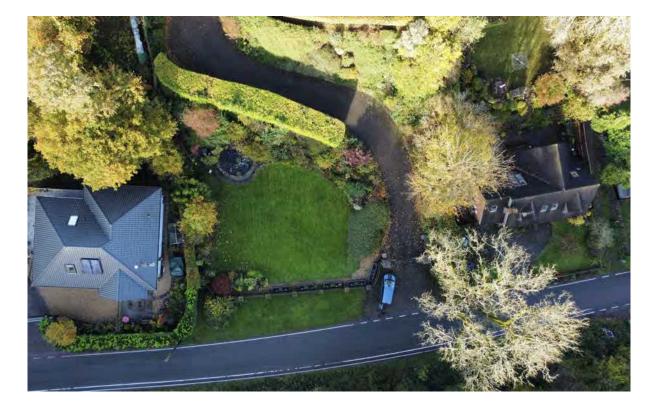




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Summary:

This is a BS5837 compliant arboricultural assessment report providing detailed and sufficient information for the Local Planning Authority to be able to consider the effect of the proposed development on local character and am enity from a tree perspective.

Our brief has been to obtain details of the tree population on site with a view to assessing any arboricultural constraints.

This report was commissioned in relation to the proposed development at 104 Medstead Road, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AF.

The report details all trees over 75mm at 1.5m above ground level that are relevant to the siting of the proposed development. The position of the trees on the site is illustrated on the tree constraints plan and information about the tree stock and its current condition is given within the arboricultural data tables.

It will assist the planning process by discussing the impact that the proposals will have on the existing tree stock.

An Arboricultural Im pact Assessment is included at Section 4 which details the constraints placed on the proposed development from the rooting area of the trees below ground and above ground by virtue of their size and position.

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Validation Statement for the Local Planning Authority.

This report includes the following for LPA validation purposes:

- A tree survey and tree constraints plan showing the existing trees, their category rating and above and below ground constraints shown on an OS extract OR a topographical survey
- An **arboricultural im pact assessment** which describes how the development will affect local character from a tree perspective
- An **arboricultural method statement** describing tree protection measures and im plementation strategy
- An **appendices** highlighting tree related information including the **arboricultural data tables**

Customer Action Points.

Consider updating proposals to remove or relocate new hard surface area to east of drive



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Tree Survey & Arboricultural Im pact Assessment to BS 5837 2012 of trees at:

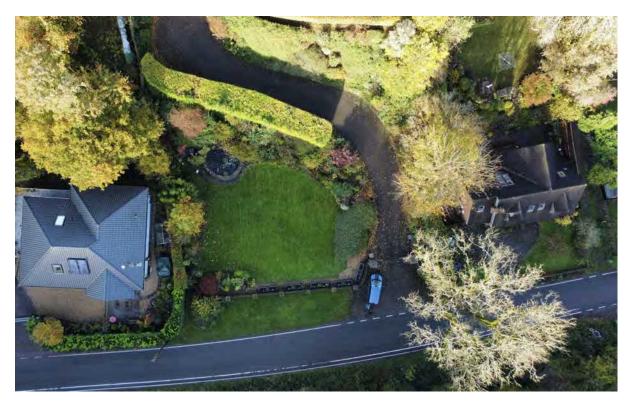
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1 Scope

- 1.1 We have recently been in structed to undertake an appraisal of mature tree coverat104 Medstead Road, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AF.
- 12 Thedatawascollected to the British Standard BS5837'Treesin Relation to Design, Dem olition and Construction -Recommendations'2012.
- 13 Thesurveyhasbeen com missioned toofferguidanceon thearboricultural constraints with a view to the future developm entof thesite.
- 14 Thetreeswereinspected on the9th Novem ber2023following theguidance in theBritish Standard byROAVR.Thecrownsand stem swereinspected from theground using the'VisualTreeAssessm ent(VTA)'m ethod;non invasivetechniqueswereused atthisstage.Although asounding ham mer wasused todeterm inethepresenceofanydecay.
- 15 Thesitewasassessed and datawascollected on allwoodyvegetation falling within thescopeoftheBritish Standard.Treesweregrouped ordesignated woodlandsaspertheallowancein theBritish Standard when theareain question wasuniform in term sofspecies,ageorgeography.



Photographic Plates.



Photographic plate showing a NADIR shot of the proposed build area. (ROAVR, 2023)



Photographic plate showing T10 and T11 on the eastern boundary line. (ROAVR, 2023)





Photographic plate looking to the north of the site. (ROAVR, 2023)



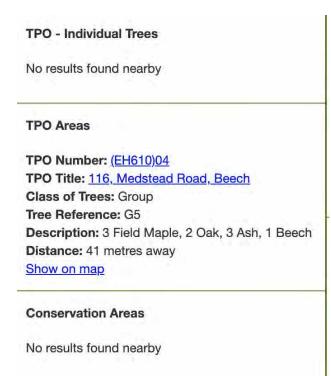
Photographic plate showing T11in the centre of the shot. (ROAVR, 2023)



2. Site Conditions & Site Surroundings

- 2.1 The site is situated in Beech in the East Ham psh ire Council control area. The site is located on the west side of the town and has a rural feel.
- 2.2 The site is a plot of land to the south of 104, with associated hard and soft landscape.
- 2.3 The wider locality is predominantly rural in nature. The site is accessed via them ain driveway to 104.
- 2.4 A desktop assessment has highlighted that site is not within a Conservation Area and that there are no TPO protected trees on or adjacent to the site.
- 2.5 All desktop assessment data was cross checked and validated on the 15/11/2023 using the web portal provided by the local planning authority.

https://maps.easthants.gov.uk/easthampshire.aspx



Im ag e plate showing the desktop analysis results of the surveyed plot. (East Hampshire, 2023)



- 2.6 Works to protected trees require consent from the local planning authority. In the case of TPO's an application must be made. In the case of conservation areas a notification must be made. TPO applications take up to eight weeks, conservation area notifications take six weeks.
- 2.7 Certain exemptions apply; for example the removal of deadwood. In the case of dangerous trees 5-days written notice should be given to the local authority (in the cases of im m ediate danger the work should proceed, but the local authority contacted as soon as possible afterwards) with the works evidenced by photographs and video where possible. You should also check to ensure the works are exempt from the requirements of a felling licence.

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/605/regulation/14/made

- 2.8 It should be noted that planning consent overrides protected trees, where the works or removal are necessary for development to proceed and have been highlighted in the tree survey documents.
- 2.9 Bats. Under current legislation it is an offence to 'intentionally or recklessly disturb a bat' or 'damage, destroy or block access to the resting place of any bat'. For further details consultation m ust be m ade with the Statutory Nature Conservancy Organisation. Where relevant any current ecological surveys for the site will take precedence in this matter. Trees provide numerous 'potential roosting features' for a wide range of bat species. It is therefore crucial that any trees proposed for removal are checked by an appropriately competent person before any felling or ivy stripping works commence.

https://www.bats.org.uk/advice/bats-and-the-law

2.10 Birds. It is an offence to kill, injure or take any wild bird; or take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. Therefore work likely to disturb nesting birds must be avoided from late March to August. All birds, their nest and eggs are protected by law.

https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/wildlife-and-the-law/wildlife-and-the-



3. Drawings

- 3.1 Appended to this report is a tree constraints plan, tree assessment plan and a tree protection plan.
- 3.2 The tree constraints plan has been produced using an OS supplied .dwg (AutoCAD) base plan as no topographical survey was available. Tree positions and data have been applied using our survey handset as an onsite exercise with the constraints plan being produced as a PDF through Auto CAD.
- 3.3 An autoCAD .dwg file of the tree constraints is available on request for project stakeholders to utilise.
- 3.4 The *Tree Constraints Plan* shows the existing layout. For each tree the stem location is indicated and scaled according to its diameter, the canopy is indicated according to measurements taken along the four cardinal points of the compass. Root protection areas (RPAs) are indicated which are calculated according to the guidelines within BS 5837 (2012).
- 3.5 Where appropriate, the shapes of the RPAs have been am ended to reflect actual site conditions or where trees have been heavily pruned. The 'original' RPAs are indicated as a dashed line whereas the am ended RPAs are indicated as a solid line. Any variation to this approach will be highlighted on the appropriate plans.
- 3.6 The *Tree Assessm ent Plan / Arboricultural Im pact Assessm ent* indicates the tree constraints with the proposals overlaid. Where applicable, this plan shows where works are proposed in Root Protection Areas and which trees are to be pruned or removed. This plan accompanies the Im pact Assessm ent which is to be found in Section 4.
- 3.7 The *Tree Protection Plan (if applicable)* shows the protection m easures that are to be installed during the construction phase. This plan accompanies the Method Statement which is appended to this tree survey and AIA.



4. Arboricultural Impact Assessment - Site Specific

Tree Quality Statement.

The tree cover at 104 Medstead Road consists mainly of garden ornamentals of no particular arboricultural merit. A significant mature Ash tree stands towards the south of the plot, as well as some significant mature trees adjacent to the plot to the west. These trees have good amenity value.

4.1 Description of The Proposed Development

The drawings listed in the table below were used by ROAVR to produce the Arboricultural drawings referenced in this report. If your plans change (either before or after planning submission), then the tree drawings will require updating. This report cannot be submitted in support of a scheme that varies from the drawing reference number shown in box one below as the Im pact Assessm ent (Section 4) will not be valid.

Drawing Name / No.	Date Issued To ROAVR	ROAVR Drawings Issue Date:
0.3 Site layout Proposed	07/11/2023	27/11/2023

4.1.1 It is proposed to construct a new detached dw elling to the south of the existing dw elling, along with associated hard and soft landscaping. The new dw elling will share the existing drive with the existing dw elling. The existing brick wall and railing to the road side are to be removed and replaced with a hedge. A soakaway will be installed to the south of the new dw elling.

4.1.2. The table below summarises the potential impact on trees due to various activities.

Tree or Tree Group	Im pacts
Trees T1-T4	No direct im pacts, can be retained and protected with HERAS fencing
Т5	Off site tree. No direct or indirect im pacts.
Т6-Т9	No direct im pacts, can be retained and protected with HERAS fencing
Trees T10 & T11	New section of hard surface within Root Protection Area. Oth erw ise can be retained and protected with HERAS fencing and existing hard surface
Tree T12	No direct or indirect im pacts.
Hedgerow H1	No direct im pacts, can be retained and protected with HERAS fencing

Trees Potentially Affected:



4.1.3. The appended AMS specifies the measures proposed to minimise all possible potential risks of damage to the retained trees.

<u>4.2. Tree Rem oval.</u>

4.2.1. No trees are to be removed to facilitate the proposals.

4.2.2. Details specific to each tree can also be found in the Tree Data Schedule.

4.3. Mitigation Planting.

4.3.1. No mitigation planting is necessary. However, it is proposed to plant a new hedgerow along the southern site boundary.

4.4. Im pact on Tree Canopies.

4.4.1 No pruning works are required to facilitate the proposed development.

4.5. Im pact on Tree Roots.

4.5.1. The proposals are all located outside of the Root Protection Areas of trees, however temporary protective measures will need to be installed to ensure that the trees' roots are adequately protected throughout the construction process.

4.6. New Surfaces.

4.6.1. A new section of driveway is proposed within the Root Protection Area of T10. Unless this can be constructed using a no dig method, which would prevent the existing and finished levels matching, it is recommended that this area of new hard surface be located outside of the RPAs of trees, or removed from the proposals.

4.7. Underground Services.

4.7.1. No underground services are to be installed through any Root Protection Areas.

4.8 Changes in Ground Levels.

4.8.1 The site is sloping, and some changes in level and retaining walls are required, but these will all be located outside of trees' Root Protection Areas.



4.9 Soil Compaction.

4.9.1 The majority of tree roots lie within the upper soil horizons. This is because the availability of oxygen decreases with depth and roots need to breathe to stay alive. In addition, nutrients are more readily available in the form of organic matter close to the soil surface.

4.9.2. Healthy soils contain about 25% air space between solid particles. Increased loading of the soils caused by construction activity causes air to be squeezed out as the soil becomes compacted preventing roots from breathing. Even an increase in pedestrian activity may cause some soil compaction.

4.9.3 It is important therefore that ground compaction and soil disturbance over Root Protection Areas should be avoided during the construction phase. This may be done by installing protective fencing and ground protection measures as recommended within a tree protection plan.

4.10 Ground Demolition Activities.

4.10.1 The tree protection measures specified within a TPP should be installed prior to the commencement of all demolition activities (including soil stripping) to prevent any detrimental impact on tree health. Where this is not practicable, demolition of structures within Construction Exclusion Zones shall be undertaken very early on in the demolition phase and the protective barriers installed immediately thereafter.

4.11. Hazardous Materials.

4.11.1All hazardous materials (including cement and petrochemical products) will need to be controlled according to COSHH regulations in order to ensure there is no detrimental impact on tree health. Provision shall need to be made to ensure that cement and cement run-off are contained outside of all Root Protection Areas.

4.12. Cabins and Site Facilities.

4.12.1. Consideration should be given to the location of any site welfare facilities in terms of potential impact on trees. Where it is proposed to install cabins or site facilities in Root Protection Areas, the appointed arborist should be consulted and approval obtained from the local authority.



4.13. Boundary Treatments.

4.13.1. No changes are proposed to the existing boundary features that might impact on trees.

4.14. Im pact of Retained Trees on the Development.

4.14.1. Adequate space has been allowed between all retained trees and the proposed development works. Consequently the proposal shall not result in increased pressure to remove or prune any of the retained trees.

<u>4.15. Sum m ary.</u>

4.15.1. A new detached dwelling and associated hard and soft landscaping is proposed. These proposals will not directly im pact any trees, however temporary fencing will need to be installed to protect the trees during construction, as well as measures to ensure the trees' roots are protected where construction access is required through the trees Root Protection Areas.

These measures are set out in the appended Arboricultural Method Statement.



Appendix: BS 5837: 2012 – Guidance Notes

This Standard prescribes the principles to be applied to achieve a satisfactory juxtaposition of trees and structures. It sets out to assist those concerned with trees in relation to design, demolition and construction to form balanced judgements.

It acknowledges the positive contribution trees may offer to a site, as well as the negative aspects of retaining inappropriate trees. It addresses the negative impacts that construction activity may have upon trees and offers mitigation strategies to minimise these impacts.

The Standard suggests a three stage approach to ensure best practice is followed when developing close to trees:

Stage 1: Survey Details and Notes

A ground level visual survey was undertaken. No climbing inspections or specialist decay detection were undertaken. Only trees with a stem diameter over 75mm, which lie within the site boundary or relatively close to it, were included.

Where applicable, trees with significant defects have been highlighted and appropriate remedial works have been recommended. However, this report should not be seen as a substitute for a full Safety Survey or Management Plan which are specifically designed to minimise risk and liability associated with responsibility for trees.

Wherever practicable dimensions were obtained using diameter tapes, logger's tapes, distometers and clinometers. Where obstacles prevent accurate measurement, dimensions are estimated. Trees of privately ow ned third parties are surveyed from the best available vantage point and observations relating to the condition of these trees should be treated accordingly. All height measurements should be regarded as approximate.



Stage 2: Arboricultural Im pact Assessment

After the initial survey and the production of the Tree Constraints Plan, arborists and designers are encouraged to work together to establish a design proposal with m inimal im pact on the high quality trees. An assessment should be m ade of all possible im pacts including the im pact that the trees m ay have upon the proposal.

The arborist may recommend mitigation strategies to minimise these impacts and help achieve a more harmonious juxtaposition between buildings and trees and will offer advice in relation to the best chances of success at planning.

Stage 3: Arboricultural Method Statement

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Appendix: Survey Methodology

Ground levelvisualsurveys are carried out using the VisualTree Assessment technique described by Mattheck and Broeler (1994) and endorsed by the ArboriculturalAssociation (LANTRA ProfessionalTreeInspection course, 2007).

Structuralcondition is assessed by inspecting the stem and scaffold branches from all angles looking for weak branch junctions or symptoms of decay. Particularattention ispaid to the stem -base.Cavitiesare explored using am etal probe in orderto assess the extentofany decay.Ifthis is notpossible further inspection is recommended in the form of a climbing inspection or using specialistdecaydetection equipment.

The physiologicalcondition is assessed by inspecting the stem branches and foliage forsym ptom sofdisease. The overallvigourofthe tree is also taken into account.



Where significant defects are observed, recomm endations are m ade according to a scale of priority in order to reduce the likelihood of structural failure. The position of the tree and its potential targets are taken into account.

Measurements are obtained using a diameter tape, clinometer, distometer and loggers tape.

Where this is not practical measurements are estimated.

Some trees are surveyed as groups, though this is usually avoided close to areas likely to be developed.



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THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT AND IS SUPPORTED BY A TREE PROTECTION PLAN. IT IS A WORKING DOCUMENT & MUST BE BRIEFED ON SITE TO THE SITE MANAGER BEFORE ANY WORKS COMMENCE. OFTEN AN AMS IS CONDITIONED ON PLANNING CONSENT AND BECOMES A LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT.



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1. Method Statement [Introduction and Overview]

1.1. Definition of Terms

Some terms used within the Arboricultural Method Statement have very specific meanings. These are defined below:

Root Protection Area (RPA). This is a theoretical area of ground around a tree where the roots are likely to proliferate. Ground disturbance in this area should be minim ised in order to avoid significant impact on tree health. RPAs are indicated on all plans accompanying this report as a red or pink line.

Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ). These zones are created to protect roots and canopies from inadvertent damage by construction activity. They are usually fenced off by protective barriers throughout the entire construction phase. No works are permitted in these zones other than minor landscaping works which do not require a change in ground level. Where practicable the entire Root Protection Area and the area beneath the tree canopy shall be treated as a Construction Exclusion Zone. These zones are shown on the Tree Protection Plan.

Restricted Activity Zone (RAZ). It is not always possible to create a Construction Exclusion Zone over the entire RPA. This is because access may be required or some works may be proposed within the RPA. In such circum stances a Restricted Activity Zone is created where limitations are placed on construction activity. Ground protection measures may be specified or the Restricted Activity Zone may be fenced off throughout part of the construction phase. See the legend on the Tree Protection Plan to identify these zones.

<u>1.2. Tree Protection Barriers - Overview</u>

The Tree Protection Plan indicates the location of all proposed tree protection barriers.

The barriers shall be installed prior to the commencement of any localised construction activity including soil stripping and delivery of materials. A detailed specification of the barriers can be found in sections below.

The tree protection plan also indicates where ground protection measures shall be installed / maintained as specified in sections 1.7 onwards (Restricted Activity Zones).



<u>1.3. Planning Status</u>

Tree protection measures specified within this report should be agreed with the local authority so that they may be conditioned upon planning consent.

The site manager must be familiar with all aspects of this Method Statement and should liaise with the author of this report for clarification, or regarding any unforeseen issues where trees may be impacted upon.

A copy of this Method Statement shall be available on-site at all times. All personnel working on the site shall be made aware of any sections appertaining to their work. This includes short term contractors and persons responsible for deliveries and installation of services.

1.4. Overview of Protection Measures

Below is a list of potential arboricultural impacts and a summary of the proposed protection measures:

Tree no.	Protection Measures	Timeline
T 1-T4	Retain and protect with HERAS fencing	Pre-start
T6 & T7	Retain and protect with HERAS fencing	Pre-start
T8 & T9	Retain and protect with HERAS fencing	Pre-start
Т 10	Retain and protect with HERAS fencing and retain existing drive surface to act as ground protection.	Pre-start
T11	Retain and protect with existing boundary wall and HERAS fencing. Retain existing drive surface to act as ground protection.	Pre-start
H1	Retain and protect with HERAS fencing	Pre-start

The above measures are described in more detail throughout the remainder of this section.



<u>1.5. Tim in g of Operations</u>

Order Phase Activity	Phase Name	Works required	
1st Phase	Pre-construction phase	Undertake a pre-start meeting with the builder, client and ACoW	
2nd Phase	Protection phase	Install HERAS tree protection fencing and signage as highlighted on the TPP	
3rd Phase	Ground Protection	Install any specified ground protection boarding as highlighted on the TPP	
4th Phase	Construction phase	Construction works commence with regular ACoW visits	
5th Phase	Post Construction Phase	Remove tree protection measures and carryout any remedial works such as alleviation and radial mulching	

Activity within the site shall be phased according to the following chronology:



Restrictions on Activities – Specific Zones

<u>1.6. Construction Exclusion Zones</u>

Within Construction Exclusion Zones (shaded purple on the Tree Protection Plan) the following restrictions shall apply:

Tree Protection Barriers shall be erected and maintained throughout the entire project as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan and specified in Section 4 - Tree Protection Barriers.

No construction activity whatsoever shall occur.

No vehicles or plant machinery shall be driven or parked.

No tree works, other than those specified in this report shall be undertaken.

No alterations of ground levels or conditions.

No chemicals or cement washings permitted.

No excavation whatsoever shall occur.

No temporary structures.

No spoil shall be stored.

No fires shall be permitted.

All hazardous materials (including non-essential cement products) shall be forbidden.

Where hard surfaces are to be removed, this shall be done using hand tools or mechanical excavators operating from outside the Construction Exclusion Zone and marshalled by the appointed arborist.

Any structures shall be removed manually and without mechanical excavation.



<u>1.7. Restricted Activity Zones</u>

Within these zones (shaded yellow on the Tree Protection Plan) tree roots are likely to be present. Access will be required to facilitate construction and some resurfacing works may be required. The following restrictions shall apply:

Any resurfacing shall be done strictly in accordance with the Guidelines in APN12 New Surfaces.

Removal of existing structures such as walls, steps and hard surfaces shall be undertaken using hand tools or a mechanical excavator operating from outside the Restricted Activity Zone and carefully marshalled by an appointed arborist.

A suitable load spreading surface shall be installed and/or maintained as specified in Section 5 – Ground Protection Measures. This shall remain in place throughout the entire construction phase.

No excavation shall occur in this zone without consulting the appointed arborist and obtaining approval from the local authority.

Storage of materials shall be limited to that which is required for the task in hand. Heavy materials that require storage for more than two days shall be stored outside the Restricted Zone.

No spoil shall be stored.

No fires shall be permitted.

All hazardous materials (including non-essential cement products) shall be forbidden.



Restrictions on Activities – Throughout the Site

<u>1.8. Canopy Protection</u>

In order to protect tree canopies the following restrictions shall apply throughout the site:

No machinery shallpass beneath the crowns offrees withoutbeing carefully marshalled in ordertoensurethatnobranchesaredam aged.

If materials require installation ordelivery beneath tree canopies, this shall be donewithout the use of overhead cranes.

If materials are to be installed or delivered close to tree canopies (but not beneath them) and a crane is required, they shall be carefully marshalled in ordertoensurethatbranchesarenotaccidentally dam aged.

<u>1.9. Site Hoard in g</u>

If site hoarding shallbe installed overthe RootProtection Area of any tree, the following restrictions shall apply:

Ground levels shall be maintained as existing.

Post holes shall not exceed 300mm x 300mm.

No post hole shall be excavated within 1.5m of any tree stem.

Post holes shall be excavated using hand tools or by a post-hole auger attached to plant m achinery sited outside the Root Protection Area(s).

Roots in excess of 25mm shall be retained wherever possible.

Roots in excess of 10m m shall be pruned with sharp secateurs.

Pruning shall be minimal and only undertaken where absolutely necessary to facilitate the site hoarding. It shall be undertaken by a reputable tree surgeon working to BS 3998 (2010).

Cement products shall be mixed away from Root Protection Areas (see Section - Hazardous Materials).



Site hoarding may be installed in place of the specified tree protection measures subject to the approval of the local authority with regard to its location and specification.

<u>1.10. Fencing.</u>

Where fence posts are to be installed within Root Protection Areas, the following restrictions shall apply:

Allpost holes shallbe excavated by hand and kept as narrow as possible (maximum diam eter300m m).

Exploratorypostholesshallbedug beforecom mitting topost/panelpositions. If any rootsin excessof25m m are encountered theyare to remain intactand the post hole shallbe relocated slightly. The fencing system must permit such flexibility (i.e. where fixed panelwidths are used, all postholesm ust be excavated before committing to the final location).

Anyrootsin excessof10m m which are severed shallbeneatlypruned backwith secateurs. This will encourage healing and reduce the likelihood of infection.

Hedges may be planted within Root Protection Areas using hand tools to minimise excavation.

1.11. Demolition and Initial Ground Works

No demolition, removal of surfaces, or soil stripping shall commence until the protective fencing and ground protection measures are installed to the satisfaction of the local authority.

<u>1.12. Underground Services</u>

No underground services (including soak-aways) shall be located in any part of the Construction Exclusion Zones or Restricted Activity Zones unless done so in a manner detailed in a specific Method Statement and approved by the local authority.



<u>1.13. Lighting, Bollards, CCTV and associated Cables</u>

If any of the above are to be installed close to tree canopies or within Root Protection Areas of retained trees, installation methods shall be detailed in a specific Method Statement and approved by the local authority. Consideration should be given to the following:

Pruning of branches to enable sufficient clearance for light and views. Branches should be removed to the branch collar as per British Standard 3998 (2010).

Postholesm ustbe excavated byhand orusing an appropriate sized auger.No otherform ofm echanicalexcavation maybeused.

Whereverpossible, cablesshould be routed in a direction directly away from the tree stem rather than tangentially across the rooting zone. The location of all such cabless hall be determ ined after consultation with the appointed arborist and approval by the local authority.

<u>1.14</u>. Use of Heavy Plant

All machinery operatives are to be made aware of any Construction Exclusion Zones and Restricted Activity Zones that apply to this site (see the Tree Protection Plan and Section 5.6 onwards).

All machinery operatives are to respect these zones and ensure that no damage occurs to trees due to the careless use of machinery.

Mechanical excavators should have tracks rather than wheels to help spread their load. They should be carefully marshalled when working close to tree canopies.

1.15. Scaffolding

If scaffolding is required in areas containing ground protection measures, the protective boards shall need to remain in-situ and be strengthened and stabilised to bear the weight of scaffold poles.

Prior to the installation of any scaffolding within 0.5m of any tree branches, the appointed arborist shall be consulted to specify any pruning works that may be required.



<u>1.16. Sit in g of Cabins and Storage of Materials</u>

Cabins and heavy building materials may be located or stored anywhere outside of Construction Exclusion Zones and Restricted Activity Zones.

Any proposal to install cabins or materials within these zones shall be agreed in writing with the local authority prior to installation.

It may be acceptable to locate site cabins such that they act as a tree protection barrier and replace the specified protective fencing. Where this is being considered, written approval must be sought from the local authority.

<u>1.17. Pedestrian Paving</u>

If it is proposed to install new pedestrian surfaces over Root Protection Areas, excavation shall be limited to the removal of existing turf/vegetation plus an additional 50mm. Excavation shall be undertaken using hand tools only. Porous materials are preferred but not essential if the new surface covers less than 10% of the Root Protection Area. Paving with a thickness of 50mm bedded on mortar, or sand, bearing directly onto the ground, with a finished surface level with existing ground levels will be acceptable. No retaining kerbs shall be used.

<u>1.18. Hazardous Materials</u>

Any mixing of cement based materials shall take place outside the Construction Exclusion Zones and Restricted Activity Zones. Where cement is to be mixed on sturdy plastic sheeting e.g 1200 gauge DPM considerable distances from trees and water run-off cannot enter Root Protection Areas.

All other chemicals hazardous to tree health, including petrol and diesel, shall be stored in suitable containers as specified by current COSHH Regulations, and kept away from Root Protection Areas.

<u>1.19. Removal of Tree Protection Barriers</u>

This will be done after all major construction work is complete. Vehicular access will not be permitted within the Construction Exclusion Zones.

The local authority tree officer shall be made aware that the fencing is to be removed.



2. Site Inspection

2.1. In sp ect ion Schedule

In orderto ensure that the trees are adequately protected its hall be necessary to periodicallym onitor the works. This will be done by the local authority tree officer or an appointed arborist (Arboricultural Clerk of W orks) who will provide the tree officer with a copy of inspection details.

Order Phase Activity	Phase Name	Works required
1st Phase	Pre-construction phase	Pre-start ACoW visit with all interested stakeholders
2nd Phase	Protection phase	ACoW visit to sign off tree protection measures
3rd Phase	Ground Protection	ACoW visit to sign off tree protection measures
4th Phase	Construction phase	Monthly ACoW visits
5th Phase	Post Construction Phase	ACoW visit to supervise removal of protection measures and final site sign off.



Example ACoW sheet.

ROAVR GROUP	Woodland Solutions (Northern) Ltd t/a ROAVR Group The Green House Beechwood Business Park North Inverness IV2 3BL www.roavr-group.co.uk T: 01463 667302
SITE SUPERVISION FORM - ARE CLERK OF WORKS	BORICULTURAL
DATE CLIENT TELEPHONE NUMBER E-MAIL	
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PRO	VISION OF ARBORICULTURAL CONSULTANCY
Site	VISION OF ARBORICULTURAL CONSULTANCY
Site: Inspected by;	VISION OF ARBORICULTURAL CONSULTANCY
Site: Inspected by: Site Manager	VISION OF ARBORICULTURAL CONSULTANCY
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3. Tree Works Schedule

Tree Works Specification

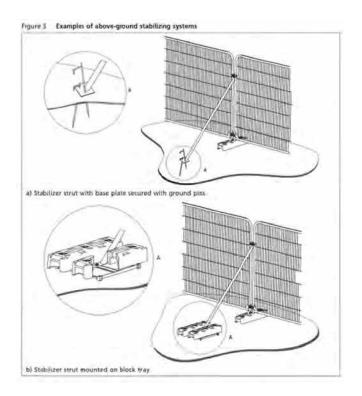
3.1.1. No tree works are required prior to the commencement of construction activity.

4. Tree Protection Barriers Detailed Specification

Tree Protection Fencing

The purpose of tree protection barriers is to keep construction activity away from Restricted Activity Zones or Construction Exclusion Zones. They should be appropriate to the nature and proximity of activity within the site. The barriers should be erected prior to the commencement of all activity including demolition, soil stripping and delivery of materials and demolition (except where existing structures require demolition to enable the barriers to be installed).

Barrier systems are specified below and should be installed according to the legend on the Tree Protection Plan.





Suitable weather-proof notices should be displayed to identify tree protection zones. They should state the purpose of the fencing and that it should not be moved, or traversed, other than by authorised personnel.



Exam ple signage.



5. Ground Protection Measures Detailed Specification

Where indicated on the Tree Protection Plan (Restricted Activity Zones), the soil may contain tree roots, and ground protection measures should be implemented. Where Root Protection Areas are outside of the Construction Exclusion Zone, the soil may be subject to compaction due to general construction activity (including pedestrian activity and use of plant machinery).

In order to minimise compaction, it is proposed to ensure that a suitable loadspreading surface is in place at all times.

Any existing hard surfacing may be retained and reinforced (where Construction activity is applicable and adequate), otherwise suitable new ground protection fencing measures shall be installed. The ground protection shall need to be able to adequately spread the load of construction traffic. Where existing hard surfacing is to be retained, it shall not be necessary to install additional ground protection measures. However, the hard surfacing must be firm enough to spread the load of any traffic passing overhead.

Where only pedestrian traffic will occur, the ground protection measures may be as simple as timber boards, or scaffold planks installed directly onto a geotextile fabric on the ground. The ground should first be made even by raking, or by adding a few centimetres of sand or woodchip. Alternatively the boards may be supported by a scaffold framework. The scaffold may be founded on poles driven into the ground and/or onto blocks (to raise the scaffold) with additional couplings to make the framework secure.

Where only light vehicles are to operate (e.g. barrows, trolleys or occasional cars), thick wooden boards or scaffold planks should also suffice, though at least 150m of compressible woodchip will need to be installed first to help spread the load. Sturdier systems are specified below:

Where cars will regularly park or heavier vehicles/plant machinery will occasionally operate, sturdier ground protection measures will be required such as metal road plates, or purpose built synthetic road mats over a compression resistant layer such as 150mm of woodchip or 100mm of a 3D cellular confinement system in-filled with 7–40mm angular gravel (e.g. Cellweb[™]).

A temporary concrete slab may also be considered as a suitable load spreading platform. Where a pile driver needs to operate, a concrete slab may be the preferred option.



Where existing structures need to be removed, this shall be done with temporary ground protection measures in place to enable this to be achieved without compacting soils.

The ground protection measures shall be installed and approved before commencement of demolition and construction activity and before the arrival of plant machinery or materials. They shall remain in place until all heavy construction activity is complete or until they are due to be replaced with a new hard surface.



6. New Surfaces Detailed Specification

Resurfacing an Existing Hard Surface

If it is becomes necessary to replace an existing hard surface over Root Protection Areas the following restrictions shall apply:

The existing hard surfacing shall remain in place throughout the entire construction project or until it is due to be replaced with a new surface. If the hard surfacing is removed for any reason it shall immediately be replaced by ground protection measures as specified until a permanent hard surface is installed. No vehicle shall pass over this zone unless a permanent hard surface or ground protection is in place.

No excavation in excess of the existing sub-base shall occur. The existing sub-base may be retained undisturbed and incorporated into the new structure.

Hand operated tools shall be used to lift existing surfaces. Mechanical excavators may be used so long as they operate from outside Root Protection Areas and are carefully marshalled by the appointed arborist or local authority tree officer.

Any exposed roots in excess of 25mm are to be retained. Before the new surface is installed, 25mm of soil (or river sand) and a geotextile mem brane shall be laid over the root. Until such times, the root shall be adequately protected from pedestrian damage using timber and sand.

Any new sub-base shall not contain fine particles. Coarse sand or larger particles shall be acceptable. 7-14m m gravel is ideal.

A 3 dimensional cellular confinement system may be incorporated into the sub-base and is encouraged. However, this is not considered compulsory since the resurfacing operation shall not cause a deterioration of rooting conditions beneath the existing driveway.

No salt or lime based products are to be incorporated within the sub-base.

Where the existing surface is porous, it shall be replaced with a new surface which is equally as porous. Where the existing surface is im permeable (e.g. concrete or asphalt), replacement with a porous surface is encouraged but not compulsory.



Appendix: Further Information

Building Near Trees – General

National Joint Utilities Group publication # 10 (1995), Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Services in Proximity to Trees. Downloadable at www.njug.demon.co.uk/pdf/NJUG%20Publication10.pdf

NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2., Trees and Buildings.

Horticulture LINK project 212. (University of Cambridge, 2004), Controlling Water Use of Trees to Alleviate Subsidence Risk. Tree Planting and aftercare see www.trees.org.uk/leaflets.php# for downloadable leaflets on selecting a garden tree, planting, aftercare and veteran tree management.

British Standards BS 5837: 2012. Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations. Bs 3998: 2010.

Recommendations for Tree Work. BS 3936: 1992. Nursery Stock. Part 1: Specification for Trees and Shrubs. BS 3936: 1992. Nursery Stock. Part 10:

Specification for Ground Cover Plants. BS 4043: 1989. Transplanting Root-balled Trees. BS 8004: 1986. Foundations. BS 8103: 1995.

Structural design of Low-Rise Buildings. BS 8206: 1992. Lighting for Buildings.

BS 8545:2014. Trees: From nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations

BS 3882: 2007. Topsoil. BS 4428: 1989. General Landscaping Operations (excluding hard surfaces). Permission to do Works to Protected Trees / Tree Law Forestry Commission (Edinburgh, 2003), Tree Felling – Getting Permission. Country Services Division - Forestry Commission. Downloadable at www.forestry.gov.uk/website/pdf.nsf/pdf/wgsfell.pdf/\$FILE/wgsfell.pdf

Transport and the Regions (Department of the Environment, 2000), Tree Preservation Orders, A Guide to the Law and Good Practice. Downloadable at www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/tposguide

C. Mynors, The Law of Trees, Forests and Hedgerows (Sweet and Maxwell, London, 2002)



Communities and Local Government website with numerous downloadable documents, from:

http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/treeshighhedges/ Lighting Levels

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NBA Tectonics. A study of passive solar housing estate layout. ETSU Report S-1126. Harwell, Energy Technology Support Unit (1988).

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High Hedges Communities and Local Government website with numerous downloadable documents, from:

http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/treeshighhedges/ Tree Specific

<u>Websites</u>

www.trees.org.uk Arboricultural Association www.rfs.co.uk Royal Forestry Society of England, Wales and N. Ireland

www.treehelp.Info The Tree Advice Trust

www.woodland-trust.org.uk The Woodland Trust www.treecouncil.org.uk The Tree Council

<u>www.go-roavr.co.uk</u> - portal for booking tree surveys UK wide.



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Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

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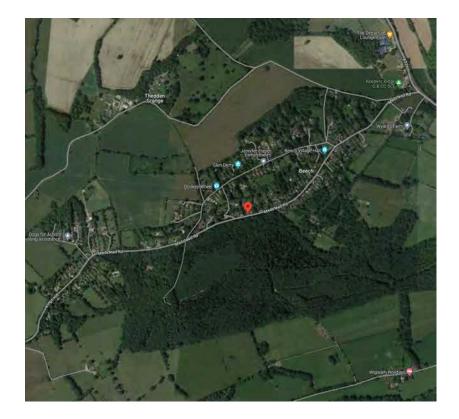




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Appendix 1-Site Location



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Appendix 2 – Arboricultural Data Tables

Tree Number	Species	Age Class	DBH	Height (crown height)	Ν	Е	S	W	Condition	Life Expectancy	Physical Description	Comments	Managment Recommendations	RPA offset from stem.	Category Rating
T1	Prunus avium (Wild Cherry)	Y	40,80	5(2)	1	2	2	2	Fair	10+	Stem divides below 1.5m. Mechanical Damage.	/	/	1.07	C1
T2	Liriodendron tulipifera (Tulip Tree)	EM	145	7(1.5)	2.5	2.5	2	2.5	Fair	10+	Leaning East. Mechanical Damage.	/	/	1.74	C1
ТЗ	Berberis (leatherleaf mahonia)	SM	60,85	4.5(1)	2	2	2	1	Fair	10+	Leaning South. Mechanical Damage.	/	/	1.25	C1
T4	Quercus robur (Common Oak)	М	610	17(7)	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	Good	20+	Tree located within raised bed. Unable to inspect stem due to undergrowth. Epicormics on stem. Mechanical Damage. Broken branches in crown.	Off site, level difference between proposed dwelling and tree.	/	7.32	B1
75	llex aquifolium (Holly)	SM	150	4(0.5)	2	2	2	2	Fair	10+	Tree located within hard surface area. Tree located within raised bed. Mechanical Damage.	/	/	1.8	C1
<i>T</i> 6	Prunus cerasifera (Cherry Plum)	Y	90	4(1)	1	2	2	2	Fair	10+	Leaning South. Mechanical Damage.	/	/	1.08	C1
77	Acer campestre (Field Maple)	М	350	19(1)	3	4	3	4	Good	20+	Poor shape & form. Epicormics on stem. Mechanical Damage.	/	/	4.2	B1
<i>T</i> 8	Laurus nobilis (Bay)	SM	130, 150	5(0.5)	2	2	2	2	Fair	10+	Stem divides at ground level. Mechanical Damage.	/	/	2.38	C1
<i>T</i> 9	Corylus avellana (Hazel)	EM	60,65,7 0,75,80, 90,100	7(1.5)	3.5	3.5	3	3.5	Fair	10+	Stem divides at ground level. Mechanical Damage.	/	/	2.48	C1
T10	Acer pseudoplatanus (Sycamore)	М	60,250,40	15(2)	5	5	5	5	Good	20+	lvy on tree. Stem divides at ground level. Mechanical Damage.	/	/	6.47	B1
T11	Fraxinus excelsior (Ash)	М	800	21(10)	7	7	7	7	Good	20+	Low vitality. Declining. Tree located within hard surface area. Mechanical Damage. Dieback in crown. Broken branches in crown.	Ash dieback.	/	9.6	B1
H1	X Cupressocyparis leylandii (Leyland Cypress)	EM	100	4.5(0.5)	2	2	2	2	Good	20+	/	/	/	1.2	B2
T12	Prunus cerasifera (Cherry Plum)	EM	200,300	4(1)	4	4	4	4	Fair	10+	lvy on tree. Mechanical Damage.	/	/	4.33	C1

Arboricultural Data Tables Terms.

Tree ID	Reference no. T1, T2 etc. for trees; H for hedgerows; G for Groups and W for woodlands.
Tag Number	If the tree has been tagged with an 'arbo' tag then the physical tag number is listed in this column.
TPO Number	If the tree is subject to a TPO and it is known to us this will be recorded here.
In Conservation Area	Y/N - If the tree is located within a Conservation Area we may confirm that here.
Tree Type	Beech, Oak etc.
Common Name	Common Beech, Evergreen Oak etc.
Latin Name	Fagus sylvatica; Quercus robur - Latin names.
Maturity	The estimated age class of the tree (relative to species) o Y - Young o SM - Semi-mature o EM - Early-mature o M - Mature o OM - Over-mature or V - Veteran
Potential for Bat Habitat	Y/N - if the tree has cracks, cavities or suitable bat habitat it may require further ecological surveys and form a constraint on development.
Measurements Estimated (Y/N)	Y/N - if the tree is off site, covered with ivy, or some other restriction the British Standard allows for measurements to be estimated.
Height	Height of the tree in metres.
Height & Direction of 1st Significant Branch	Recorded to consider access.
Number of Stems	Number of clear stems.
Diameter at Breast Height	Diameter of stem (mm) at breast height (1.5 metres above ground).
Crown Spread	The maximum spread of the tree's canopy measured from the stem in four directions (North, East, South, West).
Canopy Height	The height between ground level and the lowest part of the canopy when considering access.
Crown / stem / Basal Condition	Good, Fair, Poor condition comments.
Category	Tree categorisation based on section 4.5 of BS 5837 (2012) Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction –Recommendations. Four categories are used (A, B, C, U) with categories A, B & C being assigned one of three separate sub categories (1, 2 or 3): A –Trees of high quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years. B –Trees of moderate quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years. C –Trees of low quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 10 years, or young trees with a stem diameter below 150mm
Life Expectancy	Estimated safe, usable life expectancy.

Sub-Category	Subcategories:							
	 Mainly arboricultural & aesthetic qualities Mainly landscape qualities Mainly cultural values, including conservation U –Trees 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 							
Physical Condition	Good, Fair, Poor condition considering the tree structure, form and vitality.							
Management Recommendations	Recommendations (regardless of the development proposals if available) for removal, retention and/or remedial arboricultural works.							
Comments	A brief description of the tree which refers to tree form, condition, health and significant defects. Comments regarding environmental conditions affecting the tree (e.g. ground conditions) will also be included where relevant.							

Arboricultural data tables are essentially an asset register of the trees and tree cover on and adjacent to a development site. The information included within the tables is used to produce a tree constraints plan (TCP) which shows in 2D the constraints and opportunities on a particular site.



Appendix 3 – Arboricultural Plans

