# Tree Condition Report Arboricultural Impact Assessment Root Protection Areas, Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan

Land at Lythwood Sports Complex, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury

**For Creative Planning** 

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# 1.0 Remit:

Check the condition of trees identified on the Site Drawing provided by Creative Planning within and adjacent to the proposed development area. Provide an Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan to BS5837 (2012) Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations.

# 2.0 Report limitations:

The conclusion and recommendations in this report are valid for a period of one year, or a lesser period where indicated in the report. All trees are susceptible to exceptional weather events or deterioration resulting from other environmental changes in close proximity to the tree. The evaluation is based upon Visual Tree Assessment (Mattheck & Breloer 2001). Observations have been made from ground level with the aid of binoculars.

#### 2.1 Statutory Obligations

Bats and the Law (Woodland Management for Bats 2005)

'The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 makes it an offence to disturb, damage or destroy bats or their roosts. The Act applies in both England & Wales and requires consultation with the appropriate SNCO before carrying out activities which might harm or disturb bats or their roosts.

The Act is amended by the CROW Act 2000. This adds *recklessness* to the offence of damaging or destroying a place a bat uses for shelter or disturbing a bat while using a roost.

The Conservation (Natural Habitats Regulations 1994) implements the European Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora 1992, amended August 2007 & Oct 2010. Under the regulations, damaging or destroying a breeding site or resting place is an absolute offence, regardless of whether the act of doing so may be regarded as reckless, deliberate or accidental.

Wild Birds (Mynors 2002) The Primary legislation affecting wild birds in England, Scotland and Wales is the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). In January 2001 the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CRoW) included amendments, which strengthened the law in England and Wales. The basic principle of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) is that all wild birds, their nests and eggs, are protected by law and some rare species are afforded special protection. There are certain exemptions to this notably in respect of wildfowl, game birds and various species that may cause damage. (Cowan 2002)

**Felling licence**: Subject to tree size, location, condition and other Statutory protection, or prior planning approval, not more than 5m<sup>3</sup> of timber can be felled in any Calendar quarter without first obtaining a Forestry Commission (FC) felling licence. Failure to obtain a licence where required is a prosecutable offence. <u>Detailed information including exemptions can be found on the FC web site</u>

Conservation Area and Tree Protection Orders: The Local Authority protects trees within the district by the use of and administration of Tree. Preservation Orders (TPOs). Trees can also be protected if they are within a Conservation Area. TPOs are used to protect trees (including areas of woodland) where their removal would have a significant impact on the local environment and it's enjoyment by the public. TPOs prohibit the cutting down, uprooting, willful damage or destruction of trees. Any works to a tree(s) protected by a TPO or falling within a Conservation Area first requires the consent of the Local Authority.

It is a prosecutable offence to carry out work to a tree protected by a TPO, or remove it, without the prior consent of the Local Authority. <u>Detailed information including exemptions can be found on the Local Authority web site</u>

# 2.2 Tree Condition Survey and Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA)

**Inspection method:** Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) from ground level.

Location: land at Lythwood Sports Complex, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury Date: 28.05.2024

Protection Status: None- checked with Shropshire Council.

Limitations: Trees and shrubs have been identified, current height measured to the nearest metre and ultimate height assessed with reference to The Hillier Manual of Trees and Shrubs. A Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) has been carried out on trees in, or adjacent to, the development site. Refer to proposed site layout drawing for tree locations. The risk assessment and recommendations are valid for a period of one year. No detection equipment has been used other than a sounding hammer and metal probe.

NB. All trees are at risk of failure through exceptional weather conditions.

Identification No.	T1
Species	Norway maple Acer platanoides
Current Height (M)	4m
Ultimate Height (M)	21m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	7cm 8cm
Crown clearance	0m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 1m
Growth stage	Young

#### Tree Condition:

Root: No visual evidence of soil movement.

Stem: twin stems, growing through metal boundary fencing. 0.0113

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of multiple diameter at 1.5m

 $\sqrt{(0.07^2+0.08^2)} \times 12 = 1.3$ m radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 5.3m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- The stem of T1 is growing through the existing metal boundary fence and unsuitable for long term retention. As the annual increment increases, this will begin to displace the boundary fence.
- The stem of T1 falls within the footprint of the proposed footpath.

## Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark and building extension

• Tree proposed for removal by the developer.

Identification No.	T2
Species	Norway maple Acer platanoides
Current Height (M)	14m
Ultimate Height (M)	18m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	32cm
Crown clearance	3m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 6m
Growth stage	Mature

### **Tree Condition:**

Root: no soil movement.

Stem: tree has heaved from the roots historically, however the angle of the stem has corrected

itself.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of 32cm diameter at 1.5m (0.32 x 12) = 3.8m radius

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 45m<sup>2</sup>

## **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- The proposed extension, compound and parking area falls outside the RPA of T2
- Construction access will be required for the construction of storage building
- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA
- The crown of T2 will be in contact with the proposed storage unit.

## Method Statement: construction of proposed storage building and carpark

- Install section of Heras fence barrier positioned as indicated on the tree protection plan. Specification as recommended in BS5837(2012) Fig 3 Appended.
- Install 2m wide section of temporary ground protection, position shown in Tree Protection
  Plan Appended. This should be designed to take anticipated loading. BS5837(2012) states
  for a mini digger and pedestrian access "for pedestrian-operated plant up to gross weight of
  2t, proprietary, interlinked, ground protection boards placed on top of a compression
  resistant layer (e.g. 150mm depth of woodchip), laid onto a geotextile membrane".
- End reduction of the east side of crown by 2m to provide clearance around the proposed storage building and for construction access around the side of the building. Pruning to BS3998(2010). Avoid creating wounds greater than 70mm diameter.

Identification No.	T3
Species	Norway maple Acer platanoides
Current Height (M)	14m
Ultimate Height (M)	14m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	32cm
Crown clearance	2.5m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 5m
Growth stage	Mature

#### Tree Condition:

Root: no visual evidence of soil movement.

Stem: wounds occluded.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of 32cm diameter at 1.5m (0.32 x 12) = 3.8m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 45m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- The proposed extension, compound and parking area falls outside the RPA of T3
- Construction access will be required for the construction of storage building
- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA
- The crown of T3 will be in contact with the proposed storage unit.

## Method Statement: construction of proposed storage building and carpark

- Install section of Heras fence barrier positioned as indicated on the tree protection plan. Specification as recommended in BS5837(2012) Fig 3 Appended.
- Install 2m wide section of temporary ground protection, position shown in Tree Protection
  Plan Appended. This should be designed to take anticipated loading. BS5837(2012) states
  for a mini digger and pedestrian access "for pedestrian-operated plant up to gross weight of
  2t, proprietary, interlinked, ground protection boards placed on top of a compression
  resistant layer (e.g. 150mm depth of woodchip), laid onto a geotextile membrane".
- End reduction of the east side of crown by 2m to provide clearance around the proposed storage building and for construction access around the side of the building. Pruning to BS3998(2010). Avoid creating wounds greater than 70mm diameter.

Identification No.	T4
Species	Norway maple Acer platanoides
Current Height (M)	14m
Ultimate Height (M)	18m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	33cm
Crown clearance	4m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 5m
Growth stage	Mature

#### **Tree Condition:**

**Root:** no visual evidence of soil movement.

Stem: Wounds occluded.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts. End dieback in the top of crown.

**Tree Quality Assessment:** Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of 33cm diameter at 1.5m (0.33 x 12) = 4m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 50m<sup>2</sup>

## **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA
- The proposed storage unit and carpark fall outside the RPA of T4.

#### Method Statement: construction of proposed storage unit and carpark.

Identification No.	T5
Species	Norway maple Acer platanoides
Current Height (M)	14m
Ultimate Height (M)	18m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	36cm
Crown clearance	3m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 2m
Growth stage	Mature

## Tree Condition:

Root: no visual evidence of soil movement.

Stem: wounds occluding

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback. Crown is suppressed.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 <a href="Category B2">Category B2</a>: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

**Root Protection Area RPA:** for tree of 36cm diameter at  $1.5m (0.36 \times 12) = 4.3m$  Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 58m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

The proposed carpark and storage unit fall outside the RPA of T5

• No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA

#### Method Statement: construction of proposed storage unit and carpark

• Install section of Heras fence barrier positioned as indicated on the tree protection plan. Specification as recommended in BS5837(2012) Fig 3 Appended.

Identification No.	T6
Species	Goat willow Salix caprea
Current Height (M)	14m
Ultimate Height (M)	18m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at Narrowest point	52cm
below fork	
Crown clearance	2m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 6m
Growth stage	Mature

## **Tree Condition:**

Root: no visual evidence of soil movement.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

**Tree Quality Assessment:** Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: High

**Root Protection Area RPA:** for tree of 52cm diameter at  $1.5m (0.52 \times 12) = 6.2m$  Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 3.9m<sup>2</sup>

# **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- No alteration of soil levels are permitted within the RPA
- Footpath falls at the perimeter of T6's RPA.
- The proposed storage area falls outside the RPA of T6

## Method Statement: construction of proposed footpath

- The proposed footpath lies at the outer edge of the RPA of T6.
- Install section of Heras fence barrier positioned as indicated on the tree protection plan. Specification as recommended in BS5837(2012) Fig 3 Appended.

Identification No.	T7
Species	Common ash Fraxinus excelsior
Current Height (M)	18m
Ultimate Height (M)	13m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	21cm
Crown clearance	2.5m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 5m
Growth stage	Early mature

#### **Tree Condition:**

Root: not visible due to on site flooding.

Stem: obscured by ivy.

Crown: No recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of 21cm diameter at 1.5m (0.21 x 12) = 2.5m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 19m<sup>2</sup>

## **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA
- The proposed carpark falls within the RPA of T7

#### Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark

• Tree proposed for removal by the developer

Identification No.	T8
Species	Common ash Fraxinus excelsior
Current Height (M)	13m
Ultimate Height (M)	21m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	15cm and 35cm
Crown clearance	6m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 4m
Growth stage	Early mature

#### Tree Condition:

Root: not visible evidence of soil movement.

Stem: obscured by dense ivy.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 <a href="Category B2">Category B2</a>: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of multiple diameters at 1.5m

 $\sqrt{(0.15^2 + 0.35^2)}$  x 12 = **4.6m Radius**.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 66m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA
- The proposed carpark falls within the RPA of T8. This will require a change in soil levels to 40% of the RPA.

# Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark

• Tree proposed for removal by the developer.

Identification No.	H1
Species	Laurel
Current Height (M)	2m
Ultimate Height (M)	2m (maintained at)
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	10cm (average)
Crown clearance	0m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 1m
Growth stage	Young

#### Tree Condition:

Root: not visible evidence of soil movement.

Stem: Multiple stems.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of average 10cm diameter at 1.5m (0.1 x 12) = 1.2m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 4.5m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA
- The proposed carpark falls at the perimeter of H1

## Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark

• Install section of Heras fence barrier positioned as indicated on the tree protection plan. Specification as recommended in BS5837(2012) Fig 3 Appended.

Identification No.	G1	
Species	Common ash Fraxinus excelsior	
Current Height (M)	13m	
Ultimate Height (M)	21m	
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	20cm (maximum)	
Crown clearance	2m	
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 4m	
Growth stage	Early mature	

#### **Tree Condition:**

**Root:** not visible evidence of soil movement. **Stem:** multiple stems and wounds occluding.

Crown: No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 <a href="Category B2">Category B2</a>: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of 20cm diameter at 1.5m (0.2 x 12) = 2.4m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 18m<sup>2</sup>

## **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA
- The proposed carpark falls at the perimeter of G1's RPA

## Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark

Identification No.	T9
Species	Common ash Fraxinus excelsior
Current Height (M)	12m
Ultimate Height (M)	14m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	36cm
Crown clearance	2m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 4m
Growth stage	Mature

#### **Tree Condition:**

Root: not visible evidence of soil movement.

Stem: Wounds occluded.

Crown: No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of 36cm at 1.5m (0.36 x 12) = 4.3m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 58m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- The proposed carpark falls approximately 1m into the RPA of T9
- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA

#### Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark.

- 1m of strip excavation will be required within the RPA of T9. At this distance from the stem it is unlikely to sever any major roots (greater than 25mm diameter). Digging should be done using a smooth headed bucket to avoid tearing major roots out of the soil profile.
- Install section of Heras fence barrier positioned as indicated on the tree protection plan. Specification as recommended in BS5837(2012) Fig 3 Appended.

Identification No.	T10
Species	Rowan Sorbus aucuparia
Current Height (M)	8m
Ultimate Height (M)	14m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	12cm
Crown clearance	1.5m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 3m
Growth stage	Early mature

### **Tree Condition:**

Root: not visible due to on site flooding.

Stem: wounds occluded.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 <a href="Category B2">Category B2</a>: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Low

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of 12cm diameter at 1.5m (0.12 x 12) = 1.4m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth =  $6.3m^2$ 

#### **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- The proposed carpark falls outside the RPA of T10
- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA

## Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark

Identification No.	T11
Species	Rowan Sorbus aucuparia
Current Height (M)	8m
Ultimate Height (M)	14m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	12cm
Crown clearance	1.5m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 3m
Growth stage	Early mature

#### **Tree Condition:**

**Root:** not visible due to on site flooding.

Stem: wounds occluded.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Low

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of 12cm diameter at 1.5m (0.12 x 12) = 1.4m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 6.3m<sup>2</sup>

## **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

The proposed carpark falls outside the RPA of T11.

• No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA

#### Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark

Identification No.	Woodland 1 – 0.06ha
Species	Hazel, Norway maple, small leaved lime, goat willow and field maple
Current Height (M)	13m
Ultimate Height (M)	21m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	28cm
Crown clearance	3m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 3m
Growth stage	Early mature

#### **Tree Condition:**

**Root:** not visual evidence of soil movement.

**Stem:** Basal area of woodland is 20m³ per hectare. Approximate timber in woodland area is 100m³ per ha. Woodland area is 0.06ha. Total timber in woodland estimated at 6m³

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

**Tree Quality Assessment:** Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 <u>Category B2:</u> 'trees present in numbers, usually growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: High

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of average 28cm diameter at 1.5m (0.28 x 12) = 3.4m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 36m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- The woodland falls within the footprint of the proposed carpark
- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA

### Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark

• Woodland proposed to be felled by the developer.

•	Field maple Acer campestre
Current Height (M)	12m
Ultimate Height (M) 1	14m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m 2	28cm
Crown clearance 2	2m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 3m
Growth stage E	Early mature

#### **Tree Condition:**

Root: not visible due to on site flooding.

Stem: wounds occluded.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of 28cm diameter at 1.5m (0.28 x 12) = 3.4m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 36m<sup>2</sup>

# Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:

- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA
- The proposed carpark falls outside the RPA of T12

## Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark

Identification No.	T13
Species	Hawthorn Crataegus monogyna
Current Height (M)	12m
Ultimate Height (M)	14m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	9cm 10cm 9cm and 9cm
Crown clearance	2m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 3m
Growth stage	Mature

## **Tree Condition:**

Root: no evidence of soil movement.

Stem: wounds occluded.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: High

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of multiple diameter at 1.5m

 $\sqrt{(0.09^2 + 0.1^2 + 0.09^2 + 0.09^2)} \times 12 =$ **2.2m Radius**.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 15m<sup>2</sup>

## **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- The proposed carpark falls outside the RPA of T13
- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA

#### Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark

Identification No.	T14
Species	Field maple Acer campestre
Current Height (M)	13m
Ultimate Height (M)	14m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	26cm
Crown clearance	2m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 3m
Growth stage	Mature

#### **Tree Condition:**

Root: no evidence of soil movement.

Stem: wounds occluded.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: Moderate

Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of 26cm diameter at 1.5m (0.26 x 12) = 3.1m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 30m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

The proposed carpark falls outside the RPA of T14

No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA

#### Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark

• Install section of Heras fence barrier positioned as indicated on the tree protection plan. Specification as recommended in BS5837(2012) Fig 3 Appended.

Identification No.	G2
Species	Hawthorn
Current Height (M)	10m
Ultimate Height (M)	14m
Current Stem Dia (cm) at 1.5m	20cm (average)
Crown clearance	2m
Crown Spread (M)	Radius: 3m
Growth stage	Mature

#### Tree Condition:

Root: no evidence of soil movement.

Stem: 4 stems.

**Crown:** No evidence of recent breakouts or significant dieback.

Tree Quality Assessment: Ref.BS5837 (2012) 4.5.1 Category B2: 'trees present in numbers, usually

growing as groups or woodlands, such that they attract a higher collective rating'.

Water Demand NHBC 4.2-B: High

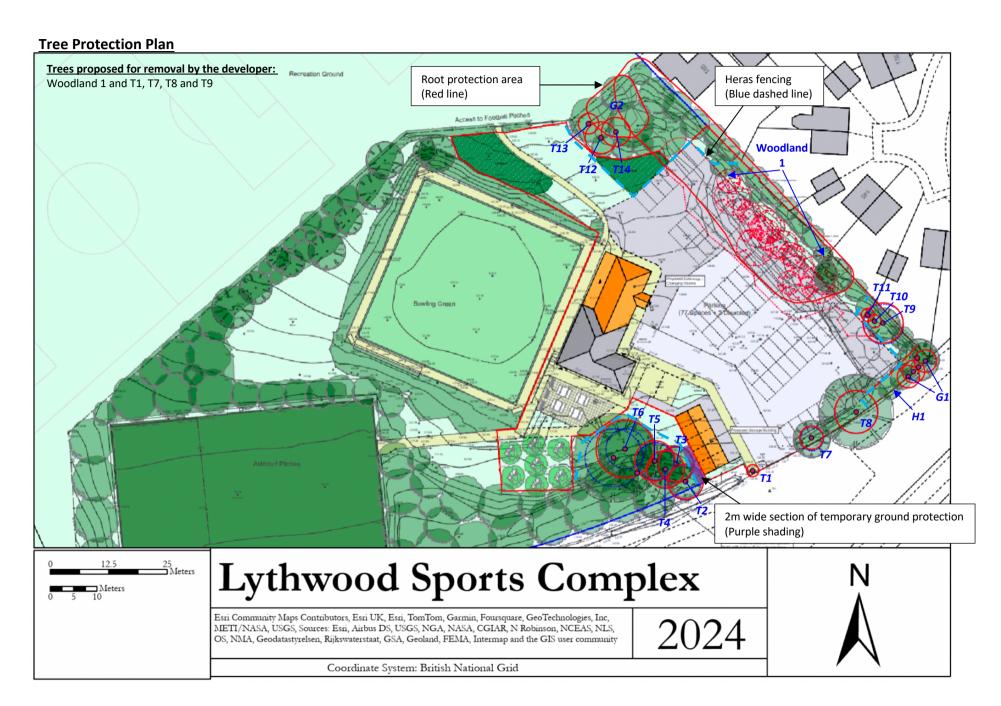
Root Protection Area RPA: for tree of 20cm diameter at 1.5 m (0.2 x 12) = 2.4m Radius.

Total RPA required at current stage of growth = 18m<sup>2</sup>

#### **Arboricultural Impact Assessment AIA:**

- No alteration of soil levels or new trench excavation is permitted within RPA
- The proposed carpark falls outside the RPA of G2

# $\label{lem:method} \textbf{Method Statement: construction of proposed carpark}$



Appendix 2: Photo Detail









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## **General Arboricultural Method Statement ref. BS 5837 (2012)**

- 3.0 The root protection area (RPA) recommendation in BS 5837 2012 (Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations), is based upon a minimum area (in m<sup>2</sup>) calculated from the measurement of the stem diameter and a factor of the radial distance between the tree stem and the outer extent of the main lateral roots. The resulting area is usually recorded as a generalised circle on the tree survey. However the significant figure is the equivalent available rooting area in m<sup>2</sup> rather than the circular shape; tree roots exploit the optimum ground conditions for their physical development dependent upon soil aeration, plant-available water, mineral elements and physical barriers to growth. Providing the total minimum area in m<sup>2</sup> recommended in the RPA is available to the tree, the actual shape of the area is less significant, providing it can be demonstrated that the construction process will not result in significant damage to existing roots greater than 25mm in diameter. 'The viable retention of trees on construction sites is dictated by the successful protection of their root systems throughout the development process from initial site clearance to installation of the new landscape. Healthy soils contain five basic components: oxygen, organic matter, mineral matter, living organisms and moisture. A soil's porosity allows water to drain through, carbon dioxide to escape and oxygen to enter. Construction vehicles operating on exposed soils, particularly in wet conditions, compact the soil pores and prevent these processes from occurring (Cowan 2005)
- **3.1** The Tree Protection Plan (TPP) and method statement details how the construction work will be carried out in proximity to the retained trees, protective barrier specification, timing of work, other mitigation measures where required and supervision of the protection measures during construction.

## 3.2 Summary of works

**Drainage and Utilities:** Follow recommendation in the NJUG Volume 4 Code of practice relating to work in proximity to tree roots within the RPA; specifically, the avoidance of trench excavations within the RPA. Any drainage or service related works to be carried out within the Root Protection Area must be subject to the prior written approval of the LPA of a method statement detailing how such works are to be carried out and monitored, so as to avoid undue damage to the tree. **Site Compound, construction materials, soil/demolition debris storage mixing of concrete and washings:** Must be located outside of the Root Protection Areas. Vehicle movements, storage of vehicles or heavy machinery, lighting of fires and no excavations or alterations of ground level is permitted within the protective barrier or areas of temporary ground protection

Method of work for individual trees <u>retained</u> in proximity to construction works or access to the works: refer to the work method described for each retained tree ref. section 2.2 of the report.

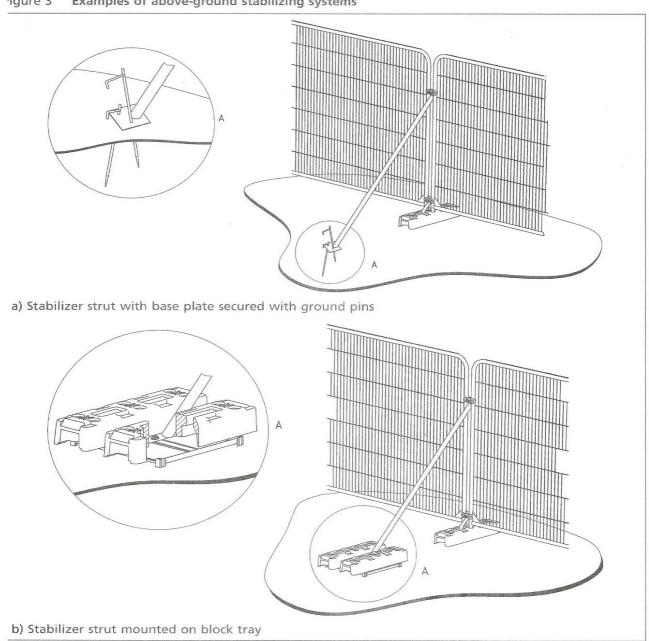
## 3.3 <u>Protective Fencing</u>

- Protective barriers should be erected with verticals positioned to avoid the lateral roots
  of the larger trees. Refer to BS 5837 (2012) figure 3 Protective barrier for details of the
  recommended specification.
- Protective barrier should be erected and then approved by the Local Planning Authority before the start of demolition and construction works on site, including the installation of temporary site office, storage and welfare facilities if required
- The barrier and ground protection shall be maintained in a satisfactory condition throughout the duration of development. There is to be no access or operations of any kind within the barrier, nor repositioning of the barrier even temporarily, without the prior written approval of the LPA.

# Appendix 3

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igure 3 Examples of above-ground stabilizing systems



6.2.3 Ground protection during demolition and construction

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**BRITISH STANDARD** 

**6.2.3.2** Where the set-back of the tree protection barrier would expose unmade ground to construction damage, new temporary ground protection should be installed as part of the implementation of physical tree protection measures prior to work starting on site.

**6.2.3.3** New temporary ground protection should be capable of supporting any traffic entering or using the site without being distorted or causing compaction of underlying soil.

NOTE The ground protection might comprise one of the following:

- a) for pedestrian movements only, a single thickness of scaffold boards placed either on top of a driven scaffold frame, so as to form a suspended walkway, or on top of a compression-resistant layer (e.g. 100 mm depth of woodchip), laid onto a geotextile membrane;
- b) for pedestrian-operated plant up to a gross weight of 2 t, proprietary, inter-linked ground protection boards placed on top of a compression-resistant layer (e.g. 150 mm depth of woodchip), laid onto a geotextile membrane;
- c) for wheeled or tracked construction traffic exceeding 2 t gross weight, an alternative system (e.g. proprietary systems or pre-cast reinforced concrete slabs) to an engineering specification designed in conjunction with arboricultural advice, to accommodate the likely loading to which it will be subjected.
- **6.2.3.4** The locations of and design for temporary ground protection should be shown on the tree protection plan and detailed within the arboricultural method statement (see **6.1**).
- **6.2.3.5** In all cases, the objective should be to avoid compaction of the soil, which can arise from the single passage of a heavy vehicle, especially in wet conditions, so that tree root functions remain unimpaired.

# 6.2.4 Additional precautions outside the exclusion zone

**6.2.4.1** Planning of site operations should take sufficient account of wide loads, tall loads and plant with booms, jibs and counterweights (including drilling rigs), in order that they can operate without coming into contact with retained trees. Such contact can result in serious damage to the trees and might make their safe retention impossible. Consequently, any transit or traverse of plant in proximity to trees should be conducted under the supervision of a banksman, to ensure that adequate clearance from trees is maintained at all times. Access facilitation pruning should be undertaken where necessary to maintain this clearance.

NOTE In some instances, local planning authority consent for pruning might be required.

**6.2.4.2** Fires on sites should be avoided if possible. Where they are unavoidable, they should not be lit in a position where heat could affect foliage or branches. The potential size of a fire and the wind direction should be taken into account when determining its location, and it should be attended at all times until safe enough to leave.

NOTE Local environmental health authorities might have specific restrictions.

**6.2.4.3** Any materials whose accidental spillage would cause damage to a tree should be stored and handled well away from the outer edge of its RPA.

# Glossary of Arboricultural Terms

Adaptive Growth:	New strengthening woody growth in response to loss of
Woundwood.	tissue through decay or physical damage
Age Class: Young	Up to 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> life expectancy
Early-mature	Between 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> and 2/3rds life expectancy
Mature	Over 2/3rds life expectancy
Late-mature	Onset of natural limb loss; increase in dysfunctional tissue
Over-mature	NB Late-mature and over-mature trees are more prone to structural failure than young or early-mature trees.
Breakout:	Loss of a limb usually close to the junction the main stem of scaffold limb
Branch bark ridge:	Natural feature in the axil of the branch providing a simple guide for locating the best position for the top edge of a pruning cut.
Buttressing:	Root flare at the base of the stem
Crown dieback:	Significant loss of foliage throughout the crown; often the result of root damage. Usually indicating a tree in decline.
Deadwood:	Dead secondary branching persisting on the scaffold limbs.  Minor deadwood <50mm diameter is less likely to cause damage in the event of failure.  Major deadwood >50mm present a greater hazard and is a greater risk of failure in trees without durable heartwood e.g. Lime and ash. Deadwood which is not presenting a hazard to the highway is excluded from the inspection report.  Deadwood stubs: Prevent the sealing of the wound site, providing sites of decay and increasing risk of limb failure.
Epicormic Response:	Growth of dormant buds on areas of the stem or scaffold limbs effected by loss of woody tissue or foliage. New woody tissue is laid down in areas of vigorous epicormic growth.
Included bark:	Weak regions of bark-to-bark contact at the stem or branch junctions.
Retrenchment:	Describes the response in new growth in the lower crown, following dieback in the upper crown. A feature of some over-mature trees, enabling survival into great age (veteran trees)
Scaffold limbs:	1st order limbs; the major limbs supporting the secondary branching or 2nd & 3nd order branches
Soil Heave:	Raised lateral roots or loosened soil surrounding the base of the tree.

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