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## Executive Summary

<b>Purpose</b>	Delta-Simons Limited was instructed by J. Murphy & Sons Limited ('the Client'), to undertake a Tree Survey to BS 5837:2012 standard of an area of land situated at Ollerton Depot, Newark Road, New Ollerton ('the Site'). The survey was undertaken on 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023. The survey was undertaken to inform a planning application for the creation of both vehicle and pedestrian access to the new Workshop Area to the north-west of the main Site.
<b>Current Site Status</b>	The Survey Area comprises a disused railway embankment running on a curve from the north to south across the centre of the wider Site. It is characterised by broadleaved trees with an understorey of tree sapling, scrub and ruderals.
<b>Proposed Development</b>	It is understood that a vehicle access is to be created by cutting through the embankment to the south, with a pedestrian access created using steps over the embankment in the north.
<b>Results</b>	<p>A total of 17 trees and four tree groups were identified and assessed as part of the Tree Survey.</p> <p>The results of the desk search undertaken on <a href="http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk">http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk</a> on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 indicate that no trees on-Site or immediately adjacent to the Site are covered by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) or are within a Conservation Area.</p>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p><u>Recommendation 1 (Adequate Tree Protection)</u></p> <p>Those trees identified within the proposed development plan for retention will need to be adequately protected during any approved development work. Measures to protect trees should follow the best practice principles set out in BS 5837: Trees in Relation to Design, Development and Construction (2012).</p> <p>Prior to any construction or development work proceeding, the Root Protection Area (RPAs) of individual trees to be retained should be marked out. Marking out should be completed by a competent person with arboricultural expertise. All trees retained on-Site and adjacent to the Site should be protected by barriers or ground protection around the calculated RPA, and as indicated on the Tree Constraints Plan (TCP) produced in association with this survey.</p>
<p><b>This Tree Survey Executive Summary is intended as a summary of the assessment of the Site based on information received by Delta-Simons at the time of production. This Executive Summary should be read in conjunction with the full Report.</b></p>	

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# 1.0 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose and Scope of the Survey

Delta-Simons Limited was instructed by J. Murphy & Sons Limited (the 'Client') to undertake an Arboricultural Survey to BS 5837:2012 standard. The survey was undertaken at Ollerton Depot, Newark Road, New Ollerton (hereafter referred to as 'the Site'). The survey was undertaken on 27th November 2023. The Site location and the Survey Area are shown in Figure 1. The survey was undertaken to inform a planning application for the creation of both vehicle and pedestrian access to the new Workshop Area to the north-west of the main Site.

The aims of the Tree Survey were to:

- Identify the individual tree species present within the Survey Area at the Site by means of visual inspection;

- To define the approximate age, condition and canopy spread of all individual mature trees identified and the value of these within the development;

- To identify any trees that present a risk to existing or proposed foundations or other structures that may be constructed on the Site and recommend actions to remove this risk; and

- Recommend tree management or mitigation measures where appropriate.

## 1.2 Site Description

The Site is centred at Ordnance Survey (OS) grid reference SK 67090 67074 south of New Ollerton in Nottinghamshire. The Site covers an area of 24 ha and is a construction and engineering company in the west, comprising predominantly hardstanding and buildings with a large patch of both ephemerals/perennials and scattered scrub, whilst in the centre and east is improved grassland in the northern and arable in the southern area, separated from the hardstanding by a combination of woodland and dense scrub. A woodland belt runs along the southern extent of the Site with a length of hedgerow inside. A stream runs from the northern boundary in a westerly direction to the western boundary.

The Survey Area comprises a disused railway embankment running on a curve from the north to south across the centre of the wider Site. It is characterised by broadleaved trees with an understory of tree sapling, scrub and ruderals.

The Site is situated in New Ollerton and is in an area of predominantly rural area, surrounded by blocks of woodland on all aspects except the west where residential dwellings are located.

The Survey Area and its layout is shown in Figure 2.

## 1.3 Proposed Development

It is understood that a vehicle access is to be created by cutting through the embankment to the south, with a pedestrian access created using steps over the embankment in the north.

## 2.0 Legislation

### 2.1 Trees

Local Planning Authority (LPA) look upon trees as being highly beneficial to the locality. To ensure that any important specimens, or significant groups of trees are retained, they may place Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) on them. In other situations, villages or whole districts may be classified as conservation areas. In these instances certain trees in the designated area will be protected. When trees are protected, legal procedures must be followed before any work is carried out.

When trees are protected by Preservation Orders, no work should be carried out on them without prior written consent from the LPA. Once an application is made, the Authority personnel must inspect the trees, and make a decision within a statutory eight-week period as to whether work can go ahead. If no decision is made within the eight weeks period, the appellant can appeal to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for non-determination. If the LPA refuses the application the appellant still has the right to appeal.

If a tree protected by a Preservation Order is either killed or wilfully destroyed, the owners of the tree, and the contractor who did the work, can both be prosecuted. The fines for killing or wilfully destroying a tree can be high, i.e. the current maximum is £20,000 per tree, and there is an automatic requirement to re-plant. The current maximum for minor unlawful infringements, such as pruning, is £2,500.

Trees which are dead, dying, or dangerous are exempt from the legislation, although if such trees are removed, the onus on proving they fell into one of these categories lies with the tree owner. Whenever possible it is strongly recommended that the LA be given at least five days' notice before any work on such trees is carried out.

Trees in a conservation area that are already protected by a TPO are subject to the normal procedures and controls for any tree covered by such an Order.

Trees in a conservation area that are not protected by a TPO are protected by the provision in Section 211 of The Town and Country Planning Act (1990). These provisions require people to notify the LPA, using a 'section 211 notice', six weeks before carrying out certain works on such trees, unless an exception applies. The works may go ahead before the end of the six-week period if the LPA gives consent. This notice period gives the Authority an opportunity to consider whether to make an Order on the tree.

## 3.0 Methodology

The methodology set out below is a detailed summary of the suggested approach to tree assessment as described in British Standard 5837:2012. This Report has applied the methodology to all significant individual trees or groups of trees present at or near to the Site. Trees below 15 cm trunk diameter were generally excluded from the survey. All floral names follow the nomenclature of Stace (2010).

### 3.1 Trees

Trees have been broadly assessed based on guidance set out within the British Standard BS 5837:2012 Trees in Relation to Design, Development and Construction. This standard provides recommendations and guidance on the principles to be applied to achieve successful integration of development with trees, shrubs and hedgerows. Where development is to occur, the standard provides guidance on the approach needed to decide which trees are appropriate for retention, and the means for protecting these trees during the development (including demolition and construction works) and the means of incorporating trees into the developed landscape.

Trees on or adjacent to the Site have been divided into one of four categories (based on the cascade chart for tree quality assessment). These are classed as A, B, C or U (Section 4 of BS 5837) within Table 1. This gives an indication as to the tree's importance in relation to the Site, the local landscape and, also, the value and quality of the existing trees on-Site. This assists informal decisions concerning which trees should be removed or retained should development occur. For a tree to qualify under any given category it should fall within the scope of that category's definition (see below).

Categories A, B and C cover trees that should be a material consideration in the development process, each with three further sub-categories (i, ii, iii) which are intended to reflect arboricultural, landscape and cultural (nature conservation) values. Category U trees may have no significant landscape value but it is not presumed that there is any overriding need to remove these unless stated otherwise in the description and recommendations. They are for this reason not considered as being significant within the planning process. In assigning trees to the A, B or C categories, the presence of any serious disease or tree-related hazard is taken into account. If the disease is considered fatal and/or irremediable, or likely to require sanitation for the protection of other trees it may be categorised as U with a recommendation for work or even removal, even if they are otherwise of considerable value.

**Category (A):** Trees whose retention is most desirable and are of high quality and value. These trees are considered to be in such a condition as to be able to make a lasting contribution (a minimum of 40 years) and may comprise:

Trees which are particularly good examples of their species, especially rare or unusual, or essential components of groups or of formal or semi-formal arboricultural features (e.g. the dominant and/or principal trees within an avenue);

Trees, or groups of trees, which provide a definite screening or softening effect to the locality in relation to views into or out of the Site, or those of particular visual importance (e.g. avenues or other arboricultural features assessed as groups); and

Trees or groups of significant conservation, historical, commemorative or other value (e.g. Veteran or wood-pasture trees).

**Category (B):** Trees whose retention is considered desirable and are of moderate quality and value. These trees are considered to be in such a condition as to make a significant contribution (a minimum of 20 years) and may comprise:

Trees that might be included in the high category but because of their numbers or slightly impaired condition (e.g. presence of remediable defects including unsympathetic past management and minor storm damage), are downgraded in favour of the best individuals;



Trees present in numbers such that they form distinct landscape features and attract a higher collective rating than they would as individuals. Individually these trees are not essential components of formal or semi-formal arboricultural features, or trees situated mainly internally to the Site and have little visual impact beyond the Site; and

Trees with clearly identifiable conservation or other cultural benefits.

**Category (C):** Trees that could be retained but are considered to be of low quality and value. These trees are in an adequate condition to remain until new planting could be established (a minimum of ten years) or are young trees with a stem diameter below 150 mm and may comprise:

Trees not qualifying in higher categories;

Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on them significantly greater landscape value and or trees offering low or only temporary screening benefit; and

Trees with very limited conservation or other cultural benefits.

**Category (U):** Trees that are considered to have no significant landscape value but it is not presumed that there is any overriding need to remove these unless stated otherwise in the description and recommendations. They are for this reason not considered as being significant within the planning process. These trees will be in such a condition that any existing value would be lost within 10 years and which should in the current context be ignored or removed for reasons of sound arboricultural management. Trees within this category are:

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;

Trees that are dead or are showing signs of significant, immediate or irreversible overall decline; and

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.

Species have been recorded by common and scientific name. Height has been estimated in metres and stem diameter measured in centimetres unless impractical, taken at a height of 1.5 m from the base of the tree.

In the assessment particular consideration has been given to:

The health, vigour and condition of each tree;

The presence of any structural defects in each tree and its life expectancy;

The size and form of each tree and its suitability within the context of the proposed scheme; and

The location of each tree relative to existing Site features, e.g. its value as a screen or as a skyline feature.

Age class is assessed according to the age class categories referred to in BS 5837.

Y: Young trees age less than 1/3 life expectancy;

SM: Middle age trees 1/3 –2/3 life expectancy;

M: Mature trees over 2/3 life expectancy; and

OM: Over mature –declining or moribund trees of low vigour.

The overall condition of any individual tree, or group of trees, has been referred to using one of the definitions listed below. A more detailed description of condition has been noted in the Tree Schedule:

G **Good:** A sound tree or trees needing little, if any, attention;



F **Fair:** A tree or trees with minor but rectifiable defects or in the early stages of stress, from which it may recover;

P **Poor:** A tree or trees with major structural and physiological defects or stressed such that it would be very expensive and inappropriate to retain; and

D **Dead:** A tree or trees no longer alive. However, this could also apply to those trees that are dying and will be unlikely to recover, or are becoming or have become dangerous.

Major defects or diseases and relevant observations have also been recorded. Dead wood has been defined as the following:

Twigs and small branch material	-	Up to 5 cm in diameter.
Minor dead wood	-	5 cm to 10 cm in diameter.
Major dead wood	-	10 cm in diameter and above.

The survey was completed from ground level only. Aerial inspections were not undertaken. Evaluations of tree conditions given within this assessment apply to the date of survey and cannot be assumed to remain unchanged, and it may be necessary to review these within 24 months, in accordance with good arboricultural practice.

### 3.2 Tree Plans and Tree Schedules

The extent and positions of significant individual trees or groups of trees close to the Site are shown on the Arboricultural Survey Plan (Figure 2). The Root Protection Areas (RPA) of the key trees of value identified for, or recommended for retention have been marked within the Constraints Plan (Figure 3) using the RPAs provided in the Tree Schedule within Table 1.

A summary that includes the trees identified on or near to the Site is included in the Tree Assessment Report detailing information on each group of trees. This is also provided in Table 1. Within the summary table maximum RPAs (m<sup>2</sup>) for estimated tree diameters have been included where appropriate, as well as a calculated corresponding radius of the circle for that RPA. The RPAs are formulated as described below and assist when designing layouts in relation to trees.

### 3.3 Root Protection Area

Below ground constraints to development are represented by the root plate around a tree, which needs protecting in order for the tree to be incorporated into a proposed scheme without adverse harm to the tree or structural integrity of any proposed foundation structures.

This area is illustrated by the RPA and is calculated according to the formula set out in BS 5837:(2012). This area is equivalent to a circle with a radius 12 x the stem diameter for single stem trees or the basal diameter for trees with more than one stem arising less than 1.5 m above ground level.

$$\text{RPA (m}^2\text{)} = (\text{stem diameter (mm)} \times 12/1000)^2 \times 3.142$$

This figure should be capped to 707 m<sup>2</sup>, that is, equivalent to a circle with a radius of 15 m, or a square with approximately 26 m sides

Taken from Table 2: Calculating the RPA, BS 5837 (2005).

### 3.4 Limitations of the Survey

The baseline conditions described in this report were accurate at the time at which the survey was undertaken. Should at least two years pass by, and/or conditions on-Site/Site usage change prior to the commencement of works, an update survey should be undertaken.

The topographical survey did not plot individual trees within the Survey Area. The locations of trees shown on the Figures in this report are indicative and were made using a combination of National Tree Map information and on-Site visual plotting.

## 4.0 Results

### 4.1 Data Search

The results of the desk search undertaken on <http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk> on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 indicate that no trees on-Site or immediately adjacent to the Site are covered by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), or are within a Conservation Area.

### 4.2 Survey Details

The tree inspection took the form of a walkover inspection completed by Peter Morrell TechArbA on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Each individual tree of significance that could be impacted upon by any proposed development was identified and visually inspected and classified. The trees identified during the survey have been individually noted and identified within this Report and are shown in the Tree Survey Plan within Figure 2, and within the Photograph Section of this Report (Appendix C).

### 4.3 Young to Mature Trees

A total of 17 Trees (T) and four Tree Groups (TG) have been identified and assessed as part of the tree survey. All trees surveyed were within the Survey Area at the Site.

#### 4.3.1 Species and their Arrangement in the Landscape

There are a limited range of tree species on, and immediately adjacent to, the Survey Area, with pedunculate oak *Quercus robur* being the dominant species. Sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus*, silver birch *Betula pendula*, hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna* and goat willow *Salix caprea* are present in multiple numbers. A single apple *Malus x domestica* was also present.

The distribution of the trees and tree groups across the Survey Area is limited to being randomly dispersed on both slopes of the former railway embankment. Numerous self-set saplings are also interspersed throughout the site with occasional open areas supporting bramble scrub also present.

#### 4.3.2 Height and Significance in the Landscape

The majority of trees whilst not of a great height, standing at between 12 and 16 m, are by their positions along the slopes of the railway embankment highly visible when viewed from the north and east and their prominence is enhanced by the height of the embankment. For this reason, these trees are placed within Category B (see Table 1) where their condition merits. The canopy cover is just about continuous for the length of the embankment and contributes significantly to semi-rural scene. However, the western extent of the embankment is less prominent, being screened by containers and building present within the main depot.

If retained, these trees will require protection measures to ensure no impact occurs as a result of any development.

#### 4.3.3 Age and Condition

The majority of trees present within the Survey Area are semi-mature with a single mature goat willow and a young sycamore also present. Numerous saplings intersperse the trees and are present on the top of the embankment along the former rail bed where older trees are not present. None of the trees within the Survey Area boundary show signs of past management. The greater part of the trees appear to be in fair to good condition. A mature goat willow supports collapsed stems, while several of the trees within tree groups display phototropic growth and suppressed canopies.

#### 4.3.4 Environmental Condition

Given the Survey Area's lack of use since the decommissioning of the railway and the semi-mature age of the majority of the trees, it is surmised that no damage to the root system of boundary and on-Site trees has been sustained through the lack of any on-Site working practices. The trees are in an exposed position,

though display no adverse effects, while the trees on the western embankment have been protected from prevailing winds by the surrounding buildings and containers.

Groundwater conditions are not assessed to be a significant factor in present or future growth or health of trees since the raised nature of the Survey Area appears to aid drainage.

## 4.4 Tree Schedule

Table 1 –BS 5837:2012 Tree Schedule

Tree No.	Species Name	Botanical Name	Ht (m)	Stem dia (mm)	No of Stems	Crown Spread				Crown Clearance (m)	Life Stage	Physiological Condition	Structural Condition	Comment	Cat Grading	Estimated remaining contribution (yrs)	Radius of RPA (m)	Recommendations
						N	E	S	W									
TG1	Pedunculate oak Silver birch	<i>Quercus robur</i> <i>Betula pendula</i>	Av 15	Av 300	3	6	6	6	6	0	SM	Good	Good		B2	40 +	3.6	
T2	Hawthorn Pedunculate oak	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i> <i>Quercus robur</i>	16	300 400 350	3	9	6	8	9	0	SM	Good	Good	Trifurcated at 1 m	B2	40 +	6.3	
TG3	Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	9	5 x 150	MS	4	4	4	4	0	SM	Fair	Moderate		C1	20 +	3.9	
TG4	Silver birch	<i>Betula pendula</i>	15	Av 250	5	4	4	4	4	14	SM	Fair	Moderate		C2	20 +	3.0	
T5	Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	14	350 175	2	7	0	7	7	1	SM	Good	Moderate		B2	40 +	4.8	
T6	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	16	10 x 200	10	7	7	7	7	1	SM	Fair	Moderate	Multi-stemmed from base	C2	20 +	7.5	
TG7	Silver birch Goat willow	<i>Betula pendula</i> <i>Salix caprea</i>	Av 14	Av 200	MS	3	3	3	3	0	SM	Fair	Moderate		C2	20 +	2.4	
T8	Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	13	300	1	7	7	7	7	1	SM	Good	Good		B2	40 +	3.6	
T9	Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	9	275	1	6	6	6	6	0	SM	Fair	Moderate		C2	20 +	3.3	
T10	Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	13	550	1	9	9	9	9	1	SM	Good	Moderate		B2	40 +	6.6	
T11	Sycamore	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	12	275	1	4	4	4	4	0	Y	Fair	Moderate		C1	20 +	3.3	
T12	Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	11	550	1	7	7	7	7	0	SM	Good	Good		B2	40 +	6.6	
T13	Apple	<i>Malus x domestica</i>	9	300 350	1	5	5	5	5	0	SM	Fair	Moderate		C1	20 +	5.4	
T14	Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	14	525	1	10	4	0	4	0	SM	Fair	Moderate	Canopy impacted by T15	C1	20 +	6.3	
T15	Goat willow	<i>Salix caprea</i>	13	700 500 400	3	9	9	9	14	0	M	Fair	Poor	Collapsed stems	C	20 +	11.4	
T16	Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	11	400	1	6	6	6	6	1	SM	Good	Good		B	40 +	4.8	
T17	Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	15	525	1	8	8	8	8	0	SM	Good	Good		B	40 +	6.3	
T18	Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	14	500	1	8	8	8	4	0	SM	Good	Good		B	40 +	6.0	
T19	Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	8	250	2	2	4	4	4	0	SM	Fair	Moderate		C	20 +	3.0	
T20	Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	14	500	1	8	8	8	8	0	SM	Good	Good		B	40 +	6.0	
T21	Pedunculate oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	14	425	1	8	6	8	8	0	SM	Good	Good		B	40 +	5.1	

**Table 2 –Key to Tree Schedule**

<b>BS 5837: 2012 Tree Survey Key to Terminology</b>		
<b>Term</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Tree Ref.	Sequential reference number for individual tree distinct tree in hedgerow	The measurement conventions are as follows.  Height, crown spread, and crown clearance are recorded to the nearest half metre (crown spread is rounded up) for dimensions up to 10 m and to the nearest whole metre for dimensions over 10 m  Stem diameter is recorded in millimetres, rounded to the nearest 5 mm  Estimated dimensions (e.g. for off-site or otherwise inaccessible trees where accurate data cannot be recovered) should be clearly identified as such (e.g. suffixed with a "#")  RPA <sub>r</sub> – Radius of nominal circle of Root Protection Area in metres from centre of tree stem. Figures used originate from Annex D BS5837: 2012 (p.40). Provided as a minimum distance and calculated in accordance with section 4.6 BS5837: 2012 (p.10)  RPA <sub>m2</sub> –Extent of root protection area  * signifies dimensions have not been recorded
Common Name	Tree species listed by common name	
Height	Overall tree height measured in metres (m)	
Branch Spread	Taken as a minimum at the four cardinal points (North, South, East & West) to derive a representation of the crown spread	
Stem Diameter	Diameter of single stem trees on level ground measured at 1.5m above ground level. Diameters of other commonly encountered tree stems should be measured in accordance with Annex C (BS5837: 2012 p39)	
Existing Height Above Ground Level –FSB/DG	Height of first significant branch (FSB) and its direction of growth (DG) identified as height in metres and direction of growth (e.g. 2.4-N)	Measurements taken to provide information relating to clearance, crown/stem ratio and shading of site
Life Stage	Young (Y)	Tree within the first one quarter of life expectancy
	Semi mature (SM)	Tree in second quarter of life expectancy
	Early mature (EM)	Tree in third quarter of life expectancy
	Mature (M)	Tree in final quarter of life expectancy

	Over mature (OM)	Tree having reached the anticipated maximum height and size typical for its species and setting and which has entered a period of stasis where physiological processes maintain a functional status quo.
	Veteran tree (V)	Tree that, by recognized criteria, shows features of biological, cultural or aesthetic value that are characteristic of, but not exclusive to, individuals surviving beyond the typical age range for the species concerned.  NOTE: These characteristics might typically include a large girth, significant crown retrenchment and hollowing of the stem. Veteran trees may be subject to a tree preservation order (TPO). Clients are responsible for determining whether a TPO is present.
General Observations	To provide information on the structural and/or physiological condition (e.g. the presence of any decay or physical defects), and/or preliminary management recommendations	
Physiological Condition - An assessment of the physiological condition (i.e. health/vitality) of the tree	GOOD FAIR POOR DEAD	Tree in a healthy condition with no significant problems Tree generally in good health with some problems that can be remediated Tree in poor health with significant problems that can't be remediated Tree without sufficient live material to sustain life
Structural Condition - An assessment of the structural/safe condition of the tree	GOOD MODERATE POOR	Tree in a sound condition with no significant defects Tree in a sound condition at present but with defects or with significant defects that can be remediated Tree with significant defects that can't be remediated
Notes related to both physiological and structural conditions follow the categorisation in order support	the statement and give greater detail on the true quality and value of the tree	
Preliminary Management Recommendations	These may include further investigations for the presence or extent of decay or climbed inspections, ivy removal or pruning works when access is a nonmoveable aspect etc. (NB this is not intended to be a specific)	



	tree work and further advice maybe required prior to implementation). Trees assessed as being in appar immediately hazardous condition will be notified to the client separately as soon as practicable	
Estimated remaining contribution (yrs)	An estimate of the remaining contribution in years that the tree c group of trees is expected to h based on species, condition on t site in its current context	<p>&lt;10 - Tree is dead or dying and unlikely to contribute beyond 10 years</p> <p>10+ - Tree is assessed as being able to contribute to the site for 10+ year</p> <p>20+ - Tree is assessed as being able to contribute to the site for 20+ year</p> <p>40+ - Tree is assessed as being able to contribute to the site for 40+ year</p>
Category grading	Category of tree in accordance with BS5837 2012 Cascade Chart (Source BS5837 2012 p9)	<p>'U' Unsuitable for retention, within the context of the current land user</p> <p>'A' Trees of high quality with 40yr remaining lifespan</p> <p>'B' Trees of moderate quality and remaining lifespan of at least 20yrs</p> <p>'C' Trees of low quality with an estimated remaining lifespan of at least 1 yrs or young trees with a stem diameter below 150mm</p> <p>Categories A-C are further classified as 1 (mainly arboricultural qualities 2 (mainly landscape qualities), 3 (mainly cultural values, includ conservation). For further details refer to Cascade Chart in BS 5837 201 p. 9</p>

## 5.0 Tree Management

### 5.1 Arboricultural Assessment

On both sides of the embankment are a number of tree groups and individual trees that could be impacted by the proposed creation of a vehicle access to be made by cutting through the embankment to the south, and a pedestrian access created using steps over the embankment in the north. It may be possible to retain and incorporate certain trees and tree groups currently present within the Survey Area into the landscaping scheme of any proposals.

It appears no management has taken place to the trees within the Survey Area. Selective thinning of self-set saplings should be considered, which should extend the viability and general health of the larger trees. To ensure that the root areas and canopy extremities of the individual trees and the tree groups that may be retained are not damaged, a Constraints Plan has been prepared to show the locations where protective fencing should be erected for any trees selected for retention (see Figure 3). Any tree surgery required is best carried out towards the conclusion of the development so that, if necessary, any known root damage can be corrected by the appropriate crown thinning to restore root/shoot balance.

### 5.2 Recommendations

#### Recommendation 1 (Adequate Tree Protection)

Those trees identified within any development plan for retention will need to be adequately protected during any approved development works. As a general rule at this Site, measures to protect trees should follow the best practice principles set out in BS5837: Trees in Relation to Design, Development and Construction (2012). Prior to any construction or development work proceeding, the RPAs of individual trees to be retained should be marked out using the distances provided in the Table 1. Marking out should be completed by a person with arboricultural or horticultural expertise as individual trees will have root zones that may be affected by local conditions and allowances would need to be made to accommodate this.

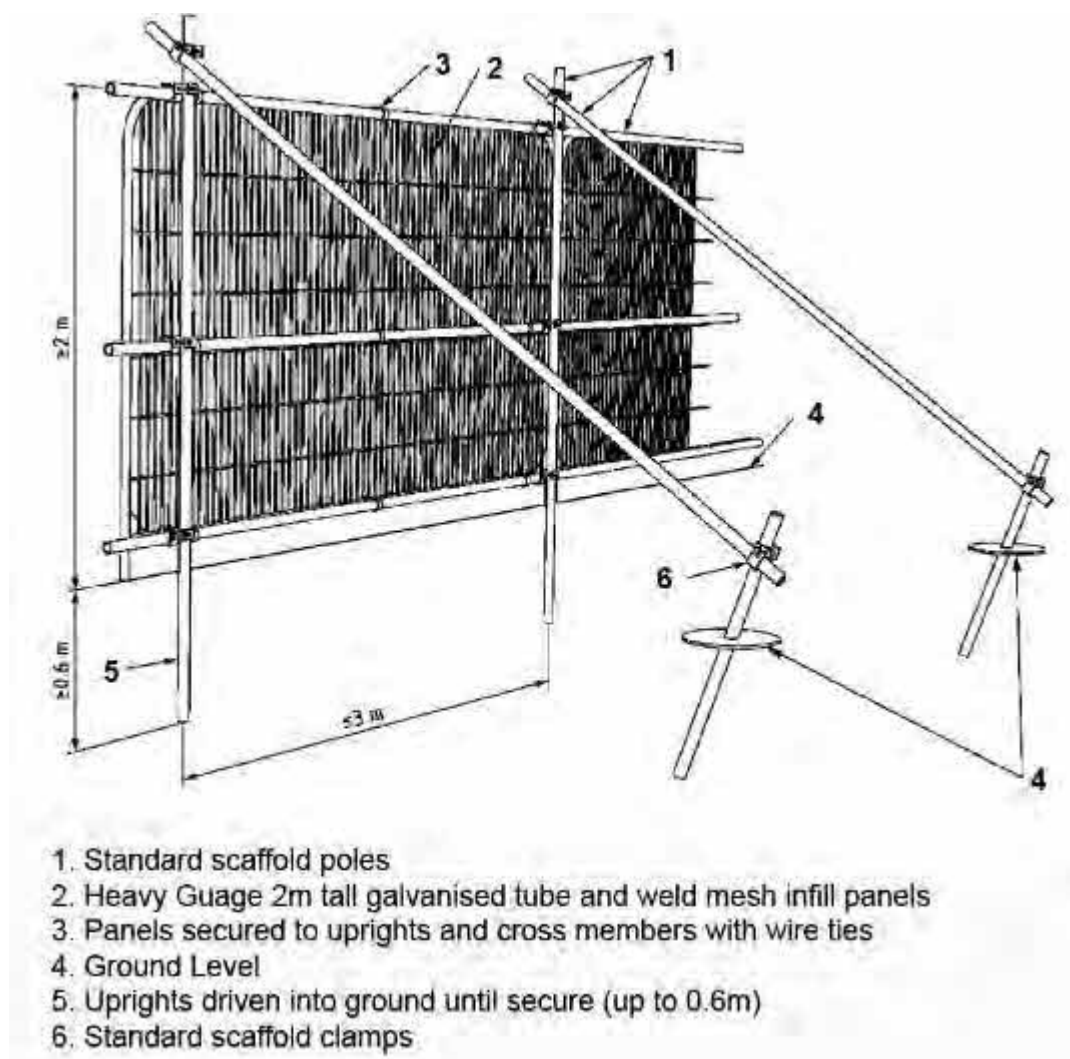
The best practice principles have been broadly summarised below:

All trees retained adjacent to the Site should be protected by barriers or ground protection around the calculated RPA and as indicated on any Tree Constraints Plan (TCP) that may be produced in association with the assessment;

Any fencing required should be erected prior to commencement of construction and before demolition including erection of any temporary structures. Once set up fences should not be removed or altered without prior consultation with the arboricultural advisor;

Arrangements should be made for an arboriculturist to supervise works and tree protection where trees are particularly vulnerable or sited close to access points;

Pre-development works may be undertaken prior to the installation of fencing with the agreement of the local planning authority;



All tree works should follow best practice procedures as set out in BS 3998 (2010). All trees should be maintained in good condition on-Site and be inspected annually (where overall condition requires) or every two years and after any major storm events, with safety a priority;

Fencing should be clearly visible and suitable for the location, type and proximity of construction activity;

It may be appropriate on some sites to use temporary site offices as components of the protection barriers;

Where it has been agreed and shown on a Tree Protection Plan, construction access may take place within the RPA if suitable ground protection measures are in place (e.g. existing surfaced car park areas). In other areas this may comprise single scaffold boards over a compressible layer laid onto geo-textile materials for pedestrian movements. Vehicular movements over the RPA will require the calculation of expected loading and may require the use of proprietary protection systems;

Once areas around trees have been protected by fencing, any works on the remaining Site area may be commenced providing activities do not impinge on protected areas. Notices should be placed on fencing to indicate that operations are not permitted within the fenced area;

Wide or tall loads etc should not come into contact with retained trees. Banksman should supervise transit of vehicles, jibs, booms etc where this is in close proximity to retained trees;

Oil, bitumen, cement or other material that is potentially injurious to trees should not be stacked or discharged within 10 m of a tree bole. No concrete mixing should be done within 10 m of a tree. Allowance should be made for the slope of ground to prevent materials running towards the tree;

No fires should be lit where flames are anticipated to extend to within 5 m of tree foliage, branches or trunk, taking into consideration wind direction and size of fire;

Notice boards, telephone cables or other services should not be attached to any part of a retained tree;

Where it is deemed necessary to operate a wide or tall load, plant bearing booms, jibs and counterweights or other such equipment, as part of construction works, and such equipment would have potential to cause injurious contact with crown material i.e. low branches and limbs, of retained trees within the RPA fencing, it is best advised that appropriate, but limited, tree surgery be carried out beforehand to remove any obvious problem branches. This is classed as 'Facilitation Pruning' within BS 5837 (2012). Any such pruning should be undertaken in accordance with a specification prepared by an arboriculturist;

It is advised that a Pre-Commencement Site Meeting is held with contractors who are responsible for operating machinery, as described above, to firstly highlight the potential for damage occurring to tree crowns and to ensure that extra care is applied when manoeuvring machinery during such operations within close proximity to retained trees to avoid any contact;

In the event of having caused any such branch or limb damage to retained trees it is strongly recommended that suitable tree surgery be carried out, in accordance with BS 3998 (2010) Recommendations for Tree Work, to correct the damage, upon completion of development; and

All of the above precautionary measures should be applied to minimise the effect of any damage to long-term tree health and safety.

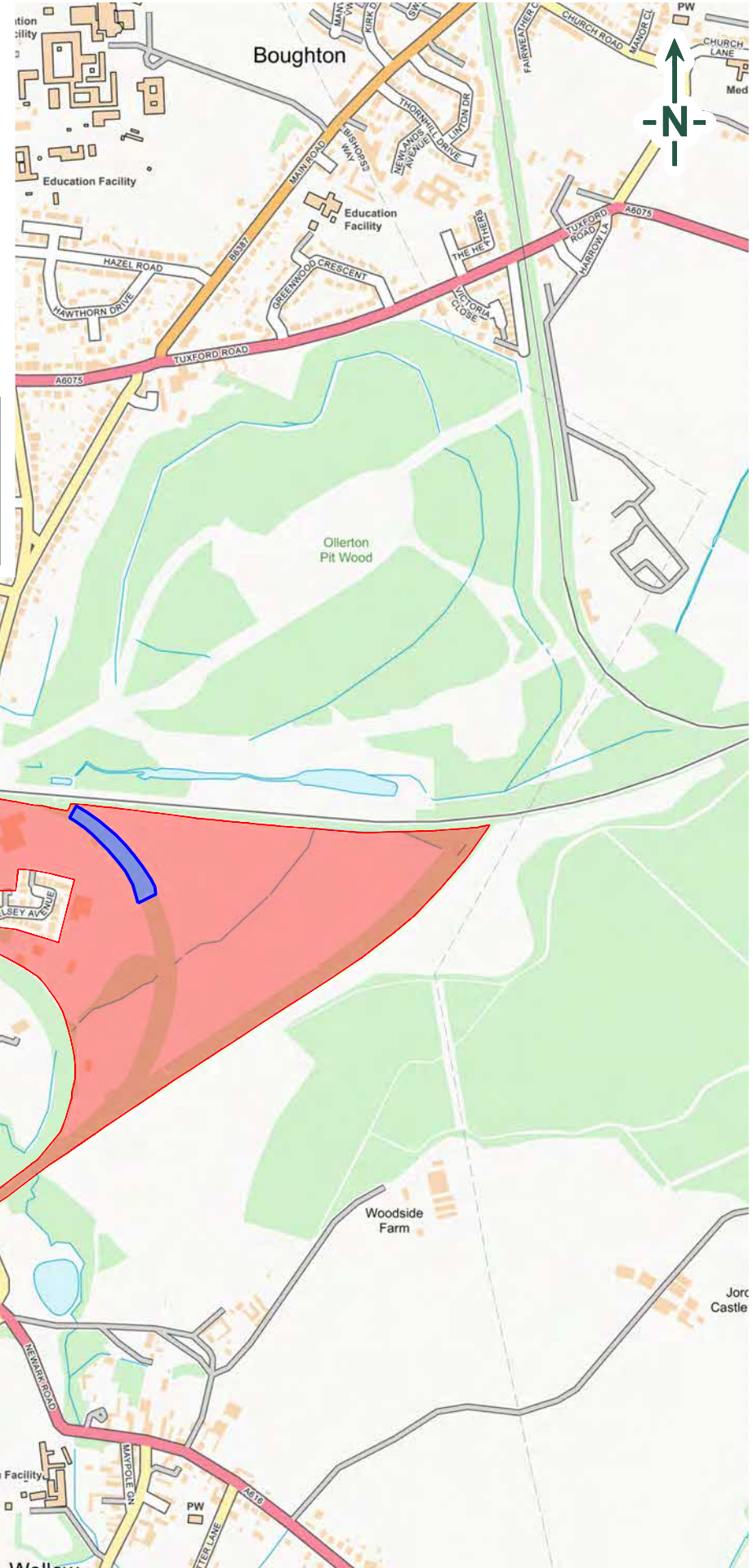
## 6.0 Limitations of the Tree Survey

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## Figure 1 –Site Location Map





**LEGEND**

- Site Boundary
- Detailed Survey Area

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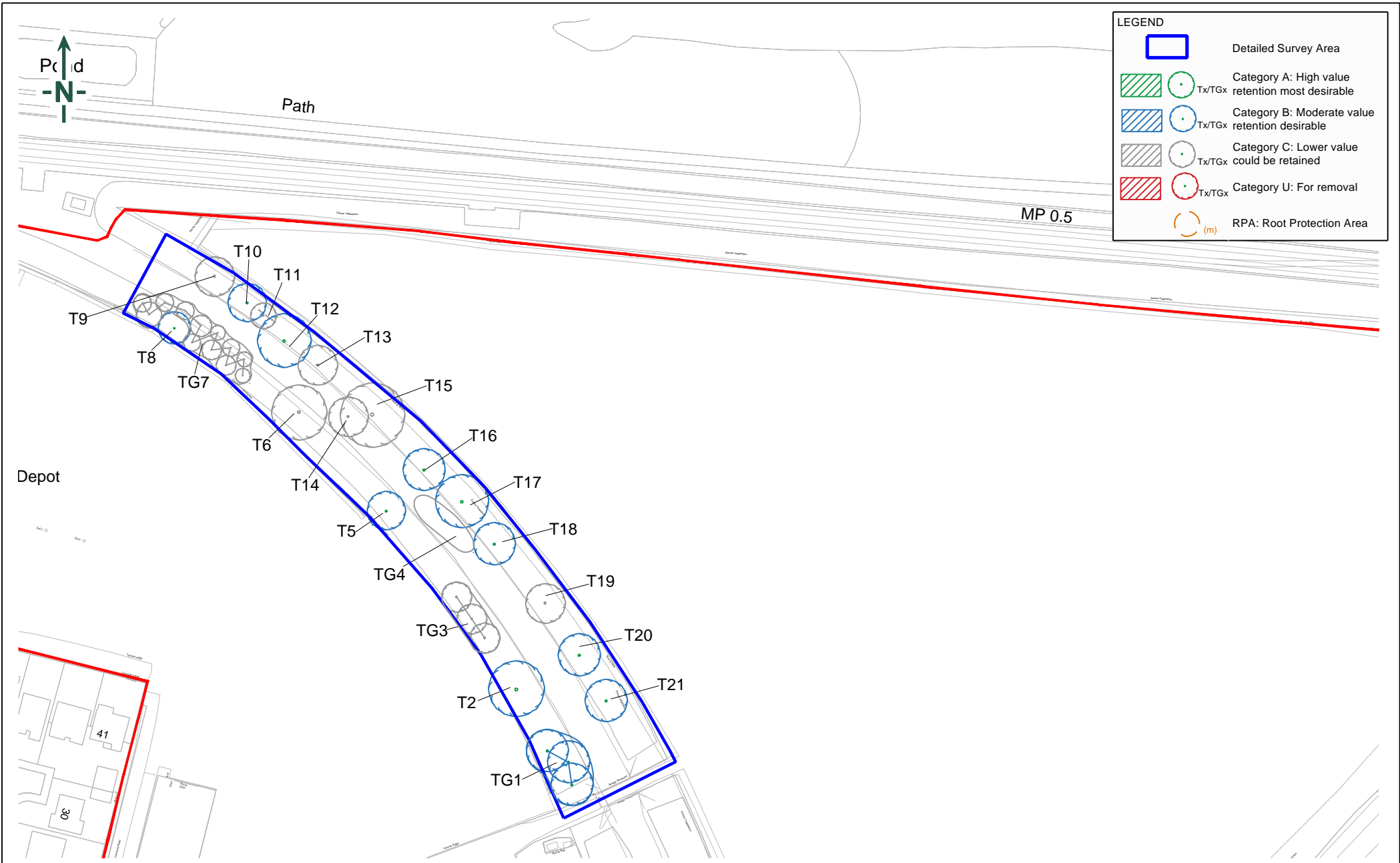
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## Figure 2 –Tree Survey



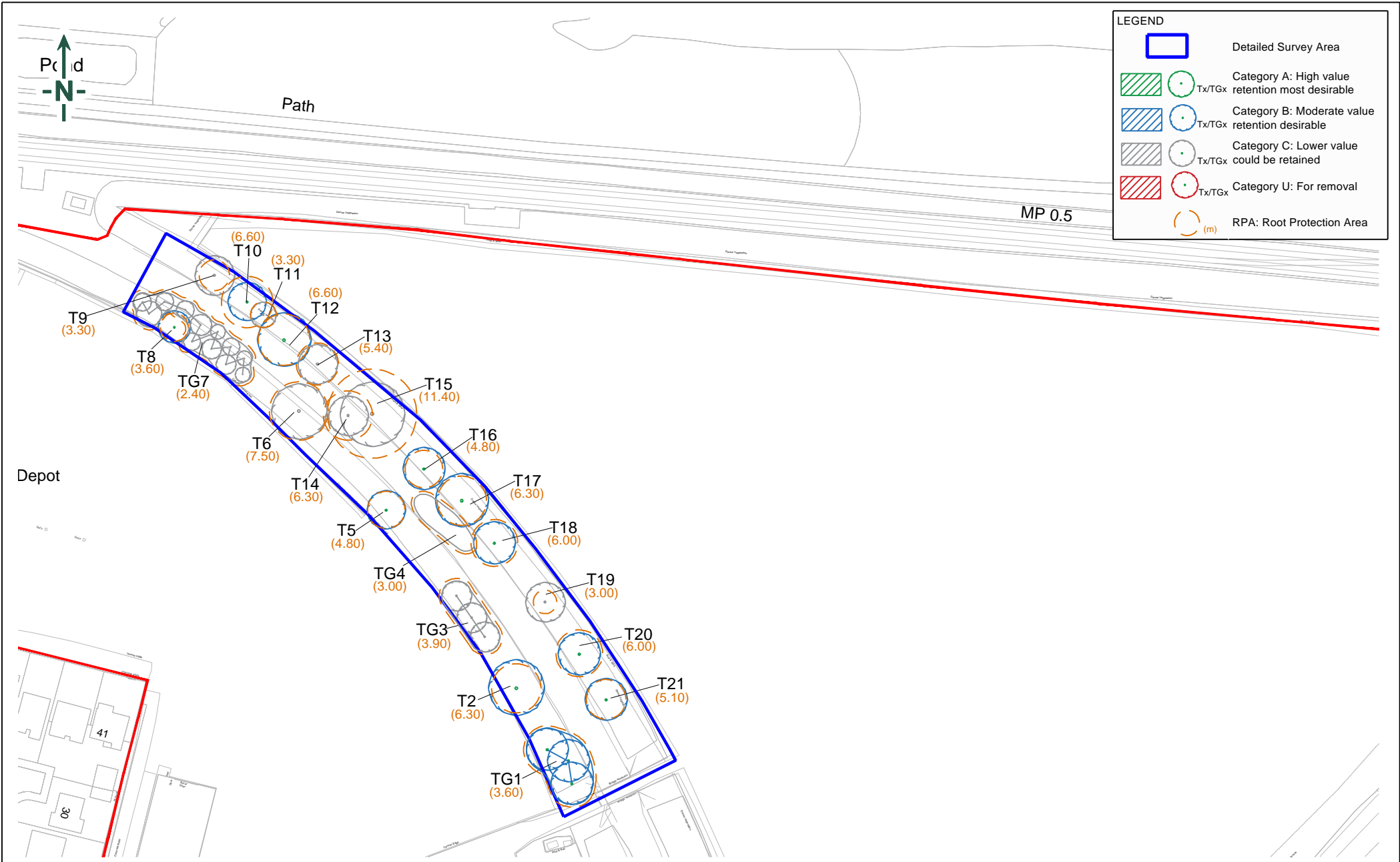
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## Figure 3 –Tree Constraints Plan



# Appendix A –References

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# Appendix B – Site Photographs



## Site Photographs



Photograph 1 –TG4



Photograph 2–T5



Photograph 3 –T6



Photograph 4 –TG7





Photograph 5 –T9



Photograph 6 –T10



Photograph 7 –T11



Photograph 8 –T12





Photograph 9 –T13



Photograph 10 –T15





Photograph 11 –T16



Photograph 12 –T17



Photograph 13 –T18



Photograph 14 –T19





Photograph 15 –T20



Photograph 16 –T21