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PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WHITEHALL ROAD WEST, BIRKENSHAW.

METHOD STATEMENT

METHOD STATEMENT FOR PROTECTION OF TREES DURING DEVELOPMENT

ABOUT THE METHOD STATEMENT

This method statement has been prepared to ensure that the trees and hedges indicated for retention are properly protected throughout the development of the site, and continue to represent a visual amenity in the future. It is intended to instruct all Developers on methods which will help to avoid damage to the trees.

The method statement recommends all development within influencing distance of trees is to BS5837:2012 Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations. Any pruning works must be to BS3998;2010 Tree Work - Recommendations and be undertaken by an approved arboricultural Developer. Any development affecting trees must be supervised by an approved arboricultural consultant - the Project Arboriculturalist.

Note: In accordance with Annex B - Trees & the planning system Table B1 (BS5837) This Method Statement is provided as additional information to the Local Authority and identifies further details that the Authority might reasonably seek in a Planning Application when any construction is proposed within (or close to) the root protection areas of retained trees. The Standards advise that a detailed Arboricultural Method Statement would be expected as part of the Reserved Matters / Planning Conditions.

GUIDELINES FOR FILLING IN THE METHOD STATEMENT

The method statement identifies: the order in which works are undertaken and the roles of various people involved; the contacts and others responsible for protection of trees; relevant plans and approvals; detailed methods of tree protection and details for monitoring site supervision.

The following information is submitted with this Statement or has been submitted as part of the application bundle:

- Proposed site layout drawing
- Details of tree retention/ removal & management / Tree Survey
- Arboricultural Impact Assessment
- Tree Protection Plan.
- Section 6.2 BS5837 Tree Protection Fencing & Ground protection Details.
- Indicative sign to be attached to protective fencing.
- Sheet for monitoring site supervision.

This method statement has been prepared in respect of planning conditions that may be attached to the approved development. Failure to adhere to agreed methods for development may result in a Breach of Condition Notice being served.

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The people listed below are those with a responsibility for tree protection on the site and from the Local Authority. The relevant people should be contacted in the event of a problem.

SITE NAME	Whitehall Road West, Birkenshaw.
DEVELOPER	Orion Homes Ltd
ADDRESS	5 Benton Office Park Bennett Avenue Horbury Wakefield WF4 5RA
TELEPHONE NUMBER	01924 831030
APPLICATION NUMBER	TBC
PLANNING CONDITION NUMBER	TBC

AGREEMENT TO PROTECT TREES

The Developer has agreed to undertake tree protection to the standard advised in the method statement.

PROTECTED AREA

The trees are protected within fencing erected as identified in the attached notes. To avoid damage, **the following points MUST apply within the protected area**:

1. No material should be stored.
2. No cement, diesel or oil should be stored.
3. No vehicles should pass or be parked.
4. No ropes, cables, services or notice boards should be fixed to existing trees.
5. No levels should be changed.
6. No fires should be started with 5m of the protected area.
7. No services should be laid without prior approval and proper supervision.

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ORDER OF WORKS

	WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN	DATE APPROVED	ACTIONS BY
1	Method statement received and approved by Local Authority		Developer Local Authority Tree Officer.
2	All felling and pruning works as indicated in the tree survey and submitted plans all as approved by the Local Planning Authority to be implemented.		Arb Contractor. Project Arboriculturalist Local Authority Tree Officer
3	Protective fencing erected and ground protection laid all in accordance with Tree Protection Plans. LPA advised and images provided. 5 days notice provided.		Developer.
4	Fencing & ground protection approved by Local Authority Tree Officer.		Tree Officer
5	Site cabins and welfare units installed, storage areas confirmed.		Developer.
6	Site (Toolbox) meeting to go through Method Statement and ensure that all parties are fully conversant with all procedures and methodologies, clarify any queries and establish contacts.		Developer, Local Authority Tree Officer, Arb Consultant & Architect.
7	Site clearance commences		Developer
8	Main development commences.		Developer
9	Fencing / ground protection monitored on a weekly basis, record sheet completed and any repairs adjustments to fencing completed to full specification.		Developer
10	Project Arboriculturalist to visit every three months to check fencing / ground protection records and findings reported back to LPA with images for their records.		Project Arboriculturalist
11	Consultant or Local Authority Tree Officer to be contacted should any problems/complications arise. Work in vicinity of trees to cease until issues are resolved and agreed works confirmed to Local Planning Authority.		Project Arboriculturalist Local Authority Tree Officer Developer

12	If encroachment within the protected rootzone is required for scaffolding or similar, access may be permitted subject to as suitable methodology being submitted and approved by the LPA.		Project Arboriculturalist Local Authority Tree Officer Developer
13	Services installed when required. If new services are to be installed within expected root protection area appropriate methodologies to be utilised and confirmed to Trees Team for approval.		Project Arboriculturalist Local Authority Tree Officer Developer
14	When major construction works are completed, Tree Protection Fencing to be removed to permit landscaping works to proceed including general tidying.		Landscape Developer.
15	Site resurveyed once development approaches completion, any necessary amendments made to tree survey.		Project Arboriculturalist
16	If necessary application submitted to Local Authority for consent for any additional works, and agreement obtained.		Project Arboriculturalist Local Authority Tree Officer
17	Tree works undertaken.		Arboricultural Contractor
18	Final site inspection.		Developer Local Authority Tree Officer Project Arboriculturalist

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CONTACTS

POSITION	NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.
Developer	Orion Homes Ltd.	5 Benton Office Park, Bennett Avenue, Horbury, WF4 5RA	01924 831030
Site Manager	TBA		
Arboricultural Consultant	Iain Tavendale	High Bank Farm, Earby, Lancs BB18 6LD	01282 853333
Arboricultural Developer	TBA		
Local Authority Tree Officer	The Trees Team	Kirklees Council	01484 414909
Landscape Developer.	TBA		