



## **ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT**

Project:	Demolition of Existing and Construction of Replacement Dwelling at Breckey Ley, Nowton, Bury St Edmunds, IP29 5LT
Client:	Owners of Breckey Ley Park
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## Issue and Revision Record

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**This arboricultural method statement is to be read in conjunction with the associated tree protection:**

**Appendix A – Tree Protection Plan – Breckey Ley – Rev. 1 – 18/01/2022**

- 1. Appointment of project arboriculturist.** Prior to commencing works on site, a project arboriculturist will be appointed by the client. The appointment of the project arboriculturist is to accord with that defined in British Standard BS5837:2012 – Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations, as a person who has, through relevant education, training and experience, gained expertise in the field of trees in relation to construction.
- 2. Tree works.** Prior to erection of tree protection fencing, the tree works detailed in the table below are to be carried out to facilitate the development:

<b>Tree no.</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Specification</b>
3016	Yew	Fell to ground level and grind out the stump
3017	Walnut	Fell to ground level and grind out the stump
3061	Holly	Fell to ground level and grind out the stump
TG 3010	Western red cedar	Fell to ground level and grind out the stumps
N/a	Sections of hedges highlighted on tree protection plan	Fell to ground level and grind out the stumps

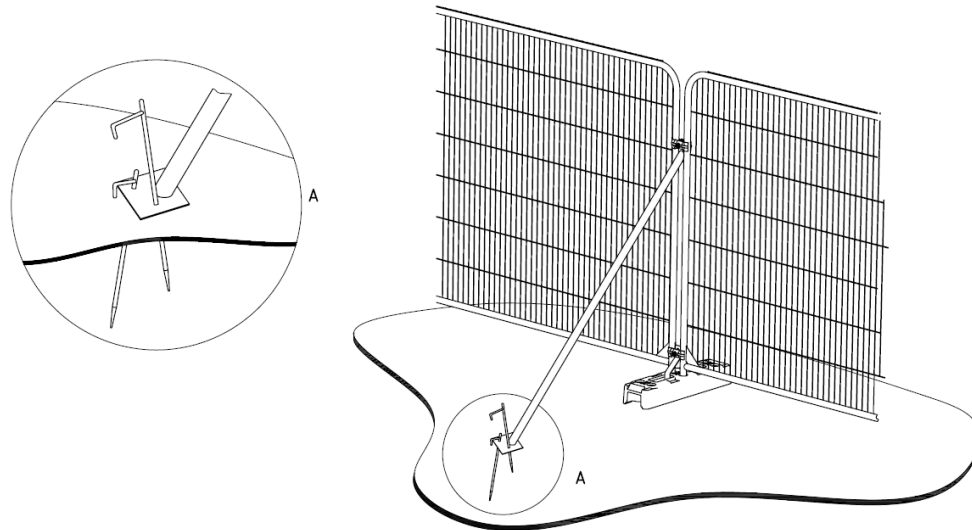
All tree works are to be carried out in accordance with good practice guidance as set out in the British Standard 3998:2010 – Tree work – Recommendations.

*In the interval between the production of the tree protection plan and the issuing of this method statement, the land owner has carried out the tree works detailed below. The work to these trees has not affected the validity of the tree protection plan:*

<b>Tree no.</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Works undertaken</b>
3018	Holly	Felled
3023	Holly	Pollarded
TG3009	Yew x3, holly x2, sycamore x1	Two of the yew have been pollarded

- 3. Tree protection fencing.** Prior to any construction works commencing on site, tree protection fencing is to be installed as per that shown on the tree protection plan. With respect to positioning of the fencing in proximity of tree no. 3025, protective fencing is to be positioned along the edge of the existing driveway, within the root protection area of this tree, as shown on the tree protection plan. Tree protection fencing to be as per that shown below (Heras type fencing, braced and pinned to make it immovable). Construction activities are not to commence until the project arboriculturist has inspected the protective fencing and is satisfied it is in accordance with that detailed above and on the tree protection plan. During the construction phase, tree protection fencing will be checked by the project arboriculturist at two weekly intervals to ensure it accords with the tree protection plan. If during the construction phase it becomes

necessary to alter the configuration of the tree protection fencing, any alteration is to be agreed with the project arboriculturist prior to its implementation. Tree protection fencing is to remain in place throughout the construction phase and will not be removed until all construction activities have been completed.



a) Stabilizer strut with base plate secured with ground pins

4. **Access and egress for construction vehicles.** Construction vehicles will access the site via the existing driveway/track from Nowton Road. Contractors' vehicles will be parked on site clear of the root protection areas of retained trees.
5. **Storage of construction and waste materials.** Construction and waste materials are not to be stored within the root protection area of any retained trees.
6. **Demolition works.** The demolition of the swimming pool and associated building will require work to be carried out within the notional root protection areas of tree groups TG 3026, TG3027 and TG3028. This work is to be carried out under the supervision of the project arboriculturist. To allow access, the tree protection fencing in proximity of the swimming pool is to be removed whilst the demolition work is carried out and is to be replaced on the line as shown on the tree protection plan on completion of this work. Back filling of the swimming pool to consist of sub soil and topsoil to match the existing soil profile.
7. **Installation of underground services.** Installation of mains electricity, telecoms, mains water and foul sewerage are to be routed through the root protection areas of retained trees as shown on the tree protection plan. Where possible, these services will be installed using trenchless excavation such as directional drilling, this being launched and retrieved from pits positioned clear of the root protection areas of retained trees. If it is necessary to install any services within the root protection areas of retained trees using open trenches, these will be excavated using a combination of hand digging and pneumatic excavation (Air Spade or similar) under the direct supervision of the project arboriculturist. Any significant roots (roots occurring in clumps or individual roots over 25mm diameter) encountered during excavations will be retained undamaged and will be wrapped in damp hessian cloth to prevent their desiccation whilst the excavation is open. Care will be taken to ensure that any

trenches within root protection areas of retained trees are open for as little time as possible to minimise the likelihood of desiccation/damage to significant roots. In exceptional circumstances, it may be necessary to sever a significant root. This will only be carried out with the agreement of the project arboriculturist.

8. **Use of cement products.** The mixing of cement or concrete is not to be carried out within the root protection areas of any retained trees. Excess cement or concrete surplus to construction requirements is not to be dumped within the root protection areas of any retained trees. Washings from mixing of cement or concrete are not to be allowed to run into the root protection areas of any retained trees.
9. **Construction of new hard surfaces within root protection area of tree no. 3009.** Prior to the construction of the new hard surfacing within the northern part of the tree protection area of tree 3009, contractors undertaking this work to be briefed by the project arboriculturist with regards potential to cause root damage to this tree. Work to be carried out during the final part of the construction phase, immediately prior to completion of construction activities on site.