

**ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
to BS 5837:2012
at
Land At Bretton Street
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West Yorkshire
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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1.1 This Arboricultural Impact Assessment has been prepared for the proposed development **Land At Bretton Street, Dewsbury**.
- 1.1.2 The purpose of this report is to assess the impact of the proposed development on the existing tree stock and outline mitigation actions, where appropriate, to minimise any potential damage to retained trees.

1.2 Terms of Reference

- 1.2.1 JCA Limited has been instructed by **A & K Properties** to prepare an Arboricultural Impact Assessment, based on our Arboricultural Report dated 11th March 2025 (JCA Ref: **22726/AJB**). The arboricultural survey and report conform to the most recent specifications outlined in BS 5837: 2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations.
- 1.2.2 We have been supplied with a drawing which details the proposed development. The tree data has been overlaid onto the proposed designs to create the Arboricultural Implications Plan, which can be found at **Appendix 6**. This provides the basis for which this Arboricultural Impact Assessment has been prepared.

1.3 Scope of the Report

- 1.3.1 This report is compiled in accordance with *BS 5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations'* and is based on an objective assessment of the existing vegetation.
- 1.3.2 The specific design of the proposed development has been considered within the Arboricultural Implication Assessment in **Section 3** and is detailed on the Arboricultural Implications Plan at **Appendix 6**.

1.4 Survey Details

- 1.4.1 The original tree survey took place during March 2025 and was conducted by **Andrew Bussey** LANTRA Accredited PTI, TechArborA.

2. Tree Descriptions and Recommendations

- 2.1 The tree information recorded during the original survey is detailed in the tables at **Appendix 1**. A full explanation of the tables can be found at **Appendix 2**.
- 2.2 Please refer also to the Tree Constraints Plan at **Appendix 5** for tree locations.

3. Arboricultural Implications Assessment (AIA)

3.1 Proposed Development

- 3.1.1 The proposed development will consist of the construction of a light industrial unit on the site.
- 3.1.2 All tree works required to accommodate the proposals are detailed in the “Works Required to Accommodate the Proposals” column of the tables at **Appendix 1**.

3.2 Tree Removals for Development

- 3.2.1 In order to facilitate the proposed development, it will be necessary to remove two sections of **G1** and two sections of **G2**, as shown indicatively on the plan at **Appendix 6**. Of these, **G1** falls into retention category ‘C’ and **G2** falls into retention category ‘B’.

3.3 Pruning for Development

- 3.3.1 No pruning works are required to accommodate the proposed development.

3.4 Temporary Protection Measures

3.4.1 The Protective Barrier

- 3.4.1.1 To ensure the effective protection of the retained trees during development, a protective barrier will be installed, in accordance with BS 5837: 2012. This may comprise of protective fencing and/or ground protection, positioned to protect the canopies and root systems of the retained trees.
- 3.4.1.2 The protective measures are to be installed prior to any demolition or construction activities commencing on site.
- 3.4.1.3 The protective fencing should ideally be positioned to protect the entire **Root Protection Area (RPA)** and the canopies of the retained trees (whichever is greater), to create a **Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ)**.
- 3.4.1.4 Routes for pedestrian and site traffic will be located outside, and diverted away from, the RPAs of the retained trees wherever possible. Where this is not practicable, temporary protective surfaces (ground protection) may need to be laid over the exposed RPAs (on soft open ground) which will distribute the weight of site vehicles, machinery or pedestrians whilst allowing moisture to reach the tree rooting area beneath. Such surfaces should be constructed in accordance with BS 5837: 2012.
- 3.4.1.5 The installation of the protective barrier and the technical aspects of the proposals in relation to the trees should be assessed in the Arboricultural Method Statement and detailed on a Tree Protection Plan prior to commencement of works.

3.5 Implications for Retained Trees

3.5.1 Works within the RPA

3.5.1.1 To the knowledge of JCA, no construction activities are required within the root protection areas of trees to be retained at this site.

3.5.2 Demolition

3.5.2.1 In this case, demolition activities are required adjacent to retained trees and as such, no mitigation measures are considered necessary.

3.5.3 Utilities

3.5.3.1 Details on service routes have not been provided to JCA at this time. Where utilities need to be brought onto the site, these should be routed away from the RPAs of retained trees. Where this is not possible, methodologies on the installation of underground services without damage to tree roots should be considered.

3.5.3.2 All service providers should be consulted prior to commencement of works with the aim of minimising the number of service runs on the site. Any foreseeable incursions to RPAs should be communicated to the appointed arboricultural consultant and the LPA at the earliest possible time to prevent breach of planning conditions and damage to retained trees.

3.5.4 Site Compound

3.5.4.1 The site compound, which typically includes the site office, mess facilities, toilets, storage of materials and parking, must be located away from all of the trees and outside their RPAs. Care should also be taken to prevent soil contamination from chemical spillages, including petrol, diesel and oils.

4. Summary

- 4.1 We are informed that none of the trees within our survey are subject to any Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) and that the site is not located within a Conservation Area.
- 4.2 The proposed development will consist of the construction of a light industrial unit on the site.
- 4.3 The arboricultural implications of the development have been considered and are discussed in **Section 3**.
- 4.4 two sections of **G1** and two sections of **G2** require removal in order to facilitate the proposed development. Tree works required to accommodate the proposals are detailed in *italics* in the tables at **Appendix 1**. Those trees requiring removal are shown in red on the Arboricultural Implications Plan at **Appendix 6**, where the proposals can also be viewed.
- 4.5 All development work carried out in close proximity to trees should be done so in a manner sympathetic to their needs. Otherwise, the condition of the trees may deteriorate in the months and years following the development, leading to a loss of amenity and potentially hazardous trees.
- 4.6 The protection of retained trees can be achieved by the creation of a Construction Exclusion Zone based on the Root Protection Area of a tree. The Root Protection Area of each tree or group is marked on the Tree Constraints Plan at **Appendix 5**.
- 4.7 The proposed development should be accompanied by an Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) detailing the specific protection measures necessary for each tree. This should specify the required fencing standard and positions (the creation of the Construction Exclusion Zone), acceptable construction techniques and necessary tree works.
- 4.8 The data gained during the original survey provides an indication of the health of the trees. However, it does not enable a comprehensive assessment of their condition over time. Trees are living organisms which are affected by many factors including weather conditions, diseases/disorders, light levels and human activities. Due to this, the report is only valid for a period of 1 year from the date of issuing. Should an update or revision of this report be required outside of this time period, JCA may require a further site visit to ensure that the condition of the trees has not significantly changed. It is advised that the trees are inspected regularly, in the interests of risk management.

Appendices

Tree Ref.	Age	Height (m)	Crown Height (m)	Diameter (cm)	Crown Spread	Observations	Works Required for Arboricultural Purposes	Works Required to Facilitate the Proposed Development.	Physiological Condition	Structural Condition	Amenity Value	NHC Water Demand	Life Expectancy (Yrs)	Retention Category
	Common Name				Botanical Name									
G 1	Semi to early-mature Mixed species <i>Details in observations</i>	To 10	0+	To 25#	See plan	Roadside groups consisting of Hazel, Hawthorn, Common Ash, Wild Cherry and Elm. Not fully inspected due to the density of the vegetation. Not considered to be accurately shown on the topographical plan provided.	No action required at present.	Remove the two sections shown in red on the plan at Appendix 6.	GOOD	GOOD	LOW	LOW TO HIGH	40+	1 C 2
G 2	Semi-mature to mature Mixed species <i>Details in observations</i>	To 18	0+	To 50#	See plan	A boundary group comprised mainly of Downy Birch. Other species include Goat Willow, Sycamore and Common Ash. Not fully inspected due to dense vegetation (mainly Brambles) that cover the site Not considered to be accurately shown on the topographical plan provided.	No action required at present.	Remove the two sections shown in red on the plan at Appendix 6.	GOOD	GOOD	MOD	LOW TO HIGH	40+	1 B 2

Appendix 2: Explanation of Tree Descriptions

A2.1 Measurements/ Reference Information

A2.1.1 *REF NUMBER*. All items surveyed are allocated a reference number preceded with a letter, identifying the type of vegetation surveyed: T = an individual tree, G = a group of trees or an area of vegetation, W = woodland, H = a hedgerow.

A2.1.2 *SPECIES: COMMON AND BOTANICAL NAME*. The common and botanical names of the species present are noted. If the species is not clear or identifiable, then a general common name and genus will be noted.

A2.1.3 *AGE CLASS* of the tree is described as young, semi-mature, early-mature, mature, over-mature, veteran or dead.

A2.1.4 *HEIGHT* of the tree is measured in metres from the stem base to the top of the crown.

A2.1.5 *CROWN HEIGHT* is an indication of the height above ground level at which the crown begins.

A2.1.6 *STEM DIAMETER* is measured at 1.5 metres above (higher) ground level. Where the tree is multi-stemmed at this point; diameter measurements are taken for each stem. If more than five stems are present, an average stem diameter is taken. If for whatever reason it is not practical to measure multiple-stemmed trees in this way, the diameter is measured close to ground level, just above the root buttress.

A2.1.7 *CROWN SPREAD* is measured from the centre of the stem base to the tips of the branches to all four cardinal points.

A2.1.8 *HEIGHT AND DIRECTION OF LOWEST BRANCH*. The height and direction of the lowest significant branch is noted because of potential issues relating to clearances and the need for tree pruning.

A2.1.9 *NHBC WATER DEMAND*. The water demand of each tree is listed in accordance with current NHBC Standards. This is included to aid structural engineers, architects and other members of the design team as it determines foundation depth and other considerations with regard to trees.

A2.2 Evaluations

A2.2.1 *PHYSIOLOGICAL CONDITION* is classed as good, fair, poor, or dead. This is an indication of the health and vitality of the tree and takes into account vigour, presence of disease and dieback.

A2.2.2 *STRUCTURAL CONDITION* is classed as good, fair or poor. This is an indication of the structural integrity of the tree and takes into account significant wounds, decay and quality of branch junctions.

A2.2.3 **LIFE EXPECTANCY** is classed as; 0, less than 10 years, 10+ years, 20+ years, or 40 + years. This is an indication of the minimum number of years before removal of the tree is likely to be required.

A2.2.4 **AMENITY VALUE**. A general indication is given in respect to the amenity/landscape value of the tree/group within the surrounding area.

A2.2.5 **PRIORITIES**. A priority rating is given concerning the time periods in which the recommended works should be undertaken. LOW priority works should be undertaken within 12 months of the survey, MOD (moderate) priority works should be undertaken within 6 months and HIGH priority works should be completed as soon as practically possible. If no works are recommended, N/A (not applicable) will be used.

A2.3 Retention Categories

A2.3.1 **A (marked green on the Tree Constraints Plan) = Trees of high quality.**

These trees are of high quality and value with a good life expectancy (usually with an estimated remaining life expectancy of 40 years).

A2.3.2 **B (marked in blue on the Tree Constraints Plan) = Trees of moderate quality.**

These trees are of moderate quality and value with a reasonable life expectancy (usually with an estimated life expectancy of at least 20 years).

A2.3.3 **C (marked in grey on the Tree Constraints Plan) = Trees of low quality.**

These trees are of low quality and value but which are in adequate condition to remain or are young trees with a stem diameter below 15cm (usually with an estimated life expectancy of at least 10 years).

A2.3.4 Trees categorised as retention category 'A', 'B' or 'C' are then justified by being further divided into 3 subcategories:

1 = Mainly arboricultural qualities.

2 = Mainly landscape qualities.

3 = Mainly cultural values, including conservation value.

Appendix 3: General Guidelines

- A3.1 All tree work should be undertaken to BS 3998: 2010 '*Recommendations for tree work*' or other recognised industry practice.
- A3.2 Staff carrying out the work must be qualified, experienced and ideally be Arboricultural Association approved contractors. They should be covered by adequate public liability insurance.
- A3.3 This report is based upon a visual inspection. The consultant shall not be responsible for events which happen after this time due to factors which were not apparent at the time, and the acceptance of this report constitutes an agreement with the guidelines and the terms listed therein.
- A3.4 Any defects seen by a contractor or the employer that were not apparent to the consultant must be brought to the consultant's attention immediately.
- A3.5 No liability can be accepted by JCA in respect of the trees unless the recommendations of this report are carried out under the supervision of JCA and within JCA's timescale.
- A3.6 It is advisable to have trees inspected by an arboricultural consultant on a regular basis.

Appendix 4: Author Qualifications

Principal Consultant and Managing Director

Jonathan Cocking *F.R.E.S., Tech. Cert. (Arbor.A), PDipArb (RFS) FArborA CBiol MSB. MICFor.* Jonathan is a Registered Consultant and Fellow of the Arboricultural Association and sits on its Professional Committee. He has 31 years' experience in the Arboricultural profession and served for eight years as Senior Arboriculturist with a large local authority before establishing JCA in 1997. Jonathan has since developed JCA's portfolio of services and its extensive client base. He is a Chartered Biologist, a Chartered Arboriculturalist and an Expert Witness with much experience of litigation work.

Technical Director

Toby Thwaites *BSc (Hons), HND (Arboriculture), LANTRA Accredited PTI, MArborA.* Toby joined JCA in 1998 after graduating in Ecology at the University of Huddersfield and has since graduated in Arboriculture at the University of Central Lancashire. A former JCA team leader and Consulting Arboriculturist, Toby is now Technical Director and oversees all office and on-site activities at JCA and is on hand to offer technical support and advice.

Operations Director

Charles Cocking *FdSc (Arboriculture), LANTRA Accredited PTI, MArborA.* Charles joined JCA in January 2014 having previously worked for the company on a part time basis during 2013. Charles obtained his Foundation Degree in Arboriculture at Askham Bryan College, York, and is a Professional Member of the Arboricultural Association. Charles now oversees all internal operations for the company.

Arboricultural Projects Director

Luke Wickham *FdSc (Arboriculture and Urban Forestry), LANTRA Accredited PTI, MArborA.* Luke joined JCA in 2021 after obtaining his Foundation Degree in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry at Askham Bryan College. Having previously worked within the industry for the past 4 years, running his own small business and sub-contracting for local firms, Luke brings a sound knowledge and understanding of the practical and academic sides of the industry.

Consulting Staff: Arboriculture

Andrew Bussey *LANTRA Accredited PTI, TechArborA.* Andrew started working in consultancy at JCA in 2006 having spent 12 years working as an arborist for various private companies before joining a Local Authority forestry team. He has various NPTC qualifications and is QTRA qualified.

Emily Wilde *FdSc (Arboriculture), LANTRA Accredited PTI, TechArborA.* Emily joined JCA having previously worked for various private tree surgery and consultancy companies over the past 8 years. She initially obtained a ND in Forestry & Arboriculture, followed by a FdSc in Arboriculture at Askham Bryan College, York. Emily has various NPTC certificates and is QTRA qualified.

Mick Eltringham *ND (Forestry), LANTRA Accredited PTI, TechArborA.* Mick joined JCA after spending 12 years working in the industry for various private companies in the north and south of England. He has also spent the last five years working as a consultant for two canopy research projects in the Amazon Rainforest, working with Oxford University and the University of Arizona. He has various NPTC Qualifications.

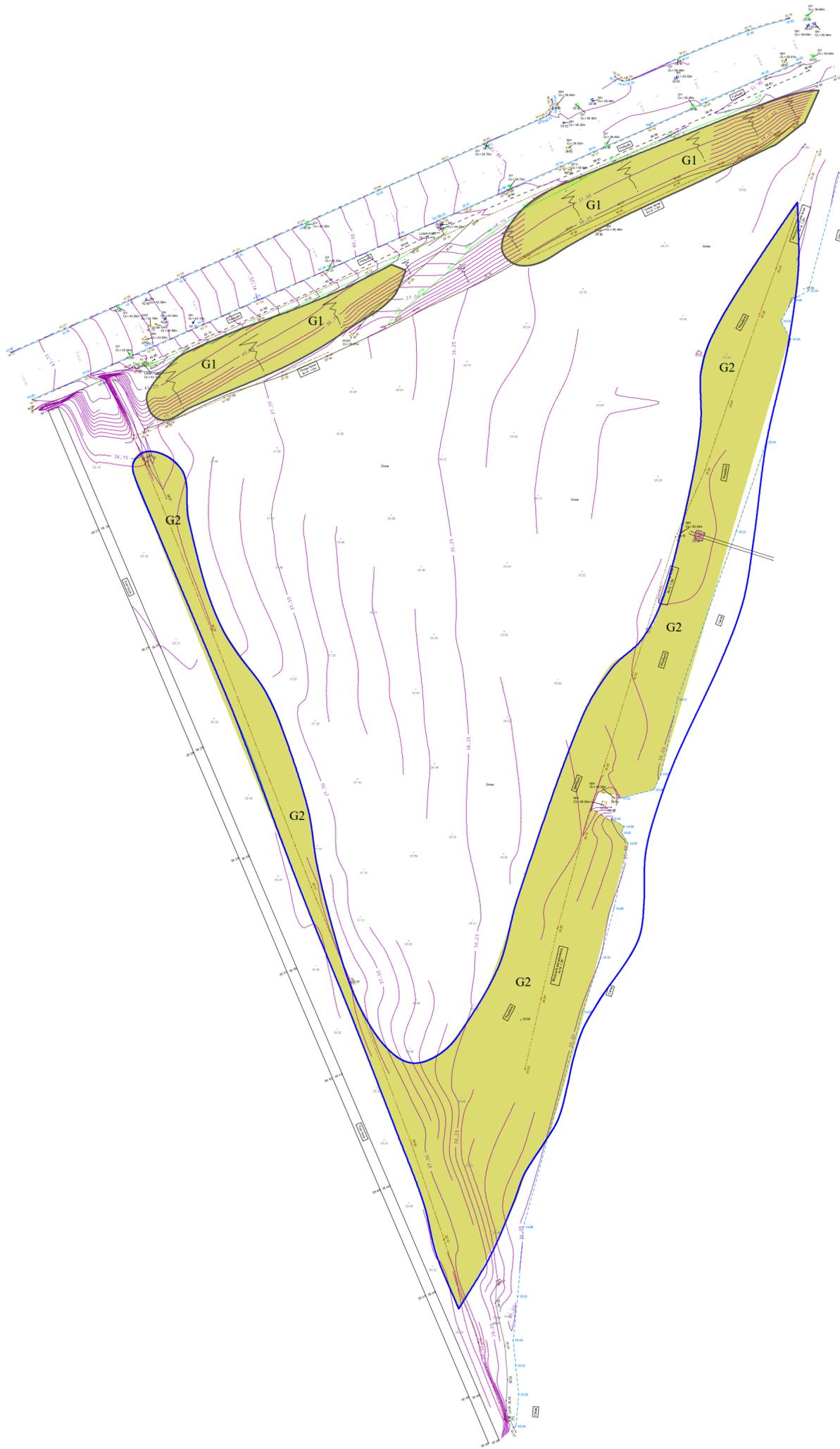
Dan Kemp *FdSc (Arboriculture), BTEC Dip (Arb), LANTRA Accredited PTI, MArborA.* Dan joined JCA in February 2019 with nearly 30 years' experience in arboriculture with extensive Botanical and Mycological expertise. He worked as a London Tree Officer for 12 years and in several arboricultural and horticultural management posts, specialising particularly in tree risk assessments and tree related subsidence.

David de Peña *BSc (Hons) Ecology and Conservation, TechArborA.* After earning his degree from Manchester Metropolitan University, David worked as an ecologist at various consultancies, contributing to a wide range of projects, including major infrastructure projects across the UK. More recently, David transitioned to arboriculture and served as a surveyor for Manchester City of Trees, where he participated in a project to quantify the value of Greater Manchester's woodlands and trees.

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**Appendix 5:
Tree Constraints Plan**

ADDRESS: Land at Bretton Street,
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BRITISH STANDARD 5837:2012: 4.5 RETENTION CATEGORIES	
	CATEGORY A: 'RETENTION MOST DESIRABLE'
	CATEGORY B: 'RETENTION DESIRABLE'
	CATEGORY C: 'TREE WHICH COULD BE RETAINED'
	CATEGORY U: 'TREE FOR REMOVAL'
	STEM OF TREE TO BE RETAINED
	STEM OF TREE TO BE REMOVED
	ROOT PROTECTION AREA



Root Protection Area: RPA

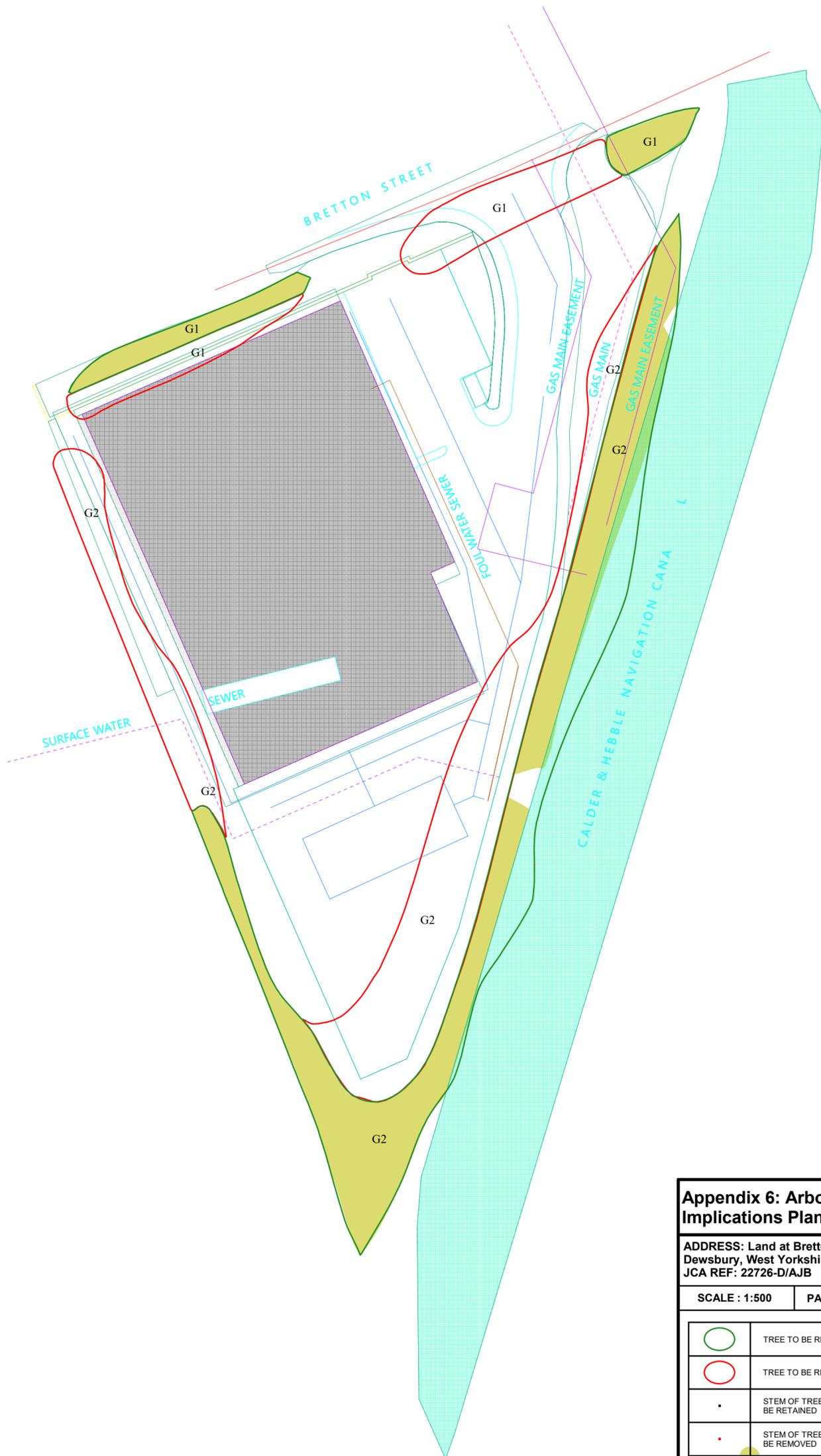
THE ROOT PROTECTION AREA SHOULD IDEALLY REMAIN UNDISTURBED IF THE TREE IS TO BE RETAINED.

THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS SHOULD THEREFORE BE DESIGNED TO AVOID THE RPA OF ANY TREE WHICH IS TO BE RETAINED.

IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT TO ENCROACH INTO THE RPA OF A TREE WHICH IS TO BE RETAINED THEN SPECIALIST CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES AND MATERIALS MUST BE CONSIDERED.



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	TREE TO BE RETAINED
	TREE TO BE REMOVED
	STEM OF TREE TO BE RETAINED
	STEM OF TREE TO BE REMOVED
	ROOT PROTECTION AREA



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I hope that this report provides all the necessary information, but should any further advice be needed please do not hesitate to contact the author.

Signed

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- Invasive Species Surveys
- Code for Sustainable Homes

Ecological Post-Planning Services

- Biodiversity Enhancement Plans
- Protected Species Mitigation
- Ecological Management (Bat and Bird box installation and inspection)

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