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:

- 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 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.
- 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).

