



3 ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

3.1 General requirements

- 3.1.1 The arboricultural method statement and tree protection plan shall remain on site for the duration of construction and landscaping works and be available to site operatives at all times. All operatives at the site shall be briefed about tree related factors as part of their site induction.
- 3.1.2 Any variation from the methodology described in this method statement shall be discussed with the supervising arboriculturist and agreed with the local authority arboricultural officer.

3.2 Phasing of works

- 3.2.1 To ensure trees are protected throughout the development, the proposed development shall occur in the following order:

Table 4: Phasing of works

Works Order	Operation	Notes
1	Pre-commencement meeting.	The project arboriculturist shall attend a site meeting with the site manager to clearly identify the pre-commencement tree works and to clarify the tree protection methodology. The local authority arboricultural officer shall be notified so they may also attend. The meeting shall occur before any plant activity, ground works or construction activities begin.
2	Initial tree works.	The tree works contractor shall undertake the tree removals and access facilitation pruning specified in the arboricultural impact assessment.
3	Installation of drainage features within root protection areas.	The new drainage pipes shall be installed within the root protection areas of T1, T2 and T5 in areas which will subsequently be protected by temporary ground protection.
4	Installation of tree protection barriers.	Tree protection fencing and temporary ground protection shall be installed in the locations shown on the tree protection plan and to the specification described in this method statement.
5	Construction of new driveway within root protection areas.	The new driveway (or cellular confinement system with temporary surface as a minimum) shall be installed within the root protection areas of T1, T2, T5, T6 and T7 to provide ground protection for construction traffic.
6	Construction phase.	The tree protection barriers shall be maintained, and the construction exclusion zones observed throughout the construction phase. Excavation of the building footing shall sensitively within the root protection area of T5.
7	Soft landscaping phase.	The tree protection barriers shall be dismantled when external construction and hard landscape operations have been completed and plant machinery or excess construction materials have been removed from site. Soft landscape operations shall occur sensitively as described in this method statement.