

Arboricultural Planning Report For:

Site 2 PADEL COURTS
St. George's Hill Lawn Tennis Club
St. George's Hill
Weybridge



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Revision 1 - Report & Plan Revised 10/03/2023

This arboricultural planning report and the accompanying tree protection plan have been revised on the 10th of March 2023 at the request of our client to include a red line boundary.

1 Introduction

1.1 Instructions and Terms of Reference

- 1.1.1 Arb Consultancy Ltd was instructed by St. George's Hill Lawn Tennis Club to survey the subject tree(s) in order to assess their general condition and to provide an arboricultural report relating to the proposed development at Site 2 PADEL COURTS, St. George's Hill Lawn Tennis Club, St. George's Hill, Weybridge, KT13 0LL.
- 1.1.2 The purpose of this arboricultural report is to assess the direct and indirect effects of the proposed design on the surveyed tree(s) and to recommend such measures as are necessary to safeguard them in a sustainable manner.
- 1.1.3 An electronic copy of the existing site layout and proposal was provided and this formed the basis of the Tree Protection Plan.
- 1.1.4 As stated above this Report and Survey is intended for planning purposes only and in no way constitutes a safety inspection of any of the trees onsite. We recommend that all trees undergo a full safety inspection to fulfil the owner's duty of care as defined by both civil law and the Occupiers' Liability Acts of 1957 & 1984.



1.2 Documents Used

Topographical Survey/Existing Site Layout: Existing Site Plan.dwg

Proposed Site Layout: Proposed Site Plan.dwg

1.3 Contact Details

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1.4 Abbreviations

The following abbreviations will be used throughout this report:

BS 5837	British Standard – ‘BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition, and construction – Recommendations’
AIA	Arboricultural Implications Assessment
AMS	Arboricultural Method Statement
LPA	Local Planning Authority
VTA	Visual Tree Assessment
RPA	Root Protection Area
TPP	Tree Protection Plan
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
CA	Conservation Area
CEZ	Construction Exclusion Zone
CCS	Cellular Confinement System



2 The Site

2.1 Site Appraisal

- 2.1.1 St. George's Hill Lawn Tennis Club (the 'site') is a lawn tennis club with associated facilities. The site is occupied centrally by the main club house and associated parking.
- 2.1.2 The site is dissected by an access road leading to the club house and parking areas and has both main and service entrances at either end to the east and west. To the north of club house are sports courts and to the south is Warren Pond with woodland beyond.
- 2.1.3 The site was found to be generally level and with no significant adverse topographical features.
- 2.1.4 The tree stock was deemed to be of low to average amenity/landscape value, with most trees appearing in average health and vigour at the time of the assessment. Some defective symptoms were recorded for further details please see the Tree Schedule in Appendix 4.
- 2.1.5 Some of the surveyed trees could not be fully inspected, where this was the case, it will be recorded within the Tree Schedule in Appendix 4.
- 2.1.6 Our basic online searches suggest there to be TPOs pertaining to trees/vegetation on or adjacent to the site but not within the area identified for redevelopment. The same searches further identified that the site is not located within a CA.
- 2.1.7 Further to the above, it must be stated that searches undertaken by Arb Consultancy Ltd with specific regard to the statutory protection status of trees are preliminary in nature and collated with information obtained from the respective LPA website. Such information is only a guide as LPA websites and the information provided within them are subject to continual change.
- 2.1.8 It is therefore strongly advised that information pertaining to the statutory protection status of a tree or trees, on and/or adjacent to development sites be fully investigated by contacting the respective LPA. Should a TPO or CA status be confirmed then full details should be obtained in writing from the respective LPA.



2.1.9 An aerial photograph of the site is included below:



Aerial image of site with indicative red line boundary (© Google Maps 2023)

2.2 Soils

2.2.1 Reference to the British Geological Survey (www.bgs.ac.uk) indicates that the underlying geology of the site forms part of the Bagshot Formation - sand. No superficial deposits are recorded in this locality.

2.2.2 Further reference to the Cranfield Soil and AgriFood Institute Soilscales viewer (www.landis.org.uk) (<http://www.landis.org.uk/soilscales/>) suggests that the soil present within the site is likely to have a sandy/loamy texture and very acidic pH. Soils are further described as naturally wet with low fertility.

2.3 The Subject Trees

2.3.1 A total of eight individual trees and one hedge were surveyed as part of the assessment.

2.3.2 Three individual trees were considered moderate quality B category specimens. Category B trees will generally be well-formed specimen trees, present individually or in groups and will have significant merit within the immediate locality and/or the wider treescape/landscape, alongside other benefits such as ecology that may be associated with them.

2.3.3 Five individual trees and one hedge were considered low quality C category specimens. Low quality trees are generally unremarkable specimens which are, either individually or collectively, of little merit within the wider treescape/landscape.



- 2.3.4 Due to the presence of included stem unions further safety inspection of T5 and T6 is recommended.
- 2.3.5 A schedule of the surveyed trees is included within Appendix 4 of this report. The trees have been categorised in accordance with BS 5837 and a summary is provided in Figure 1 below:

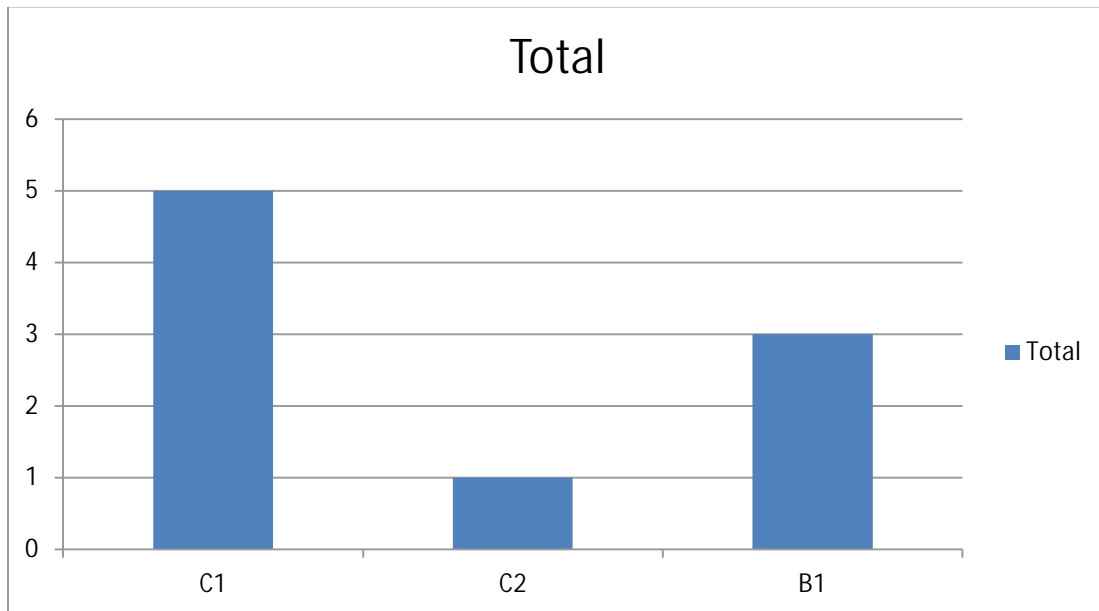


Figure 1:- Summary of Tree Categories

3 The Proposal

3.1 Description of Proposed Works

- 3.1.1 The proposed development is for the removal of a small number of temporary site structures and existing hard standing, to allow construction a groundkeepers shed and three new padel sports courts.
- 3.1.2 Further to the above, additional hard and soft landscaping will be undertaken to include the widening of road entrances and the installation of new paths to access and connect the newly proposed site features.



4 Arboricultural Impact Assessment

4.1 Arboricultural Implications

- 4.1.1 A summary of the arboricultural implications associated with this development are provided below and intended to be read in conjunction with the attached Tree Protection Plan ref: 23 2308 TPP 001.

———— EXISTING BUILDING/HARD FEATURE TO BE RETAINED

Existing buildings/hard features as indicated on the TPP are to be retained.

- - - - EXISTING BUILDING/HARD FEATURE TO BE DEMOLISHED

Existing buildings/hard features as indicated on the TPP are to be demolished. Demolition works are intended to be undertaken within retained tree RPAs, subject to method statement requirements.

———— PROPOSED BUILDING/STRUCTURE

Foundations for parts of the proposed development fall slightly within the RPA of T1 which is to be retained. The incursion by two pad foundations is limited and both are positioned on the periphery of the RPA. Given the limited nature of the incursions and their locations, we are satisfied that installation of the foundations (identified by light blue shading) can be undertaken in a traditional manner, if hand excavated under direct supervision with all works undertaken in line with the attached method statement.

Should roots of significant size or distribution be encountered within the RPAs during supervised excavations the LPA will be contacted, and a review on the suitability of the foundation specification undertaken.

If required, a more specialised ‘no-dig’ approach could be employed. This would be achieved with the use of an above ground foundation technique to include concrete pads and an above ground beam, or similar. Such a system is aimed at abating below ground disturbance and hence root damage by requiring only minimal excavations for pads.



Specialised above ground foundation systems such as this can create level considerations for adjoining hard features/standing, both of which will require further engineering input/consideration and potential design alterations.

— PROPOSED HARD FEATURE/HARD STANDING

New hard standing is proposed within the RPAs of T1, H2 and T3 and will require additional permanent ground protection to be incorporated into its design, to protect the underlying soil structure, and hence the roots within. A CCS is recommended allowing for the inclusion of a permeable finished surface, which in turn will impact upon finished levels as it will be no-dig construction at existing ground level.

The final design and specification of the CCS will require engineer approval and its relationship with surrounding levels should be reviewed prior to installation.

Please see below section PERMANENT GROUND PROTECTION for recommendations in respect of trees potentially affected.

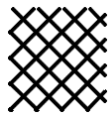
— TREE PROTECTION FENCING PRIMARY

Site-specific tree protective fencing will be used to protect all retained trees at the recommended specification, and in the locations indicated on the TPP. Should secondary protective fencing be recommended for specific enabling works, demolition and/or construction its purpose will be detailed below, and its location identified on the TPP.

— TREE PROTECTION FENCING SECONDARY

Secondary protective fencing is proposed to aid protection of T1, and to allow construction within the tree's RPA. Post the required demolition works secondary protective fencing will be repositioned/erected as indicated on the TPP, this will require supervision only to be undertaken by the project arboriculturist.

The timber frame for the raised planter extension will also be constructed at the same time, to create a physical barrier to prevent incursions into the remaining open area of T1's RPA.



AREA OF SUPERVISED HARD STANDING REMOVAL

Existing hard standing where within the RPAs of T1 and T3 will be removed in the later stages of development and replaced with permanent ground protection where indicated on 23 2308 TPP 001.



TEMPORARY GROUND PROTECTION

Suitably robust ground protection will be employed within the RPAs of H2 and T3 and at the recommended specification. This will allow the movement of ground workers with limited impact. The recommended ground protection is aimed at protecting the soil structure and roots from compaction damage which can lead to asphyxiation of tree roots, and hence the demise of the affected tree.



EXISTING GROUND PROTECTION

Areas of existing hard standing within the RPAs of T1, H2 and T3 will provide adequate ground protection for access subject to method statement requirements. Areas of existing hard standing as detailed will be removed gradually to allow the installation of both permanent and temporary ground protection.



AREA OF SUPERVISED EXCAVATION

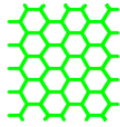
Foundations for the development are to be installed within the RPA of T1 and the proposed pad foundations are considered acceptable in theory.

Each area, as identified on the TPP will be subject to supervised hand excavation, root severance (if required) will be undertaken by the project arboriculturist only. If roots are found installation of the new foundations will incorporate a suitable membrane to protect surrounding soils and roots from potential concrete leachate.

The potential for root damage will be stringently monitored during these excavations, and the LPA contacted if roots of significant size and/or density are uncovered.



As stated in the section ‘PROPOSED BUILDING/STRUCTURE’ above - should roots of significant size or distribution be encountered within the RPAs during supervised excavations the LPA will be contacted, and a review on the suitability of the foundation specification undertaken.



PERMANENT GROUND PROTECTION

Areas of ‘no-dig’ permanent ground protection will need to be incorporated into the proposed access road/driveway design where within the RPAs of T1, H2 and T3 to abate any risk of soil compaction and hence root damage. The system will need to be installed immediately following construction of the supporting retaining wall.

If this area is exposed at any point during construction for any reason (e.g., the final new driveway area will not be constructed until after all works are complete) then it must be either fenced off as part of the CEZ or protected with temporary ground protection.



TREE(S) PROPOSED FOR REMOVAL

One individual tree is proposed for removal.

4.2 Recommended Tree Works

4.2.1 A schedule of tree works is provided below:

Tree No.	Proposed/Recommended Works	Reason for Works
T4	Fell to ground level.	To facilitate proposed development.

Table 1:- Recommended Tree Works

4.3 Mitigation

4.3.1 The Monkey Puzzle, T4, requires removal to facilitate development. The tree in question is surrounded by hard standing and showing signs of stress in the form of crown die-back, for this reason the tree was awarded category C status.

4.3.2 The Tennis Club would like to agree a replanting schedule in agreement with the Residents Association and the Local Authority tree officer.



4.4 Tree Protection Measures

- 4.4.1 The principle of permitting temporary construction access within the RPA is established in BS 5837 clause 6.2.3. Where the requirement for access is justified then this may be achieved through the setting back of the protective fencing and the use of ground protection measures to protect the underlying soil.
- 4.4.2 All retained trees will be robustly protected in accordance with BS 5837. Full details of the necessary tree protection measures are provided within the AMS which can be found on page 14 of this report. These issues include:

- Arboricultural Monitoring and Supervision
- General Precautions
- Tree Surgery
- Tree Protection Fencing
- Ground Protection
- Demolition of Structures and Hard Surfacing
- Foundations and Construction
- Construction of New Hard Surfacing
- New Underground Services

5 Conclusions

- 5.1.1 Having considered the arboricultural implications associated with this site, I believe the proposal to be arboriculturally sound.
- 5.1.2 Subject to full compliance with this report and the TPP, I believe that all retained trees can be adequately protected and will be safeguarded in a sustainable manner.



6 References

Anon., 1981. Wildlife and Countryside Act (Amended). s.l.:HMSO.

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7 Arboricultural Method Statement

The Arboricultural Implications Assessment highlights the approaches required to mitigate issues raised by the integration of existing trees into the proposed design. The Arboricultural Method Statement defines the site-specific specifications for tree protection and other details required to implement the recommendations in a realistic manner.

This Arboricultural Method Statement must be read in conjunction with the approved Tree Protection Plan Ref: 23 2308 TPP 001.

Arboricultural Monitoring and Supervision

Effective tree protection can only be achieved by adherence to a logical sequence of works combined with effective arboricultural supervision and monitoring. Prior to the commencement of any works the site owner/manager will appoint a project arboriculturist to supervise and monitor the approved works.

The project arboriculturist's role is to ensure that all tree protection measures are fit for purpose, are implemented in accordance with the approved details and to the satisfaction of Elmbridge Borough Council. The owner/manager will be responsible for ensuring that all site personnel are made aware of the requirements of this method statement and that any future amendments are known and understood. Copies of the approved AMS will be available onsite, the requirements of which will be incorporated into all relevant site management documents and site induction procedures.

A pre-commencement site meeting will be held between the site manager, local authority tree officer and the project arboriculturist. The purpose of this meeting will be to ensure that all aspects of the tree protection measures are clear and understood and that any future sequencing and supervisory arrangements are agreed. The details of this meeting will be recorded and will be circulated to all parties in writing. The pre-commencement meeting also provides the opportunity for discussion between all parties as to the practical implications/challenges that may arise in facilitating the proposals in line with the AMS. Should the meeting identify additional constraints, or a sounder arboricultural approach, a variation encompassing these factors will be submitted to the LPA.

Once works commence the project arboriculturist will undertake a programme of monitoring and supervision. This may include phone and email contact with the site manager, regular site visits and direct supervision of sensitive works. The frequency of any monitoring and supervision will be determined by the intensity and proximity of works to trees and will be flexible enough to accommodate changes in the scheduling of tasks as they occur on the site.

The project arboriculturist will maintain a record of all aspects of the arboricultural monitoring and supervision and a copy will be sent to Elmbridge Borough Council upon completion of the project or as otherwise agreed. This will provide a record of compliance with any agreed tree protection measures and will assist in the efficient discharge of any relevant planning conditions.

A recommended programme of works detailing the necessary arboricultural inputs is included within Table 2 below:



Prior to any Demolition, Site Preparation or Construction Works Onsite	
Stage	Action/Operation
1.	Pre-commencement meeting between site manager, project arboriculturist and local authority tree officer. To discuss the precise location and timing of all tree protection measures.
2.	Completion of approved tree works.
3.	Installation of all protective fencing and ground protection measures.
After any Demolition and During any Site Preparation or Construction Works Onsite	
Stage	Action/Operation
4.	Construction of basic pad foundations (to include a suitable membrane to prevent concrete leachate) the RPAs of T1 and T5.
5.	Removal of hard standing with the RPAs of T1, H2 and T3, followed immediately by the erection/repositioning of protective fencing to secondary locations as indicated on TPP001. Construction of the extension to the timber framed raised planter within the RPA of T1 will also be undertaken at this time.
6.	Construction of permanent ground protection i.e., Cellweb (please see method statement section titled Construction of New Hard Surfacing for further detail) within the RPAs of T1, H2 and T3.
7.	During all external works which occur within, or immediately adjacent to, the RPA of any retained tree.
Once All Construction Activities are Complete	
Stage	Action/Operation
8.	Removal of all protective fencing and ground protection measures.
9.	Sign off by project arboriculturist.

Table 2:- Recommended programme of works requiring arboricultural monitoring and supervision

General Precautions

All trees which are being retained onsite will be protected by protective fencing and/or ground protection as detailed in the following sections. Protective fencing will be erected before any materials or machinery is brought onto the site and before any demolition, development or stripping of soil commences. Once erected fencing will be regarded as sacrosanct and will not be removed or altered without prior recommendation by the project arboriculturist and approval of the LPA.

Care will be taken to avoid damage in the following ways:

Oil, bitumen, cement, or other material likely to be injurious to a tree will not be stored or mixed within 10m of any trunk unless contained within a bunded structure. Concrete mixing will not be carried out within 10m of a tree unless undertaken within a bunded container.



Any spillage shall be immediately reported to the project arboriculturist who will determine what mitigation is required.

Fires will not be lit nearer than 5m the limit of the crown spread, will be downwind of the tree and will be prevented from becoming so large as to affect the tree.

Notice boards, telephone cables or other services will not be attached to any part of the tree.

Trees to be retained will not be used as anchors for equipment used to remove stumps, roots, other trees or for any other purposes.

Care will be exercised when using cranes or similar equipment near the spread of the canopy of a tree.

It is essential that allowance be made for the slope of the ground so that damaging materials such as concrete washings, mortar or diesel oil cannot run towards trees.

Stumps within the RPA will not be dug or pulled out but are to be ground out. Where possible, and with the agreement of all parties involved, standing stumps and debris should be left as a habitat for wildlife if circumstances allow. (British Standards Institute, 2012) (National House Building Council, 2010) (Anon., 1981).

Tree Surgery

Tree works shall be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 Recommendations for tree work (British Standards Institute, 2010), industry best practice and in line with any works already agreed with Elmbridge Borough Council.

If during the course of these operations the need for other work becomes apparent, then the advice of the project arboriculturist will be sought. No works other than those detailed within the report will be carried out without the prior written consent of Elmbridge Borough Council.

Attention is paid to the common law right to prune overhanging trees back to boundaries. Should this be required then all efforts will be made to contact the tree owner prior to the commencement of works and all work will be undertaken without access onto third party land.

The statutory protection afforded by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Amended) (Anon., 1981) and Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Amended) (Anon., 2000) will also be adhered to. Where there is evidence that bats, nesting birds or other protected species are present then specialist advice will be obtained prior to the commencement of work. Further advice on bats is available from the Bat Conservation Trust (www.bats.org.uk) and on birds from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (www.rspb.org.uk).

All operations shall be carefully carried out to avoid damage to the trees being treated or neighbouring trees. No trees to be retained shall be used for anchorage or winching purposes.

Tree Protection Fencing

Tree protection fencing will be used to prevent access to the RPAs of retained trees and will be erected within the locations shown on TPP ref. 23 2308 TPP 001. Unless agreed in writing by the project arboriculturist and/or Elmbridge Borough Council the following shall apply:



Protective fencing (shown as a magenta and blue lines on the TPP) will be erected prior to any works onsite including demolition, groundwork or the importation of plant and materials. Once erected protective fencing shall remain in situ until all construction activities are complete and shall only be varied with the written consent of the project arboriculturist and/or Elmbridge Borough Council.

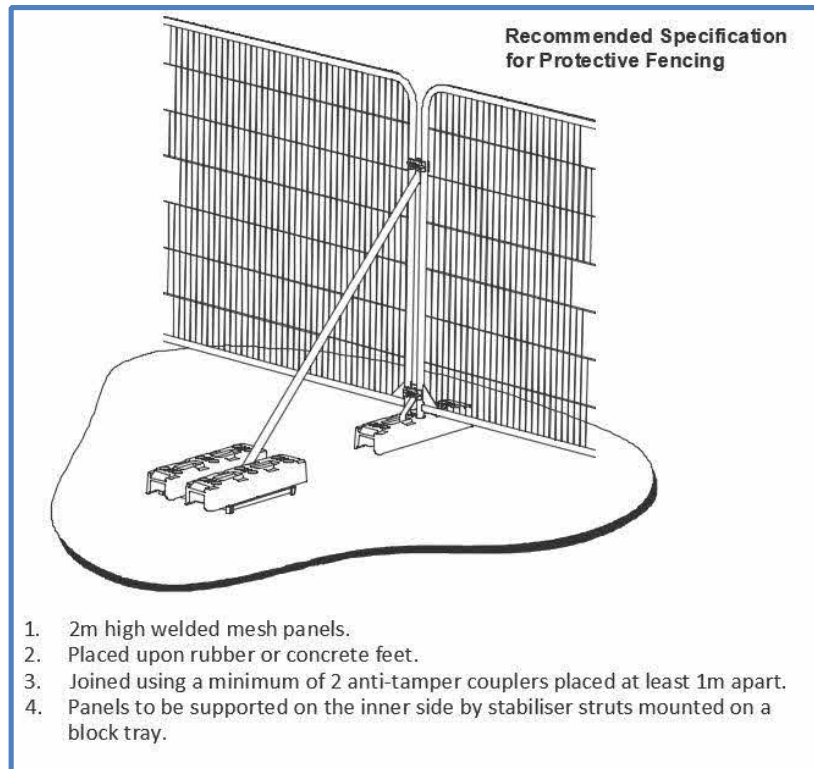
Secondary protection fencing (shown as a dark blue line on the TPP) will be erected prior to any planned incursions into RPAs to undertake specific supervised construction activities. This fencing will only be erected/repositioned under the direct supervision of the acting arboricultural consultant.

The area to the rear of the protective fencing shall be considered to form a CEZ. No construction activities, storage of materials or pedestrian or vehicular access shall take place within the CEZ without the written consent of Elmbridge Borough Council.

Confirmation that the protective fencing has been correctly installed will be sought from the project arboriculturist prior to the start of any demolition works, construction activities or the importation of any plant or materials.

Protective fencing will comply fully with BS 5837 and will be erected to the standard described in Figure 2. All weather notices will be attached to the protective fencing at suitable intervals, an example of which is given in Figure 3.

Regular daily checks will be carried out by the site manager to ensure that the barriers are still in place and functioning and any damage will be rectified without delay.



1. 2m high welded mesh panels.
2. Placed upon rubber or concrete feet.
3. Joined using a minimum of 2 anti-tamper couplers placed at least 1m apart.
4. Panels to be supported on the inner side by stabiliser struts mounted on a block tray as shown in Figure 2.
5. Barriers to be affixed with all-weather signs as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 2: Example of protective fencing (BS 5837:2012)



Figure 3: Example signage to be securely attached to fencing

Ground Protection

Ground protection will be used to protect the RPAs of retained trees and will be erected within the locations shown on TPP ref. 23 2308 TPP 001. Unless agreed in writing by the project arboriculturist and/or Elmbridge Borough Council the following shall apply:

Ground protection will be installed prior to any works onsite including demolition, groundwork or the importation of plant and materials. Areas of ground protection are highlighted in orange on the TPP.

Areas of existing hard surfacing which are to be retained to act as temporary ground protection are highlighted on the TPP with light blue solid hatching. Hard surfacing within these areas shall not be removed during demolition but shall be retained in situ throughout the course of the development and until all other works are complete.

Areas of new hard surfacing which are to be installed to act as temporary ground protection are highlighted on the TPP with light green honeycomb hatching. Hard surfacing within these areas shall be formed using a CCS, shall be constructed in accordance with the details provided on page 21 of this report and will be installed prior to any other works onsite. A temporary wearing course may be used to protect the CCS providing that it is permeable and will remain so for the duration of the construction phase.



Ground protection will be sufficiently robust to prevent damage occurring to the structure of the underlying soil. In order to accord with BS 5837 temporary ground protection will be installed in accordance with the following specification:

For pedestrian-only access, ground protection measures shall include a single thickness of scaffold boards placed on top of 100mm depth of compression resistant material (e.g., woodchip) laid onto a geotextile membrane.

Once installed ground protection shall remain in situ until all construction activities are complete and shall only be varied with the written consent of the project arboriculturist and/or Elmbridge Borough Council.

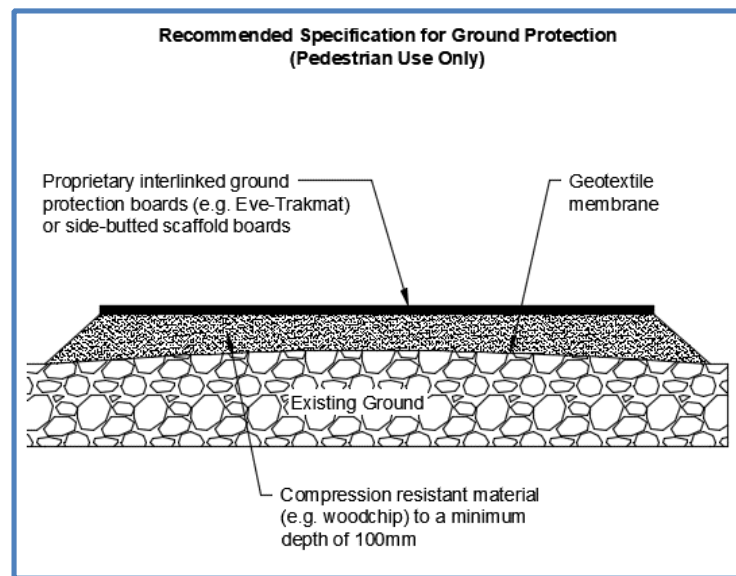


Figure 4: Example of ground protection (pedestrian use only)

Demolition of Structures and Hard Surfacing

Demolition of Structures

Demolition works associated with the removal of the temporary site structures will be undertaken with due regard to nearby trees. No demolition works shall commence until the tree protection measures detailed in TPP ref. 23 2308 TPP 001 have been erected and approved by the project arboriculturist.

All plant and vehicles engaged in demolition works should either operate outside the RPA or should run on an existing or temporary surface designed to protect the structure of the underlying soil.

The temporary site structures shall be demolished inwards into the footprint of the existing building (often referred to as “top down, pull back”).

Floor slabs shall be either broken up using hand tools and removed or shall be lifted mechanically and deposited outside the RPA for further processing and disposal.



In some instances, it may be appropriate to leave part of the foundation in situ and landscape on top, or complete removal may also be appropriate. The methodology employed should be determined on site during the supervised foundation removal.

Removal of Hard Surfacing

Those areas of existing hard surfacing identified by the black cross hatching on TPP ref. 23 2308 TPP 001 will be removed.

Removal will be delayed ensuring that the surfacing remains to be used as temporary ground protection and will only occur once all other demolition and construction activities are complete.

Removal shall be undertaken in strict accordance with the following methodology:

Any RPAs to be worked within are to be clearly marked out prior to any works. The markings will be suitable to indicate the extent of the RPA throughout the works.

The initial 'breaking up' of any surface may be carried out by low impact pneumatic tools (not breakers attached to diggers or JCBs), or preferably by hand if possible.

Where it is practicable the subsequent removal of debris will be carried out by hand. Should mechanical means be required due to the size of the debris, then a small (1.5ton) digger may be used providing that, when picking up debris, no tines/teeth from the bucket cause any damage to the underlying soil surface. Once left with manageable size pieces, hand removal will be used.

Where the digger is employed, it will only travel on the undisturbed hard surface (within the RPA), clearing debris as it progresses out of the RPA.

No reduction in levels of the underlying soil surface will occur.

At no point is any heavy machinery permitted within the RPA, once the underlying soil surface is revealed.

The underlying soil may be levelled by the addition of up to 150mm of good quality topsoil to BS3882:2015 Specification for topsoil and requirements for use. Hand tools only will be used for any levelling works; this work will not disturb the underlying soil.

Foundations and Construction

Installation of Strip Foundations

Whilst the loss of a small portion of a tree's RPA to construction activities may not be especially harmful, it is essential that the potential for further damage is kept to a minimum at all times. This can be successfully achieved by ensuring that works are carried out in a controlled fashion and in a manner which prevents damage to adjacent soil or roots.

All excavation works necessary to form the pad foundations within the RPA of T1 must therefore be carried out in strict accordance with the following methodology:

1. Prior to undertaking any works, the location of any RPAs and excavations must be determined and shall be marked out using non-toxic marker paint.
2. All staff involved will be made aware of this working methodology.



3. All works to be undertaken using hand tools only. At no point will any heavy machinery be permitted to operate within the RPA unless it is positioned on appropriate ground protection or outside of the RPA.
4. Those excavations closest to the tree(s) shall be carried out first. These shall be undertaken using hand tools only and under the direct supervision of the project arboriculturist. Hand excavations shall be carried out to a minimum depth of 0.6m beyond which mechanical means may be employed should the project arboriculturist deem it acceptable.
5. Exposed roots shall be treated in accordance with BS3998:2010 and shall be pruned back to the edge of the excavation using a sharp hand saw or secateurs.
6. Exposed roots and soil closest to the tree shall be covered at the earliest opportunity to protect them from extremes of temperature and desiccation. Where uncured concrete is to be used then an impermeable membrane shall be installed to prevent leachate from entering the RPA.
7. Where excavations render soil within the RPA at risk of collapse then bracing or other support measures shall be employed. These shall be sufficient to prevent any loosening or further loss of soil from within the rooting area of any nearby tree.

Construction of New Hard Surfacing

New Hard Surfacing

The construction of a traditional hard surface generally requires excavation and the creation of a compacted sub-base. Excavation and the compaction of underlying soil can be very damaging to tree roots and can have a significant detrimental impact on the health and stability of trees. When constructing hard surfacing within the RPA of any tree it is essential that this is achieved without either excavation or compaction. This can be accomplished through the use of a geotextile membrane and a CCS which is laid directly onto the soil within the RPA.

In order to ensure that the CCS is installed without detriment to trees, and to ensure that any associated conditions can be signed off on completion of the project, installation will adhere to the following guidelines:

Pre-Installation

The RPAs of all nearby trees are to be marked out using water-soluble marker paint.

All staff involved will be made aware of this working methodology.

Temporary ground protection and existing hard surfacing will be removed from each of the areas as identified on TPP ref. 23 2308 TPP 001.

Non-woody vegetation shall be removed through the use of a translocated herbicide such as glyphosate. This will be applied according to the manufacturer's instructions and drift onto non-target plants shall be avoided. Woody vegetation will be removed using hand tools and turf may be removed using a mechanical turf stripper where necessary.

The levelling of minor soil undulations will be achieved through infilling with a granular material which does not inhibit vertical gaseous diffusion. Examples of the materials which may be used include no-fines gravel, washed aggregate, or cobbles.



Access facilitation pruning (such as crown lifting) will be carried out in accordance with the details provided on page 11 of this report.

Installation

1. Install a permeable geotextile membrane (e.g., Treetex) directly on top of the finished soil grade level.
2. Lay out the CCS and ensure edges are anchored open during the infill process.
3. Install kerbs and edgings directly on top of existing soil grade level. For light structures a treated peg and board will be used and for more substantial structures engineer approved items such as railway sleepers, drilled kerbstones or gabions will be utilised and held in place with track or road pins.
4. Fill the CCS ensuring that any machinery works only on the already filled areas of the CCS, whilst all remaining areas are filled. Typical infill consists of no fines angular granular material 20-40mm with a neutral pH.
5. Install a second layer of geotextile separator over the top of the filled CCS.
6. A temporary wearing course may now be installed if required. The temporary wearing course will consist of compacted Type 1 aggregate with holes left at 2m intervals to ensure permeability and gaseous exchange. The temporary wearing course will be removed once construction activities are complete and will be replaced with the porous finished surface.
7. Install final permeable and gas-porous finished surface. This may consist of permeable block paving, porous tarmac or resin-bonded gravel as agreed in any associated condition or approved documentation.

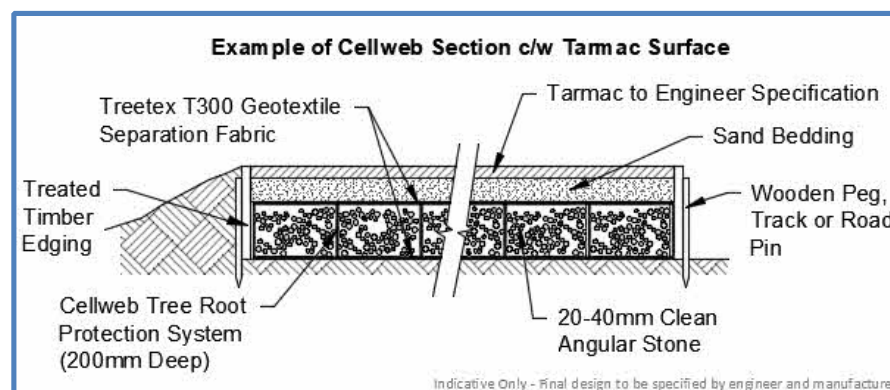


Figure 5: Illustrative example of the final surface with a tarmac wearing course (Image used with the kind permission of Geosynthetics Ltd 01455 617139, www.geosyn.co.uk)

New Underground Services

Wherever possible any underground services shall be located outside the RPA of any retained tree. Underground services shall only be routed through the RPA of a retained tree with the written consent of the project arboriculturist and/or Elmbridge Borough Council.

Wherever possible services will be grouped together, will utilise common ducts and have all inspection chambers located outside of the RPA.



In situations where services must pass through the RPA of a retained tree then trenchless techniques will be used wherever possible. Receptor pits will be located outside the RPA and potentially toxic external lubricants will not be used.

In situations where trenchless techniques are impractical then the use of open trenches will only be considered if they can be excavated without the need for shoring of the sides.

The method of excavation will be through the use of an 'air-spade' or similar to ensure that soil can be removed from around the tree roots whilst causing only minimal damage.

Any new services installed within the zone of influence (not just the RPA) of any proposed, or retained, tree will incorporate sealed and flexible joints and be sufficiently robust to avoid damage due to differential soil movement.

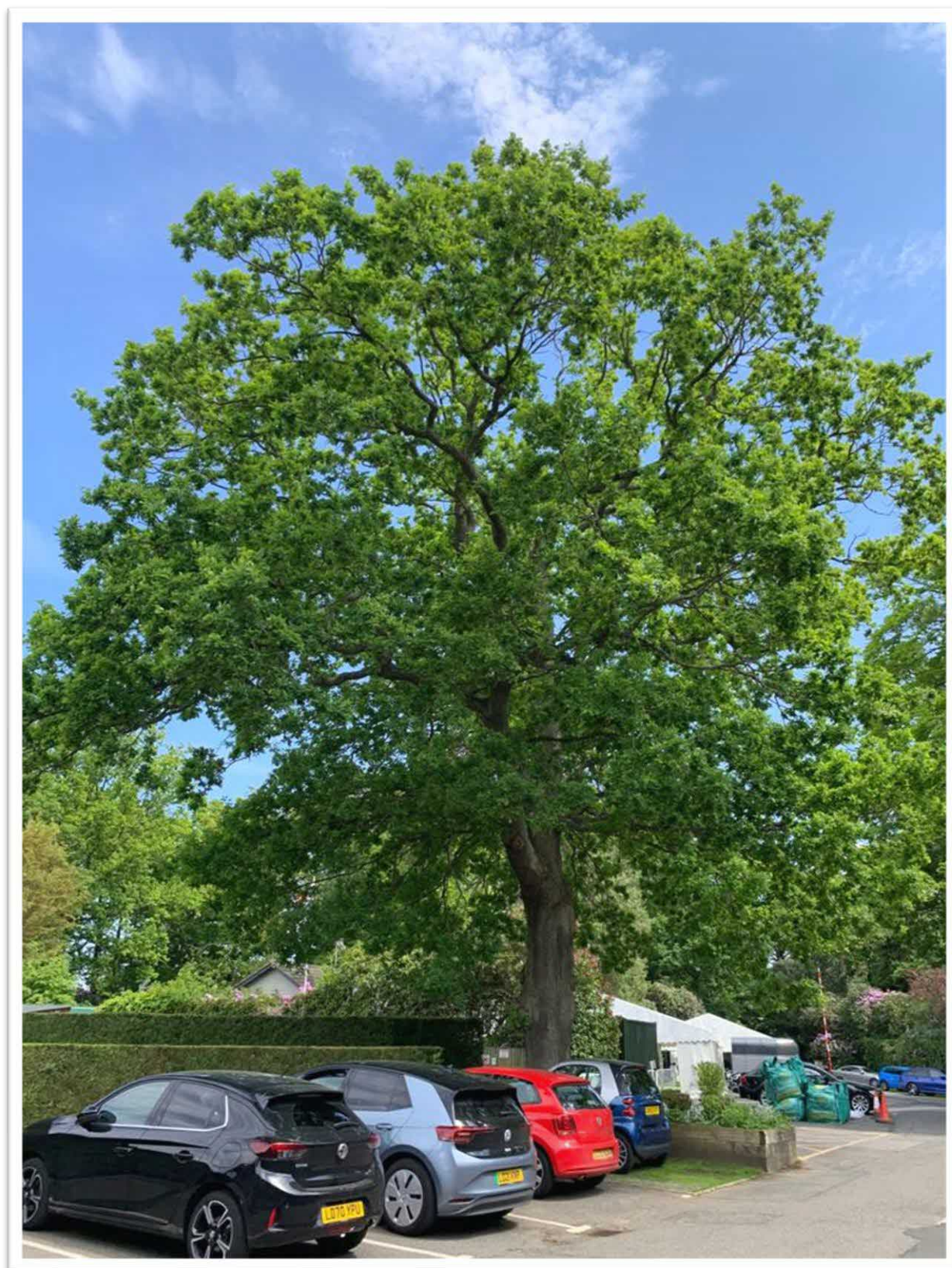
Both the installation of new services and the renovation of existing services must be carried out in accordance with NJUG Volume 4 (The National Joint Utilities Group, 2007), BS 5837:2012 Clause 7.7 and any other relevant best practice guidance relating to trees.



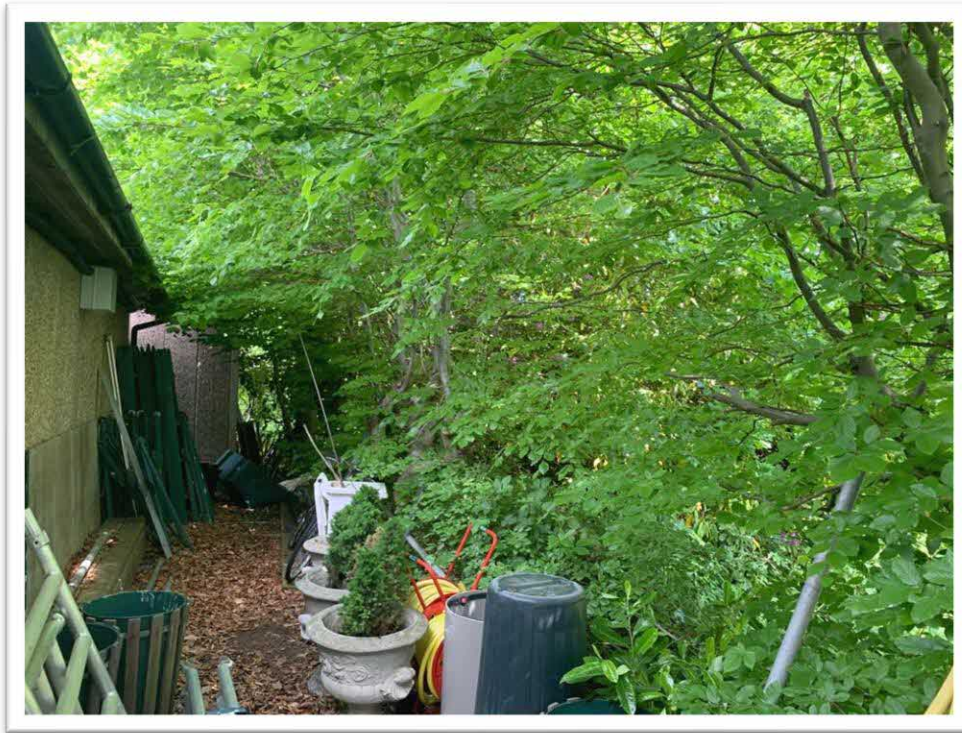
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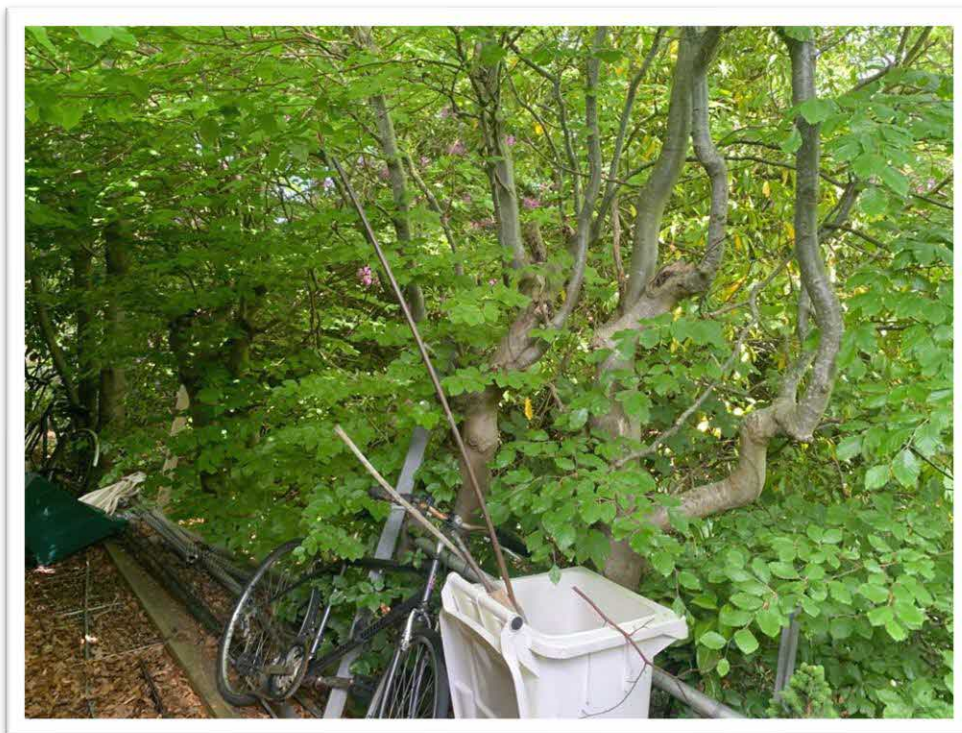
Appendix 1 Site Photographs



Photograph 1:- T1, viewed from the southwest



Photograph 2:- H2, viewed from the south



Photograph 3:- H2, viewed from the southwest



Photograph 4:- T3 Oak, viewed from the southwest



Photograph 5:- T4, viewed from the south



Photograph 6:- T5 – T9, viewed from the southwest



Photograph 7:- Top service gate, viewed from the southwest



Photograph 8:- Main access road and eastern site entrance, viewed from the west



Appendix 2 Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

Tree Officer	Representative officer of the LPA for tree related matters within the area of the authority.
LPA (Local Planning Authority)	The local government body that deals with all planning related issues within the area of the authority.
RPA (Root Protection Area)	Layout design tool indicating the area surrounding a tree that contains sufficient rooting volume to ensure the survival of the tree, shown in plan form in m ² .
TPP (Tree Protection Plan)	Scale drawing prepared by an arboriculturist showing the finalised layout proposals, tree retention and tree and landscape protection measures detailed within the AMS, which can be shown graphically.
CEZ (Construction Exclusion Zone)	Area based on the RPA (in m ²), identified by an arboriculturist, to be protected during development, including demolition and construction work, by the use of barriers and/or ground protection, fit for purpose to ensure the successful long-term retention of a tree.
AIA (Arboricultural Implications/Impacts Assessment)	Study, undertaken by an arboriculturist, to identify, evaluate and possibly mitigate the extent of direct and indirect impacts on existing trees that may arise as a result of the implementation of any site layout proposal.
AMS (Arboricultural Method Statement)	Methodology for the implementation of any aspect of development that has the potential to result in loss of or damage to a tree.
TPO (Tree Preservation Order)	A TPO is an order made by the LPA in respect of trees or woodlands. The principal effect of a TPO is to prohibit the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) cutting down, 2) uprooting, 3) topping, 4) lopping, 5) wilful damage, or 6) wilful destruction of trees without the LPAs consent. The cutting of roots, although not expressly covered in (1) – (4) above, is potentially damaging and so, in the Secretary of State’s view, requires the LPAs consent.
CA (Conservation Area)	The law relating to CAs is in Part II of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. CAs are areas of special architectural or historical interest the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance. They are designated by LPAs and are centred on listed buildings. Other buildings and landscape features, including trees, may also contribute to the special character of a CA.
NJUG (Nation Joint Utilities Group)	Trade Association for street works issues. Promotes best practice, self-regulation and a two-way relationship with Government and other relevant stake holders.



Appendix 3 Tree Survey

Scope and Method of Survey

The report is concerned with the arboricultural aspects of the site only.

The survey has been carried out in accordance with BS 5837: 2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition, and construction - Recommendations.

The reference numbers of surveyed trees and tree groups are shown on the TCP/TPP, which is based on the scale drawings supplied.

The tree survey was carried out from ground level only.

No tissue samples were taken nor was any internal investigation of the subject trees undertaken.

Tree heights were estimated to the nearest 1m.

Trunk diameters have been measured in accordance with Annex C of BS 5837: 2012. Diameters of single stem trees on level ground have been measured at 1.5m above ground level. The diameters of other commonly encountered stems have been measured where most appropriate and this is recorded within the schedule.

The combined stem diameters for multi-stemmed trees have been calculated in accordance with BS 5837: 2012 paragraph 4.6.1. RPAs are calculated as an area equivalent to a circle with a radius 12 times the stem diameter.

Tree canopies have been measured either by use of a laser range finder, tape measure or estimated where access has not been possible.

No access was made onto third party property. Dimensions for trees on adjacent property, and those that at the time of the survey were inaccessible due to dense vegetation or adverse topography, have been estimated.

The positions of trees not included on a topographical survey have been measured as accurately as possible. These positions must be considered approximate only. If the position of these trees is of critical importance, then a surveyor should be engaged to accurately record their location.

This report in no way constitutes a health and safety survey. Where concerns for tree health and safety exist the necessary and appropriate tree inspections should be carried out.



Summary of Categories BS 5837:2012

Trees unsuitable for retention	
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. Identified by dark red colouration on the TCP/TPP. These trees should not be a consideration in the planning process.
Trees to be considered for retention	
A	Trees of high quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years. Identified by light green colouration on the TCP/TPP.
B	Trees of moderate quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years. Identified by mid blue colouration on the TCP/TPP.
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. Identified by grey colouration on the TCP/TPP. The following subcategories are applied. Trees may be allocated more than one subcategory, but this will not increase their overall value.
1: Mainly arboricultural values	
A1	Trees that are of particularly good examples of their species, especially if rare or unusual; or those that are essential components of groups, or of formal or semi-formal arboricultural features (e.g., the dominant and/or principal tree within an avenue).
B1	Trees that might be included in category A, but are downgraded because of impaired condition (e.g., the presence of significant though remediable defects including unsympathetic past management and storm damage), such that they are unlikely to be suitable for retention beyond 40 years; or trees lacking the special quality necessary to merit category A designation.
C1	Unremarkable trees of very limited merit or of such impaired condition that they do not qualify in higher categories.
2: Mainly landscape values	
A2	Trees, groups, or woodlands of particular visual importance as arboricultural and/or landscape features.
B2	Trees present in numbers, usually as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals; or trees occurring as collectives but situated so as to make little visual contribution to the wider locality.
C2	Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on them significantly greater collective landscape value; and/or trees offering low or only temporary/transient landscape benefits.
3: Mainly cultural values, including conservation	
A3	Trees, groups, or woods of significant conservation, historical, commemorative, or other value (e.g., veteran trees or wood-pasture).
B3	Trees with material conservation or other cultural value.
C3	Trees with no material conservation or other cultural value.

Table 3:- Categories and descriptions as described in BS 5837:2012 Table 1



Explanation of Tree Survey Schedule

TREE No:	Allocated tree number, this may or may not be tagged onsite.
HEIGHT:	Height of tree in metres.
DBH:	Diameter of the tree at 1.5m from ground level or as otherwise described within Annex C of BS 5837:2012.
CROWN SPREAD:	Shown as compass points N, E, S, W.
CROWN HEIGHT:	Height of lowest branch foliage.
FIRST SIGNIFICANT BRANCH:	Height above ground level of lowest significantly sized branch.
AGE CLASS:	<p>Y Young (less than 1/3 through life expectancy).</p> <p>MA Middle aged (from 1/3 to 2/3 through life expectancy).</p> <p>M Mature (over 2/3 through life expectancy).</p> <p>OM Over-mature (beyond average life expectancy).</p> <p>V Veteran (of biological, cultural, or aesthetic value, usually beyond typical age range).</p>
ESTIMATED REMAINING CONTRIBUTION:	The estimated number of years the tree will continue to make a safe and useful contribution to its surroundings, taking into account its current age and physiological and structural condition. (NB. This assumes that there will be no physical changes to its immediate environment).
BS CATEGORY:	<p>(Please refer to the BS 5837:2012 Table 1 for detailed descriptions).</p> <p>U: Trees unsuitable for retention – those 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.</p> <p>A: Trees of high quality – with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years.</p> <p>B: Trees of moderate quality – with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 20 years.</p> <p>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.</p>
PHYSIOLOGY, STRUCTURE, WORKS REQUIRED:	Description of general form, including presence of physical defects, disease or decay and other appropriate details based on health, vitality, and overall structural integrity.
ESTIMATED:	Y/N (Estimated stem dimension).

Table 4:- Explanation of Tree Survey Schedule



Appendix 4 Tree Schedule

Site: Site 2 PADEL COURTS

Surveyor: KM

Date of Survey: 23/05/2022

TREE NO	TYPE	SPECIES	HEIGHT	DIAMETER AT 1.5m or arf (mm)	ESTIMATED?	NO. OF STEMS	N	E	S	W	LOWEST CROWN HEIGHT	LCH ORIENTATION	LOWEST BRANCH HEIGHT	LOWEST BRANCH ORIENTATION	AGE CLASS	PHYSIOLOGICAL CONDITION	STRUCTURAL CONDITION	PRELIMINARY MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS	ESTIMATED REMAINING CONTRIBUTION	CATEGORY	NOTES
1	T	Oak	17	960	N	1	9	7	8	9	2	W	5	W	Mature	Fair	Fair	No works	40+	B1	Occluded and partially occluded pruning wounds to stem.
2	H	Beech	4.5	150	Y	12					0	W	0.5	N	Semi-Mature	Fair	Fair	No works	20+	C2	Lapsed beech hedge previously topped at approx. 2m.
3	T	Cupressus	14	500	N	1	3	4	3	4	2	W	2	W	Mature	Poor	Fair	No works	10+	C1	Major crown dieback/Sparse upper central crown.
4	T	Monkey Puzzle	18	640	N	1	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	6	E	9	E	Mature	Fair	Fair	Remove to facilitate development	20+	C1	Minor crown dieback.
5	T	Lawson Cypress	19	200, 550	Y	2	3.5	3.5	3	3	2	S	3.5	S	Mature	Fair	Poor	Safety Inspection	10+	C1	Included stem unions.
6	T	Lawson Cypress	19	450, 350	Y	2	3	3	2.5	2.5	3.5	W	3.5	W	Mature	Fair	Poor	Safety Inspection	10+	C1	Included stem unions.
7	T	Holly	13	225	Y	1	3.5	3	3	3	2.5	W	2.5	W	Mature	Fair	Fair	No works	20+	C1	Dense ivy prevented full inspection.
8	T	Beech	19	800	Y	1	5	4.5	6	7.5	8	W	10	W	Mature	Fair	Fair	No works	40+	B1	Limited access prevented full inspection/Major lopped branch with decay at 3m origin west of stem.
9	T	Beech	19	650	Y	1	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	5	W	7	W	Mature	Fair	Fair	No works	40+	B1	



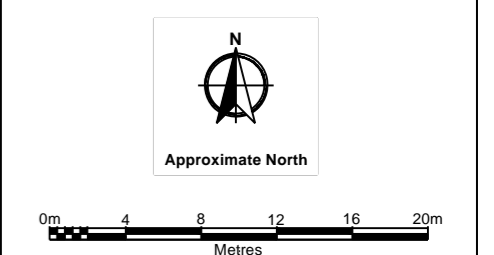
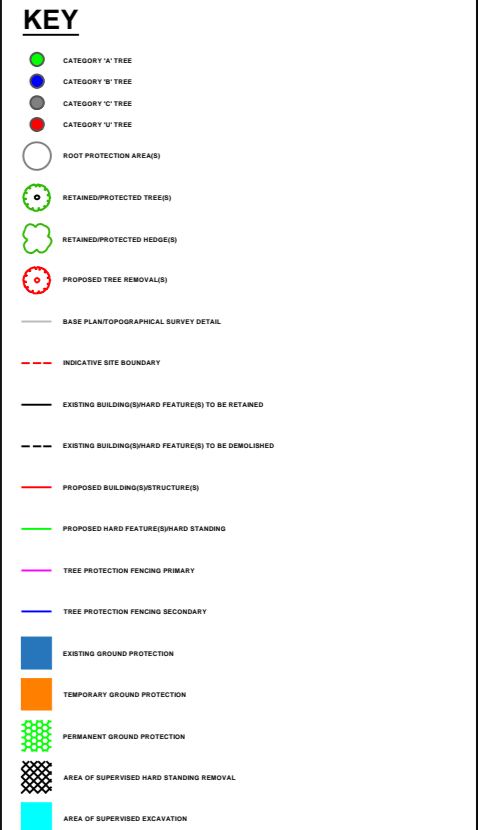
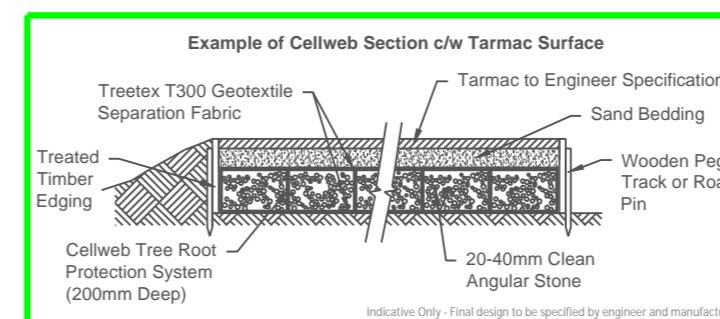
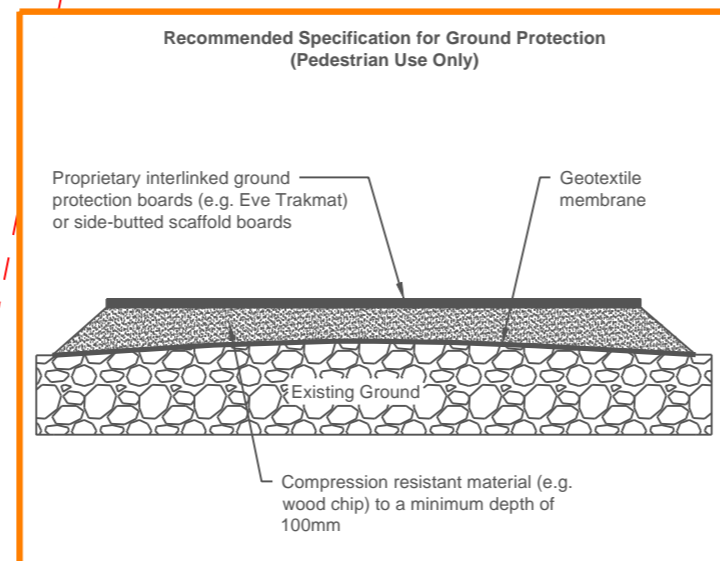
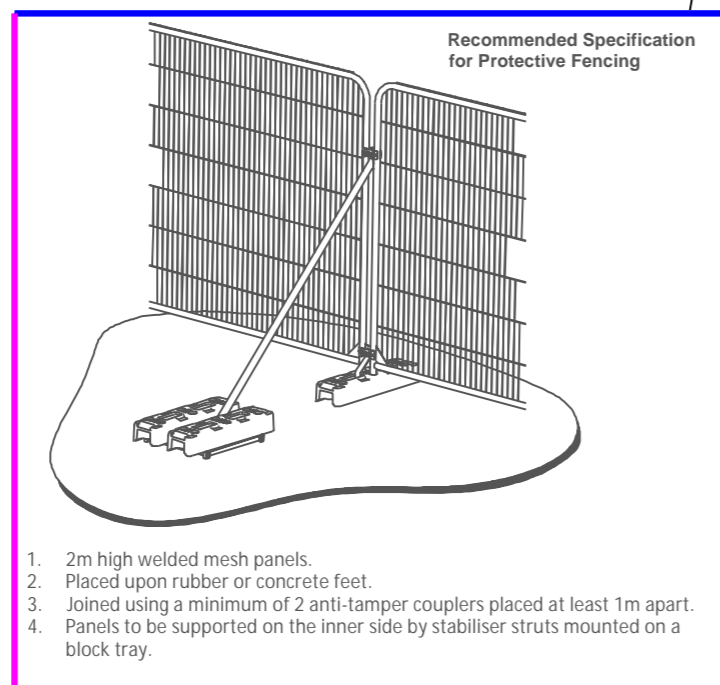
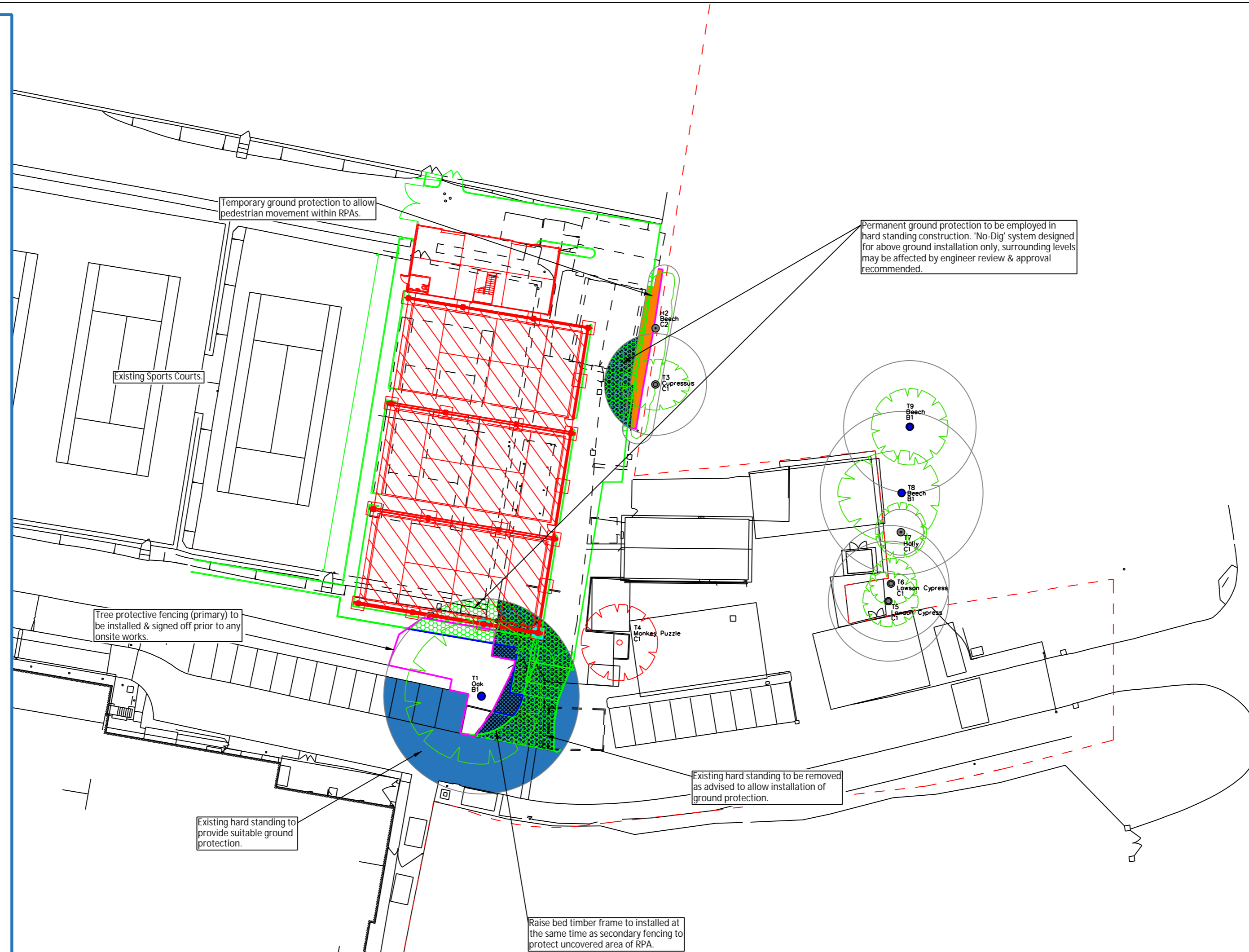
Appendix 5 Tree Protection Plan

General Precautions

All trees which are being retained onsite will be protected by protective fencing and/or ground protection as detailed in the following sections. Protective fencing will be erected before any materials or machinery is brought onto the site and before any demolition, development or stripping of soil commences. Once erected fencing will be regarded as sacrosanct and will not be removed or altered without prior recommendation by the project arboriculturist and approval of the Local Planning Authority.

Care will be taken to avoid damage in the following ways:

- x Oil, bitumen, cement or other material likely to be injurious to a tree will not be stored or mixed within 10m of any trunk unless contained within a bunded structure.
- x Concrete mixing will not be carried out within 10m of a tree unless undertaken within a bunded container. Any spillage shall be immediately reported to the project arboriculturist who will determine what mitigation is required.
- x Fires will not be lit nearer than 5m to the limit of the crown spread, will be down-wind of the tree and will be prevented from becoming so large as to affect the tree.
- x Notice boards, telephone cables or other services will not be attached to any part of the tree. Trees to be retained will not be used as anchors for equipment used to remove stumps, roots, other trees or for any other purposes.
- x Care will be exercised when using cranes or similar equipment near the spread of the canopy of a tree.
- x It is essential that allowance be made for the slope of the ground so that damaging materials such as concrete washings, mortar or diesel oil cannot run towards trees.
- x Stumps within the RPA will not be dug or pulled out but are to be ground out. Where possible, and with the agreement of all parties involved, standing stumps and debris should be left as a habitat for wildlife if circumstances allow. (British Standards Institute, 2012) (National House Building Council, 2010) (Anon., 1981).



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