barriers in this location will be redeployed to the edge of the construction zone to allow this activity to commence and then returned to the positions indicated on the TPP once the work has been completed. However, the movement of the barriers will only occur immediately prior to the commencement of these tree sensitive works, so as to reduce the risk of any incidental construction related damage occurring to trees scheduled for retention.

5.2 Arboriculturally sensitive operations

5.2.1 **Activities in Root Protection Areas (RPAs):** Work in RPAs must be undertaken with care, as set out in the following text. Site personnel will be properly briefed before any activities start and all sensitive work will be inspected regularly during the course of operations.

5.2.2 **Installation of new surfacing:** Tree T6 and trees in group G7 may be affected by the installation of a new access drive and car parking. I have shown the minimum extent of 'low invasive' type surfacing required to successfully retain these trees on the plan included in Appendix 1 and the extent of this is based on their BS derived RPAs. The use of a cellular confinement system is suggested in BS 5837:2012 as one appropriate way to achieve hard surfacing over tree roots and the following guidance is based on this principle. However, before implementation the following specifications and guidance will need to be reviewed by an engineering specialist, to ensure that the final construction is appropriate from an engineering viewpoint and suitable for the purpose intended.

- **Installation:** The cellular system will act as ground protection for the parts of the RPAs that are outside the protective barriers and so will need to be installed before any other construction activity occurs on site. An installation video for a proprietary cellular confinement system is available to view at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vIzHJ_LFho. Generally, any required changes in topography will be accomplished by the use of fill materials rather than cutting into the existing site levels, which could have a significant impact on tree health. Suitable fill materials include uncompacted crushed stone or sharp sand. In this instance, the removal of the top layer of vegetation to a depth of 50mm (to provide a flat surface for the installation of the cellular sub base) is unlikely to encounter or damage any tree roots. Any additional excavation will need to be assessed by the project arboriculturist, in consultation with the council's tree officer. However, in the event that roots may need to be cut, those smaller than 25mm diameter may be pruned back, preferably to a side junction, using a cutting tool such as bypass secateurs or handsaws. Roots larger than 25mm should only be severed following consultation with an arboriculturist, as they may be essential to the tree's health and stability.

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- **Sub base and final wearing courses:** Once a level surface has been formed, the cellular system will be installed on top of the existing soil, with no compaction of its structure. The cell infill material will be crushed aggregate (typically 20-40mm, clean angular stone), with no fines, as per the manufacturer's specification. A temporary wearing course of tarmac and/or aggregate, separated by a geotextile membrane is likely to be the most appropriate way of providing a suitable ground protection/working surface during the clearance and construction phase of the project. At the final stages of the construction, the temporary wearing course will be removed and the final surfacing layer will be installed. Suitable final wearing courses include resin bound gravel, paving slabs, washed gravel or block pavements set on a sand base, although other surfacing may be appropriate after consultation with an arboriculturist.
 - **Edge retention:** The use of non-invasive ground contact structures (including proprietary edging products, gabions, wooden boards or railway sleepers) is suggested in BS 5837:2012 as effective edge supports in RPAs, to be secured by metal rods, track or road pins or wooden pegs. This, or a similar approach (negating the need for excessive ground disturbance within RPAs) will be used to minimise any adverse risk of impact on trees.
 - **Illustrative specifications:** Final drawings will be prepared by the project engineer. These will be based on the illustrative manufacturers specifications for special surfacing included in Appendix 4, or an alternative 'low invasive' construction technique. These definitive plans can be secured by way of a suitably worded planning condition and approved by the council before any construction activity occurs on site.

5.3 Additional tree-related issues

- 5.3.1 **Site supervision:** Site personnel will be properly briefed regarding the tree protection issues before any work starts, and the tree protection will be inspected periodically to ensure the retained trees are protected in accordance with this report and any council imposed conditions.
- 5.3.2 **Installation of new services or upgrading of existing provision:** Where practicable, all new services will be outside the protected areas indicated on the plan in Appendix 1, but where existing services within RPAs require upgrading or new provision is needed, great care will be taken to minimise any disturbance. Trenchless installation will be the preferred option, but if this is not feasible, any excavation will be carried out by hand in accordance with the guidelines

set out in NJUG Volume 4 - Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Apparatus in Proximity to Trees.

- 5-3.3 **Material storage areas and site compounds:** All construction material storage areas, cement silos or cement mixing areas, fuel storage points and compounds for machinery etc. will be outside protected areas, unless otherwise agreed with the council.
- 5-3.4 **Contractors car parking, site offices and welfare facilities:** Whilst it is possible to have site offices and welfare facilities within RPAs, care is needed in their positioning and also in the connection of water, electricity and drainage to service them. Therefore, these will generally be sited outside the tree RPAs, unless agreed previously with the council. Contractor's car parking facilities will also be located away from retained trees.
- 5-3.5 **Tree works:** Any tree pruning or tree removal operations are set out in the tree schedule included in Appendix 2. Additionally, those trees scheduled for removal are also shown on the Tree Protection Plan included in Appendix 1.
- 5-3.6 **Planning, communication and preliminary timing of events:** It is not unusual for the details of timing of operations that could impact on important trees to only be finalised once planning consent has been given. Site managers, clearance and construction teams, and other important personnel are normally only appointed at this stage and it is these people who will be crucial in delivering the tree protection detailed in this report. My experience is that the pre commencement site meeting is critical in terms of avoiding damage to trees and this particular aspect, along with tree protection issues can be specifically referenced in a suitably worded planning condition imposed by the council. In the intervening time, I propose the following preliminary cascading timetable of events to help minimise risk of impact on important trees. However, the following schedule may be modified at the pre-commencement meeting, subject to discussion with all parties and agreement with the council:
1. Pre-commencement site meeting
 2. Extent of any arboricultural supervision agreed
 3. Tree works undertaken
 4. Protective barriers erected before any clearance or construction activities occur on site and notification to the council that this is in place
 5. Ground protection installed before any clearance or construction activities occur on site and notification to the council that this is in place

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6. Installation of new surfacing– Where this is to also act as ground protection, this must be installed before any clearance or construction activities occur on site
 7. Tree protection only removed at the end of the construction phase when there is no longer any risk to trees

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1 A1 plan



Indicative North



This drawing was originally produced in colour, therefore any subsequent monochrome photocopies may not show appropriate levels of detail and should not be relied upon for the purposes of dealing with site tree issues

T1 SPECIES XX DBH
BS Category B (trees of moderate quality): Tree identification numbering, species and diameter at breast height in cm (estimated diameters indicated with *, average or largest tree in group indicated accordingly).

T1 SPECIES XX DBH
BS Category C (trees of low quality): Tree identification numbering, species and diameter at breast height in cm (estimated diameters indicated with *, average or largest tree in group indicated accordingly).

Tree protection barriers
 Minimum extent of 'Low Invasive' type surfacing outside of barriers

Trees to be removed

Root Protection Areas (RPAs): Preliminary below ground tree constraints for retained Cat B trees based on BS 5837 guidance.

Trees shown on land survey but no longer present

Appendix 2: Tree Schedule and Inventory

Background fill colour represents BS 5837:2012 categories: A Category trees have green backgrounds, B Category trees have light blue backgrounds, C Category trees have grey backgrounds and U Category trees have red backgrounds.

Tree No.	Species	Ht (m)	Single stem dia. at 1.5m (cm)	Est Dia *	STEM DIAMETERS (MULTIPLE)								Branch spread (m)	Height above ground (m)	Age class	Notes	Management proposals	BS cat	RPA area (m ²)	RPA radius (m)				
					Multi stemmed trees with 1 - 5 stems (cm)					Multi stemmed trees with 1 - 5 stems combined (cm)	Multi stemmed trees >5 stems										N	E	S	W
					1	2	3	4	5		Mean stem dia. (cm)	No. of stems												
All Trees																			Crown lift to 4m over site where required for construction access.					
T1	Horse chestnut	7	11	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	Y	Offsite small tree, no direct access to survey.		C1	5	1.3		
G2	Sycamore	14	-	* Largest	38	40	-	-	-	55	-	-	6	-	5	6	4	MA/M	Prominent boundary trees. Closely spaced and self sown. Stems covered in ivy., limited access to survey.		B2	138	6.6	
T3	Sycamore	17	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	6	4	M	Prominent boundary tree. Self sown, stem covered in ivy. Limited access to survey.		B2	254	9.0	
G4	Sycamore and horse chestnut	13	38	* Largest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	4	3	MA/M	Severely pruned tree surrounded by self sown trees influenced by proximity to one another. Outer branch extremities close to overhead service.		C1	65	4.6	

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					1	2	3	4	5		Mean stem dia. (cm)	No. of stems												
T5	Swedish birch	10	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	3	Y/MA	Offsite boundary tree, no direct access to survey.		B2	15	2.2	
T6	Sycamore	13	54	* at 1m	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	5	4	M	Boundary tree. Overhead service through canopy. Multi stemmed at 1.5m. Poor structural arrangement and lower stem deformity. Marginal Cat B tree.		B2	132	6.5	
G7	Mixed species including lime, horse chestnut, sycamore, Norway spruce, hazel, ash and oak	Grp. ht 16	-	* Lgst	38	54	60	-	-	-	-	-	See plan				4	MA/M	Intimate grouping of mixed species and varying age trees. Lower quality trees with limited PSULE within group graded Cat C.	Fell trees as shown on plan.	B2/C1	360	10.7	
T8	Cherry	9	22	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4	4	3	Y/MA	Small fruit tree. Stem covered in ivy. Close proximity to buildings.		C1	22	2.6	
G9	Mainly sycamore with some ash	13	14	* Avg.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3		3	Y	Linear grouping of closely spaced self sown trees. Limited access to survey. Proximity to overhead service.		C1	9	1.7	

Appendix 2: Tree Schedule and Inventory

Tree No.	Species	Ht (m)	Single stem dia. at 1.5m (cm)	Est Dia *	STEM DIAMETERS (MULTIPLE)								Branch spread (m)	Height above ground (m)	Age class	Notes	Management proposals	BS cat	RPA area (m ²)	RPA radius (m)				
					Multi stemmed trees with 1 - 5 stems (cm)					Multi stemmed trees with 1 - 5 stems combined (cm)	Multi stemmed trees >5 stems										N	E	S	W
					1	2	3	4	5		Mean stem dia. (cm)	No. of stems												
G10	Sycamore	6	7	* Avg.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	n/a	Y	Regrowth from cut stumps. Close to building. Limited access ti survey.	Recut to ground level and maintain on a 5-year cyclical cutting basis.	C1	2	0.8	

Abbreviations:

Abbreviations	Meaning	Abbreviations	Meaning	Abbreviations	Meaning
T	<i>Individual tree</i>	M	<i>Mature</i>	RPA	<i>Root Protection Area</i>
G	<i>Groups of trees</i>	MA	<i>Maturing</i>	<	<i>Less than</i>
H	<i>Hedge</i>	Y	<i>Young</i>	>	<i>More than</i>

Appendix 2: Tree Schedule and Inventory

Tree Schedule Notes:

Tree number	Assigned during the site visit and also referenced on the plan in Appendix 1.
Species	Common name and referenced to scientific name in the above list. Where I have some doubt over the actual tree species, the genus will have been noted followed by sp. Where trees are numerous and present in groups, not every individual species may have been noted.
Height	Measurement of total tree height using a laser hypsometer to nearest metre or where clear line of site is not possible then an estimate based on interpolation of heights of nearby measured trees.
Stem diameters	Measurement of stem diameter either at 1.5m above ground (or in accordance with BS guidance where trees have multiple stems) with a forester's girth measuring tape. Diameters followed by asterisk symbol indicate estimated diameters because of access difficulties, presence of ivy or other obstructions. Where trees are present in a group, the tree with the largest stem diameter within the group will have been measured/estimated.
Est. Dia.	Estimated diameters due to access restrictions are indicated with an asterisk
Branch spread	Where appropriate and where ground conditions allow, an estimate of the crown spread at each of the cardinal compass points. Where only part of the site is affected by trees, measurement may be in one or two directions only
Existing height above ground level	Distance in metres to first significant branch or canopy or a height above which crown lifting operations would not be appropriate
Age class	Simplistic estimate of tree age in one of FOUR categories (young, maturing, mature or over mature).
Notes	Although this document is not intended to be a full and detailed report on tree health and safety, any significant structural defects or physiological conditions have been identified where these were visible. Where no entries are recorded, this indicates no observable issues were identified. Where there is restricted access to the base of a tree, its attributes are assessed from the nearest point of access. Climbing inspections are not carried out during a walkover tree survey and, if heavy ivy is present, tree condition is assessed from what can be seen from the ground.

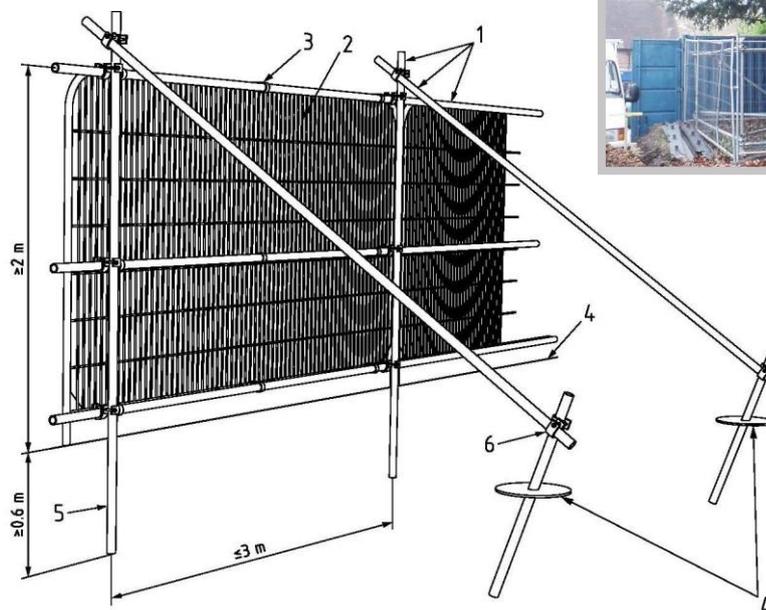
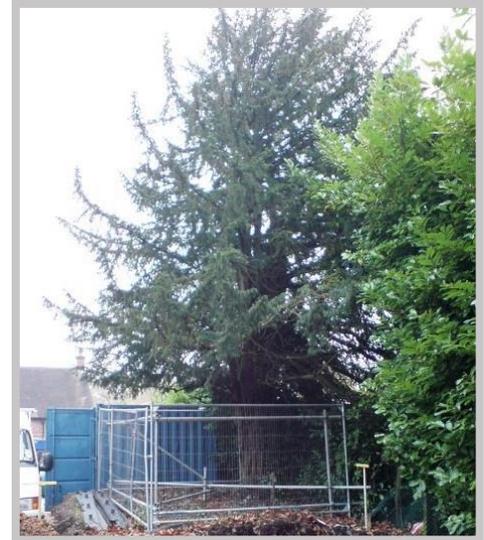
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Management proposals	<i>The inspection of all trees was of a preliminary nature and only defects visible from the ground have been identified. Each individual tree may not have been inspected closely because of access difficulties and only defects visible from the inspection point have been identified. Monitoring may be indicated where tree risk can be adequately managed by increased frequency of site inspections. Further investigation may be indicated where additional data may be required beyond a purely visual assessment. However, a full post development tree inspection is recommended to establish that the trees retained during construction pose acceptable levels of risk once the development has been completed.</i>
BS 5837:2012 Category	<i>Either U, A, B or C based on the BS 5837:2012 guidance.</i>
RPA and RPA radius	<i>RPA and RPA radius calculations have been undertaken in accordance with the guidance set out in BS 5837:2012.</i>

Tree Inventory:

Common Tree Names	Scientific Tree Names		Common Tree Names	Scientific Tree Names
Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>		Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>
Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>		Swedish birch	<i>Betula pendula</i> 'Dalecarlica'
Horse chestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>		Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>
Norway spruce	<i>Picea abies</i>			

Appendix 3: Illustrative Specification for Tree Protection Barriers



- Key**
- 1 Standard scaffold poles
 - 2 Heavy gauge 2 m tall galvanized 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 0.6 m)
 - 6 Standard scaffold clamps

Illustration taken from British Standard 5837 (2012): Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations.

The default specification should consist of a vertical and horizontal scaffold framework, well braced to resist impacts. The vertical tubes should be spaced at a maximum interval of 3 m and driven securely into the ground. Onto this framework, welded mesh panels should be securely fixed.

– BS 5837:2012

<p>Ref: Tree Protection Barriers (Type 1)</p>	<p>Drawing No. TPB1</p>
<p>Scale: N/A</p>	

Appendix 4: Illustrative Specification for 'Low Invasive' Type Surfacing

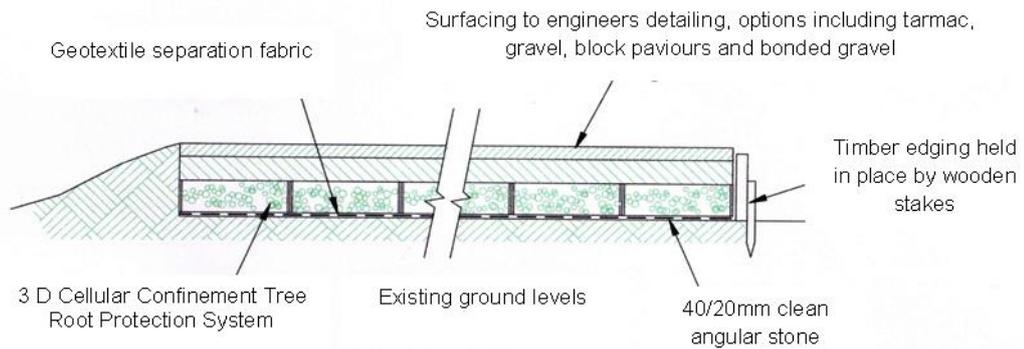


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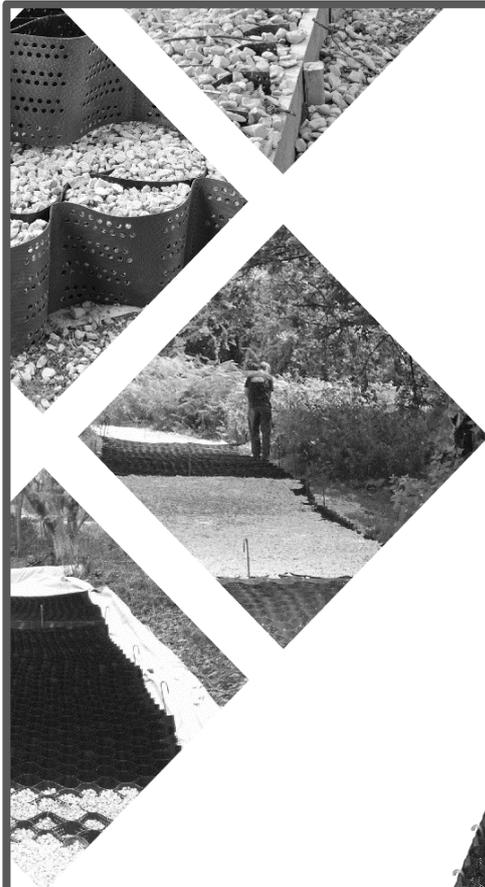
Appropriate sub-base options for new hard surfacing include three-dimensional cellular confinement systems. Alternatively, piles, pads or elevated beams can be used to support surfaces to bridge over the RPA or, following exploratory investigations to determine location, to provide support within the RPA while allowing the retention of roots greater than 25 mm in diameter.

- BS 5837:2012

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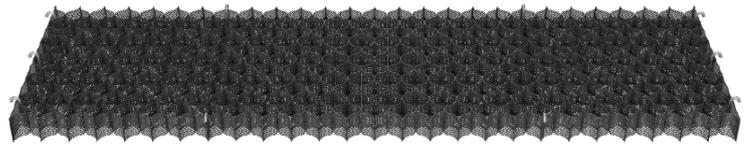
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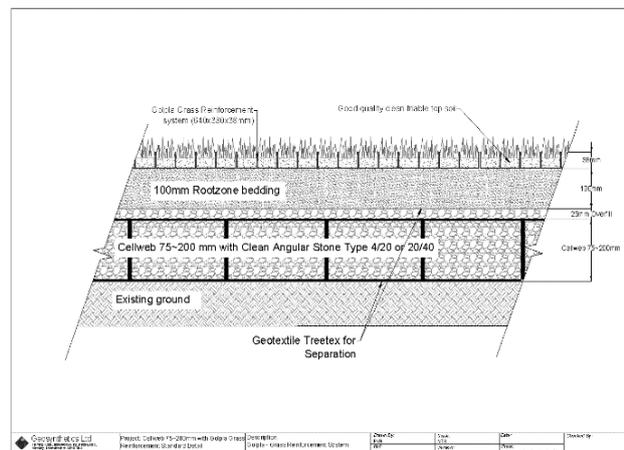
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Appendix 5: BS 5837:2012 – Assessment Categories

TREES FOR REMOVAL				
Category and definition	Criteria			Identification on plan
<p><u>Category U</u></p> <p>Those in such a condition that they cannot realistically be retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees that have a serious, irremediable, structural defect, such that their early loss is expected due to collapse, including those that will become unviable after removal of other category U trees (e.g. where, for whatever reason, the loss of companion shelter cannot be mitigated by pruning) • Trees that are dead or are showing signs of significant, immediate, and irreversible overall decline • Trees infected with pathogens of significance to the health and/or safety of other trees nearby, or very low quality trees suppressing adjacent trees of better quality <p><i>NOTE Category U trees can have existing or potential conservation value which it might be desirable to preserve.</i></p>			RED
TREES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR RETENTION				
Category and definition	Criteria — Subcategories			Identification on plan
	1 Mainly arboricultural qualities	2 Mainly landscape qualities	3 Mainly cultural values, including conservation	
<p><u>Category A</u></p> <p>Trees of high quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years</p>	Trees that are particularly good examples of their species, especially if rare or unusual; or those that are essential components of groups or formal or semi-formal arboricultural features (e.g. the dominant and/or principal trees within an avenue)	Trees, groups or woodlands of particular visual importance as arboricultural and/or landscape features	Trees, groups or woodlands of significant conservation, historical, commemorative or other value (e.g. veteran trees or wood-pasture)	GREEN
<p><u>Category B</u></p> <p>Trees of moderate quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years</p>	Trees that might be included in category A, but are downgraded because of impaired condition (e.g. presence of significant though remediable defects, including unsympathetic past management and storm damage), such that they are unlikely to be suitable for retention for beyond 40 years; or trees lacking the special quality necessary to merit the category A designation)	Trees present in numbers, usually growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals; or trees occurring as collectives but situated so as to make little visual contribution to the wider locality	Trees with material conservation or other cultural value	BLUE
<p><u>Category C</u></p> <p>Trees of low quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150 mm</p>	Unremarkable trees of very limited merit or such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories	Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on them significantly greater collective landscape value; and/or trees offering low or only temporary/transient landscape benefits	Trees with no material conservation or other cultural value	GREY

Appendix 6: Qualifications and Experience of Barrie Draper

- 1** **Qualifications:** I have a BSc degree (with Honours) in Arboriculture from the University of Central Lancashire. I also hold a BTEC Higher National Diploma (HND) in Forestry (Lowland Management), the Arboricultural Association's Technician's Certificate in Arboriculture (Tech Cert), the Royal Forestry Society's Certificate in Arboriculture (Cert Arb) and the National Examinations Board Certificate in Forestry.

- 2** **Career experience:** I began my arboricultural career in 1993 as an arborist with Portsmouth City Council. During my time with the council I worked for both the direct labour organisation and for a private contractor where I obtained valuable hands on experience in all aspects of arboriculture. From 1999 to 2002 I was employed as Senior Arborist by Parchment Housing Group, a housing association based near Portsmouth. I managed the Groups' tree stock on their behalf, carrying out tree inspections and practical management operations. I have also worked in local government, spending time with Thurrock Borough Council in Essex where I was the Tree and Landscape Officer, and with Winchester City Council, where I was Arboricultural Officer for a period of 2 years. During my time working in local government I was responsible for making Tree Preservation Orders, administering applications to work on protected trees and advising on planning applications when trees were considered material constraints on development. Working within a planning environment allowed me to gain valuable experience in the management of trees in development situations and an understanding of the planning process and how it relates to trees. From January 2005 I worked for Barrell Tree Consultancy Ltd advising clients on a wide range of tree related issues. I left the company in September 2008 and set up ecourban ltd.

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