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**HEDGEROW PROTECTION PLAN FOR THE LAND AT GRANGE
MOOR, BARNSELY ROAD, HUDDERSFIELD, WF4 4DR**

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1. This Hedgerow Protection Plan has been prepared to ensure that existing hedgerows of importance are adequately protected during the preconstruction, construction, and post-construction phases of development. The plan follows the guidance set out in BS 5837:2012 and supports the Local Planning Authority's policies on landscape and biodiversity conservation.
2. The objectives are as follows:
 - i. To retain and protect hedgerows that provide landscape character, habitat, and screening.
 - ii. To prevent damage caused by construction activities such as compaction, trenching, or material storage.
 - iii. To ensure any hedgerow management or removal complies with the Hedgerows Regulations 1997 and BS5837:2012 recommendations.
3. The purpose of this statement is to ensure that existing hedgerows outside the application site red line boundary are protected. The details provided are to demonstrate how the work shall be constructed and completed without adverse impacts, as is stated within the Kirklees Council decision notice for application number 2023/62/90668/E conditions 5 and 6.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND, SITE & LANDSCAPE ASSET DISCRIPTION

4. The application relates to the land at Grange Moor Coachworks and has previous use operating as vehicle storage with a storage unit within the field curtilage.
5. As part of the application for the site area, environmental specialists were consulted to produce reports to provide understanding of the landscaping requirements and existing amenity. These documents can be viewed on the primary planning application on the Kirklees Council website ref: 2023/62/90668/E.
6. Within the LVA prepared by Zebra Landscaping – now referred to as Blade Landscaping – notes that *'the northern boundary to this field is not enclosed by a native hedgerow, rather, by a scrubby vegetated edge with remnants of a native hedgerow.'*
7. The site area is considered within the Emley Moor Landscape Character Area. The typical landscape within the area is described as *'elevated, undulating farmland plateau.....mixed field pattern, with the scale of the fields dictated by the topography of the land. Hedges, post and wire fencing and gritstone walls enclose the fields.... predominant traditional rural character.'* As such, there is an effort required to protect the existing hedgerows which surround the site boundary.

8. The LVA further describes the requirements from the consulting Ecologist which states: *'Retention of existing landscape features (hedgerows and trees) is a priority of the emerging proposals to ensure an ongoing green framework that links with the wider green infrastructure to the east, south and west of the site, and enhances the vegetated edge along the southern village edge.'*
9. As per the Arboricultural Report compiled by JCA, there are no highlighted root protection zones on the north-western boundary, referred to in the planning condition 5 and 6. However, it is important to note that as per BS 5837:2012, neighbouring hedgerows and trees must have ensured protection for a sustainable relationship with new structures.
10. On the associated site plan produced in the Arboriculture Report, the hedge grouping noted as H8 to the south-west of the site is to be removed to facilitate the proposal development. The hedges are recognised as trees of low quality in the retention categories labelled.
11. The contractor has provided supplementary information regarding their ecology and biodiversity operational standards and procedures to refer to.

SECTION 3: PROTECTIVE AND MITIGATION MEASURES

12. All ground disturbances would be confined as far as practicable and working widths during construction operations would be restricted resulting in a minimal interference with existing soil structures and habitats.
13. A standard Root Protection Area (RPA) as per BS 5837 principles will apply for the retained hedgerows. Where hedges are retained as per the Arboriculturist Report, 1.2m will be maintained as a buffer zone where this is practical. We anticipate this to be the vast majority of the north-western boundary. No works (e.g., soil disturbance, material storage) may occur within this zone unless agreed with the Local Planning Authority.
14. Protective signs and barriers will be installed along the north-western boundaries prior to any site activity. This will include:
 - i. Erection of, and visual effect, of temporary site hoarding / fencing to enclose the site, and along its boundaries.
 - ii. Signage will be erected to the existing palisade fencing surrounding the site. Heras-type fencing (or similar robust fencing) will replace this and be installed along the outer edge of the RPA once construction begins.

- iii. Barriers will comply with BS 5837:2012 Section 6.2 – including weatherproof signage as shown below: “Protected Hedgerow – Keep Out – No Access or Works Within This Area.”



- iv. Fencing to remain in place until all construction work is completed and landscaping is due to begin.
 - v. Earthworks excavation for the formation of construction levels, and the protection of the existing brook during the construction phase through protective fencing along its route.
15. Site access, material storage and welfare units will be located away from RPAs. If access over is unavoidable, temporary ground protection (e.g. reinforced matting) will be used, subject to arboricultural supervision.
16. Structures for site welfare and office should consist of temporary portacabins as stated in the LVA.
17. For works that may be required within the land immediately adjacent to the hedgerows, any excavation will be undertaken manually.
18. Trenching for services will also be routed to avoid the RPA where possible. If unavoidable, trenchless techniques (e.g. mole boring) will be used, however it should be to note that the extent of works will not extend beyond the site line boundary where the hedgerows reside.

SECTION 4: MONITORING AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

19. If any accidental damage occurs, the contingency and remedial measures will be as follows:
- i. Exposed roots will be pruned cleanly and protected with damp hessian until backfilling
 - ii. Soil decompaction and mulching may be prescribed
 - iii. Hedgerow replanting using native species may be required as per any LPA condition applied
20. Hedgerows will be monitored for a minimum of 12 months post-construction to assess vitality unless deemed otherwise by local authority. Dead or dying sections will be replaced with native species of local provenance.



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