



TREE PROTECTION

Method Statement

For:

**Proposed Commercial Development
Land Adjacent Tam House
49 Brow Road
Huddersfield
HD1 4TP**

Purpose

This method statement has been prepared in order to demonstrate that the development operations at this site can be undertaken with minimal risk of adverse impact on the trees to be retained on the adjacent site, should it be required.

Description of Development

It is proposed to build a new Commercial property on the site of a former public house and associated hardstanding/car park area.

Currently there is a wooded area to the south of the site on a very steep sloping bank leading to another commercial property with a large hardstanding, and on to the River at the bottom of the bank.

Overview of Sequence of Operations

In overview, if it is necessary, undertake the following sequence of operations in relation to arboricultural input for development operations.

1. Method Statement approved by the LPA
2. Install tree protective fencing
3. Pre commencement meeting/confirm fencing is erected as specified
4. Construction of new property
5. Removal of tree protection

Tree Fencing

The protective fencing for this site should be located across the entire rear of the site to the southern boundary alongside the wooded area.

The precise fencing location may need to be slightly adjusted on site due to local site conditions, but is not expected to differ greatly from that of the boundary shown on the associated plan.

The protective fencing will be appropriate to the degree and proximity of likely construction works. The default specification of fencing in the BS 5837: 2012, is comprised of a vertical and horizontal, scaffold framework, well braced to resist impacts, with vertical tubes at no more than 3m intervals. These should be driven into the ground or secured with rubber feet. Weld mesh panels should be affixed to this framework with scaffold clamps.

Alternatively, adequate level of protection for the trees could be provided by securely fixed wooden hoarding or a 'Heras' type fencing, of securely fixed welded mesh panels on rubber or concrete feet with ground pegs. (See Appendix 1 for examples)

The area protected by the fencing should be considered a restricted area. No pedestrians, vehicles, storage of materials, equipment or machinery should be allowed within the zone unless specified within this method statement. The site manager must ensure that all personnel are aware of the restrictions that apply to the fenced-off area.

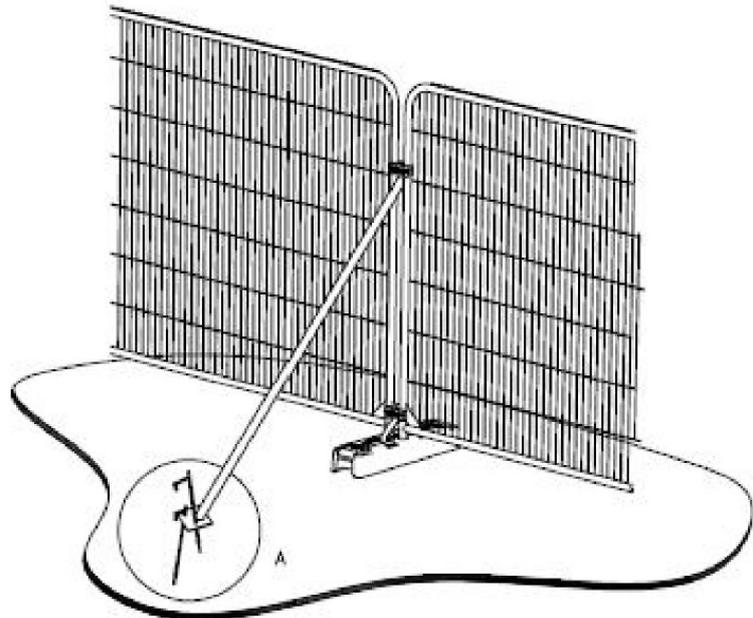
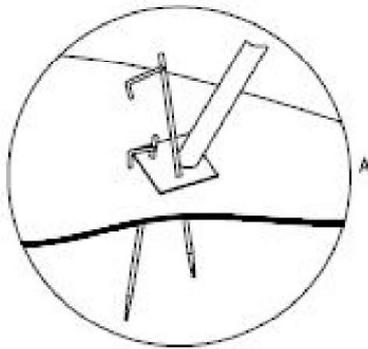
Once the fencing is erected, waterproof warning signs labelled 'Tree Protection Area' should be placed at 3m intervals to ensure that all personnel are aware of the restrictions that apply to the fenced-off area.

(see Appendix 2 for an example sign)

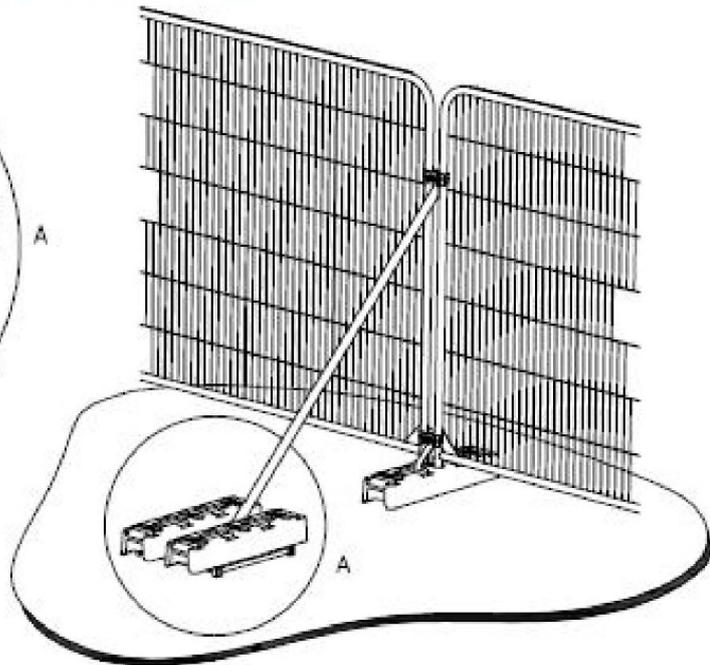
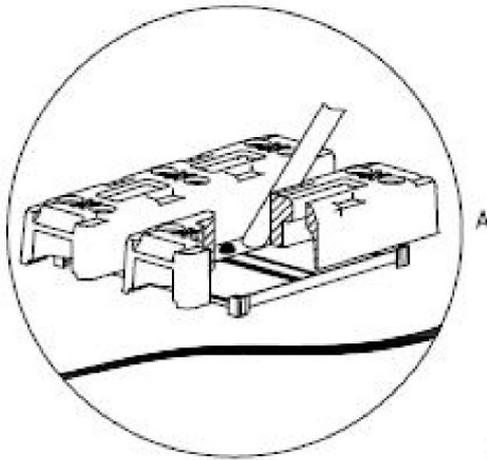
The protective fencing should be inspected for faults or damage by the site manager or other responsible named person on a regular basis and a written record kept. Any faults or defects should be repaired or replaced as soon as is reasonably practicable. The Tree Protection Fencing shall not be removed, breached or altered without prior written authorisation from the local planning authority and under arboricultural supervision.

Appendix 1

Example Fencing to BS 5837: 2012



a) Stabilizer strut with base plate secured with ground pins



b) Stabilizer strut mounted on block tray

Appendix 2

Example of typical sign

