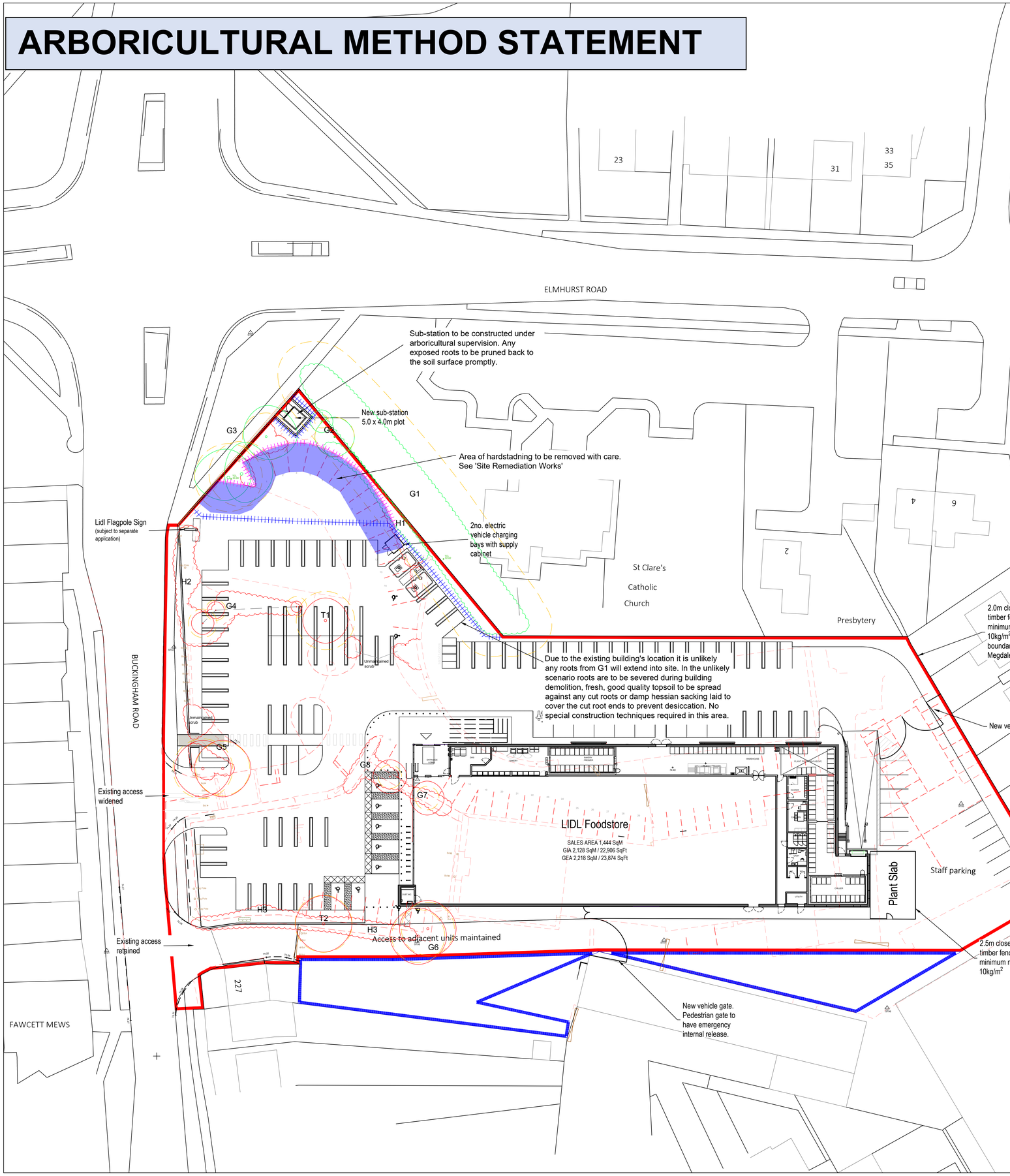
ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT



Sequence Of Works:

Preliminary Tree Works:

1. Remove H2 & H3.
2. Remove T1 & T2.
3. Remove G4, G5, G6, G7 & G8.
4. Remove small section of H1 & prune remainder of H1 to create a uniform maintained boundary feature.
5. All tree works are to be carried out to a minimum of the standards within BS3998: 2010 *Tree work - Recommendations* by a suitably qualified & insured tree work contractor.

Site Compound Installation:

1. Project arboriculturist to be advised of the location of the proposed site compound, including any proposed storage, materials handling areas and preliminary access routes.
2. If any of these potentially conflict with retained trees and tree exclusion zones, the project arboriculturist is to advise on works required to minimise the impact on retained trees / hedges to ensure no unnecessary damage occurs.

Erection of Tree Protection Fencing:

1. In accordance with arboricultural industry standards, it is imperative to install temporary protective fencing along the perimeter of the existing car park to the north of site until the car park has been removed carefully. This temporary fencing, delineated by a magenta coloured line on the plan, shall adhere to the specifications outlined in Figure 3 of BS5837:2012, employing an above-ground stabilising system.
2. Upon the careful removal of the existing hardstanding, the long-term protective fencing, as illustrated by the blue line on the plan, is to be erected. This permanent fencing shall conform to the guidelines set forth in Figure 2 of BS5837:2012.
3. Signage to be fixed to the protective fencing, one per panel, informing site operatives of the importance of the fencing and the consequences of not adhering to the requirements for tree protection.

Site Remediation Works:

1. The removal of the exsiting hardstanding within the Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of the retained trees (G1, G2 & G3) must be executed with care. Machinery for this task should be positioned atop the existing hardstanding, operating in a reverse manner to gently detach the hardstanding from the ground. It is important that no machinery traverses onto the newly exposed surface beneath. This procedure should be conducted gradually and under the close supervision of the project arboriculturist.
2. Following the removal of the existing hardstanding, the placement of the tree protection fencing can then be positioned at a safe distance from the trees.
3. The removal of the exsiting building adjacent to G1 necessitates careful handling. Machinery should be positioned away from the trees and used in a progressive manner under the close supervision of the project arboriculturist. Give the presence of the existing building, it is improbable that the roots of G1 will extend into the site.
4. In the unlikely scenario roots are to be severed during building demolition, fresh, good quality topsoil to be spread against any cut roots or damp hessian sacking laid to cover the cut root ends to prevent desiccation.
5. All soil from the remediation works to be removed using pre-approved haul routes for appropriate disposal or re-use elsewhere.
6. Strictly no machines allowed within the tree protection zones; all machines must work away from the protected trees.

Site Setting Out:

In tandem with the erection of tree protection fencing, engineers to set out roads, and parking bays, specifcally adjacent G1 to enable the project arboriculturist to assess the extent of works and prepare for proposed hardstanding areas.

Installation of Sewers:

1. Prior to commencement of excavation works for the installation of sewers, the project arboriculturist is to be consulted on the full extent of works required, including the installation of domestic drainage works.
2. Working methods are to be agreed in advance, including the lines of proposed excavations, temporary storage of soil materials, handling of pipeworks, haul routes and backfilling works to ensure that these do not conflict with the tree protection requirements.

Main Construction Phase:

1. During the main construction phase, there must be no breaching of the tree protection fencing. Any damage to the fencing must be reported to the site manager and project arboriculturist immediately and repairs effected without delay.
2. There must be no machine or pedestrian access within the fenced off areas at any time without the prior approval of the project arboriculturist.
3. There must be no storing or dumping of materials or any kind within fenced off areas, no spilling of liquids within and no lighting of fires within 20m of the outer branch spread of any retained tree.

Landscape Works:

1. Only upon completion of all external construction works can landscaping works commence.
2. All planting proposals are to be approved by the project arboriculturist in advance to ensure no conflict with roots of retained trees.
3. Prior to the commencement of landscape works, providing that the project arboriculturist is in agreement, tree protection fencing can be removed carefully. Any posts concreted in must be lifted out vertically to avoid disruption of tree roots.

TREE PROTECTION FENCING

BS5837:2012
Figure 3 Examples of above-ground stabilizing systems

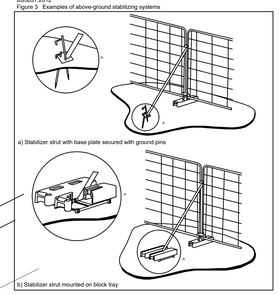
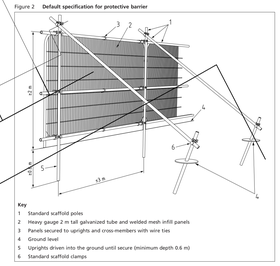


Figure 2 **Default specification for protective barrier**



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ALL COORDINATES RELATED TO LOCAL GRID LOCATED TO OS NG BY BEST FIT TO DETAIL, EXTRACTED FROM OS DIGITAL DATA.

KEY

- Existing tree to be retained
- Existing tree to be removed
- Extent of Root Protection Area for retained trees in accordance with BS837: 2012 *Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations*
- Area of hardstanding to be removed with care under arboricultural supervision
- Temporary protective fencing location - see inset for type / construction detail (Figure 3)
- Permanent protective fencing location - see inset for type / construction detail (Figure 2)
- Existing building / hardsurface to be removed

Arboricultural Site Supervision

In order to comply with relevant planning conditions, it is anticipated that supervisory visits by the project arboriculturist will be carried out during the following key operations and to sign off the following key work stages:

- **Completion of tree works & agreement of type / location of protective fencing;**
- **Removal of existing hardstanding and removal of building within the RPAs of retained trees;**
- **Sign-off of tree protection fencing installation & initial site setting out of roads / driveways;**
- **Removal of protective fencing prior to landscape works;**
- **Final site sign off.**

In all other instances the project arboriculturist will be available for communication via telephone or email via the following contacts:

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ADVISED FENCING SIGNAGE

TREE PROTECTION AREA
KEEP OUT!
(TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990)
TREES ENCLOSED BY THIS FENCE ARE PROTECTED BY PLANNING CONDITIONS AND/OR ARE THE SUBJECT OF A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER.
CONTRAVENTION OF A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER MAY LEAD TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION
ANY INCURSION INTO THE PROTECTED AREA MUST BE WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY

Laminated copies of the above sign (or similar if approved by the project arboriculturist) are to be attached to the outside of the protective fencing at 4m intervals such that they are clearly visible to site personnel.

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