

Tree Protection plan and method statement

This Method Statement has been compiled to ensure the safe and healthy retention of all trees to be retained on this development. Integral to achieving this goal is the implementation of the special construction details and protection methods detailed within this report. This Method Statement must be made available to all contractors and operatives on the site during the construction process so that they fully understand the importance of the measures set out for tree protection.

For details of trees to be retained and the locations and types of special protection methods, reference should be made to the enclosed plan.

This report has been compiled from data achieved by Visual Tree Assessment on site.

The existing trees to be looked at are located in the neighbouring site, the trees are mature sycamores whose branches spread into the site by approx. 5/6metres.

There is approx. 4m clearance to the underside of the tree crown spread.

Root Protection Areas

The RPA's are designed to protect at least a functional minimum of tree root mass in order to ensure that the trees survive the construction process.

Restrictions within Tree Protection Areas

Inside the exclusion area of the Protective Fencing, the following shall apply: - No mechanical excavation - No excavation by any other means without arboricultural site supervision. - No hand digging without a written method statement having first been approved by the developers arboriculturalist. - No storage of plant or materials. - No storage or handling of any chemicals. - No vehicular access.

Protective fencing must be retained in position until all equipment, machinery or materials have been removed from the site. Topsoil delivery / spreading within fenced areas shall be done by hand

Avoiding Crown and Stem Damage

Great care must be exercised when working close to retained trees. Plant and machinery with booms, jibs and counterweights and the passage of tall or wide loads etc. Should be controlled by a bankman to maintain adequate clearance.

Installation of Underground Services

Every effort has been made to ensure the routing of services does not encroach into RPA's, if for whatever reason installation within RPA's is required, the developers arboriculturalist and local authority must be notified prior to any tree protection barrier removal

General site observations

Following discussions with the site owner it was noted that a large area of fill material had been placed on the site, it is proposed to remove this material from site and create levels as indicated.