

Arboricultural Method Statement

This method statement is a working document which aims to provide effective specifications for tree-sensitive operations and thus to minimise impacts on retained trees. It must be retained on site and be available to the site manager/foreman as a reference during construction.

If any changes are made to the proposed development or any of the working methods are found to be impracticable, then the method statement must be reviewed in consultation with the project arboriculturist.

This method statement may include work to protected trees, consent for which is not required so far as such work is necessary to implement a planning permission.

Failure to comply with this arboricultural method statement could result in enforcement action being taken by the local planning authority.

Demolition of Existing Buildings and Removal of Existing Hard Surfacing

The existing garage and lobby must be demolished either by hand or using 'top down, pull-back' techniques, ensuring that no debris is collapsed onto open ground within the root protection area.

The garage foundations and existing hard surfacing within the root protection area of T1 must be broken up using a pneumatic drill and the pieces removed by hand or using a digger fitted with a toothless bucket. The digger must not be stationed on open ground within the root protection area. Debris from this operation must not be placed on open ground within the root protection area.

Excavations for Foundations

Within the upper 600mm of the soil profile, all excavation along the rear elevation of the garage must be carried out carefully by hand. Below this depth, if no significant roots are encountered, a mini excavator with toothless bucket may be used.

At this time, if any roots are encountered they must be cut back to 50mm beyond the area of disturbance in accordance with BS 3998:2010 'Tree work - Recommendations'. Roots must be cut cleanly, to minimise the exposed root surface. Where roots of diameter greater than 25mm are encountered the project arboriculturist must be consulted before any pruning takes place.

Foundation trenches must be lined with heavy-duty polythene sheeting prior to backfilling to prevent any direct contact between roots and chemicals that could affect tree health.

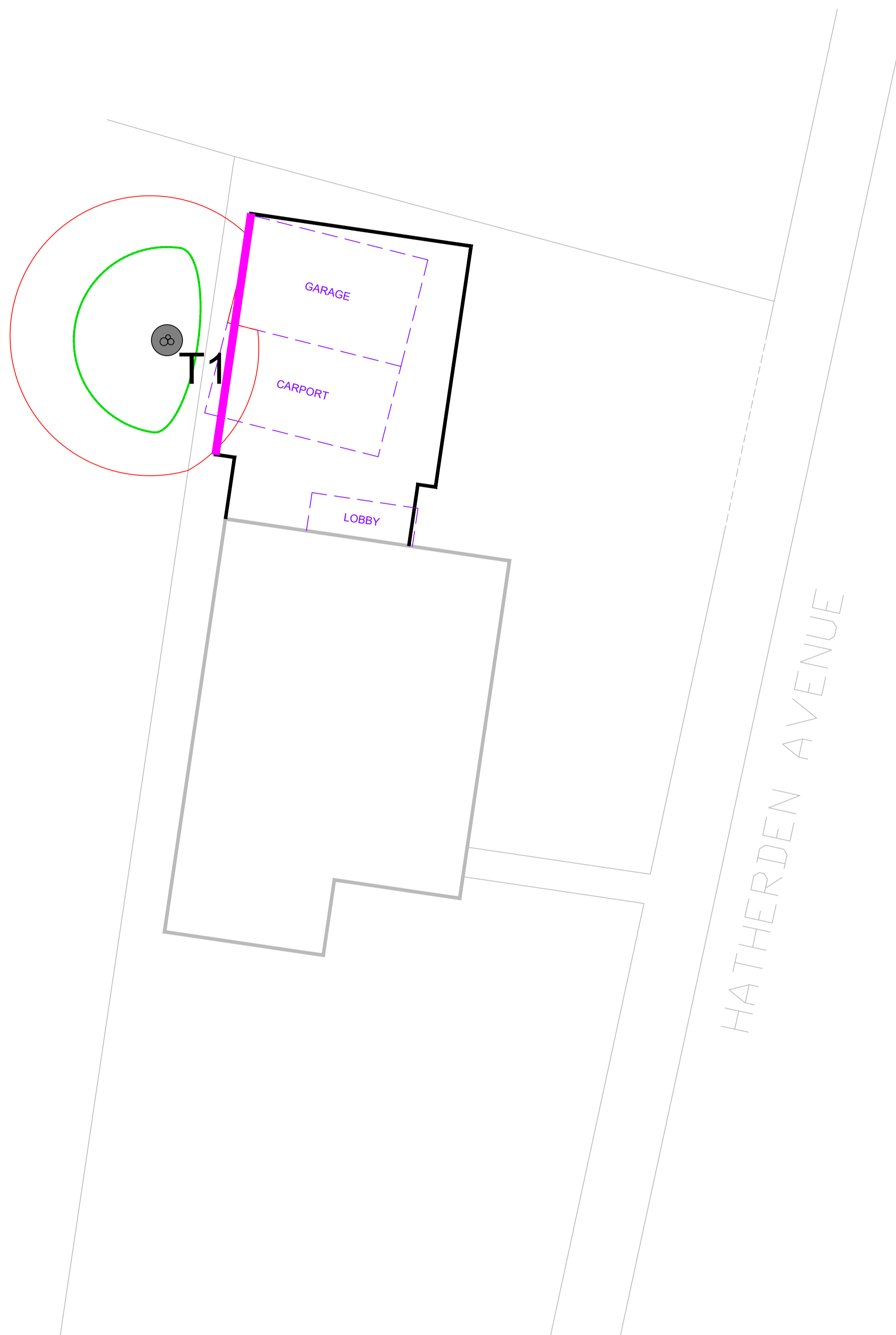
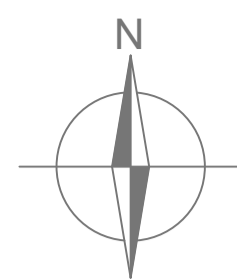
General Construction Management

There must be no changes to soil levels within tree root protection areas.

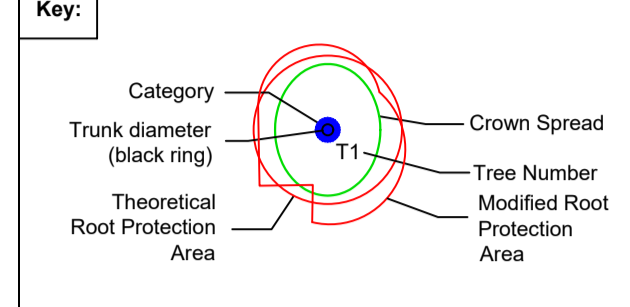
Fires must not be set within the site.

Cement and concrete mixing must be carried out only where there is no significant risk of contamination of tree root systems. If mixing is unavoidable within 10m of any retained tree it must be contained in a bunded area, as illustrated below.

Cranes must only be used where there is no possibility of them damaging overhanging branches.



Title:	Tree Protection Plan & Arboricultural Method Statement	Plan TC1
Site:	Hatherden House	
TC Ref:	DS/90724/AC	
Date:	11 January 2024	
Scale:	1:100 @ A1	



British Standard 5837:2012 Categories

●	'A' category trees are those of high quality.
●	'B' category trees are those of moderate quality.
●	'C' category trees are those of low quality or young trees with a stem diameter below 150mm.
●	'U' category trees are those that are unsuitable for retention.

Minimum area where foundations must be excavated in accordance with method statement.

Supervision of Arboriculturally Sensitive Operations

The project arboriculturist must supervise or be involved at the following points in the construction process:

- Excavation within tree root protection areas.
- Planning of underground services.
- As any other arboricultural issues arise.

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