



Arboricultural Method Statement
11 Wood Street
Huddersfield
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Introduction

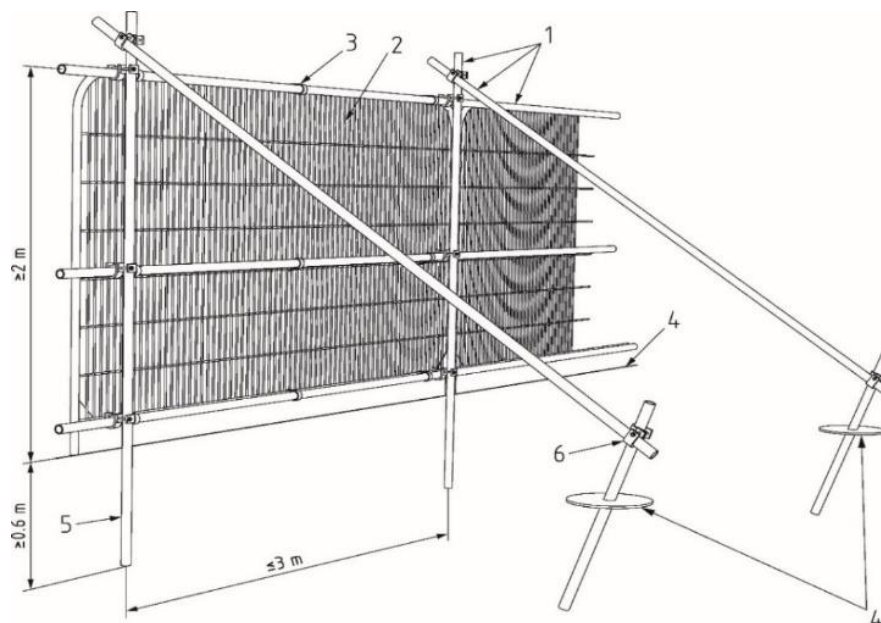
1. An Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) is often required to ensure the welfare of retained tree cover during the construction phase of development. It assumes the minimum general standards for development are those set out in British Standard BS5873:2012 *'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction'*-*Recommendations*.
2. This AMS has been produced to assist in the discharge of Planning Permission 2024/62/91934/E, condition 11.
3. **This document is to be made available to all operatives** on site during the construction process, so that they understand the scope and importance of the AMS. It should also be supplied to any contractor prior to their arrival on site. This document sets out the methodology and timing of work necessary to ensure successful tree retention both during and post development.
4. A copy of the accompanying Tree Protection Plan (TPP) must be displayed outside the site office.
5. The AMS should be read in conjunction with the Tree Survey & Protection Schedule at appendix 1 and the Tree Protection Plan (TPP) at Appendix 2.

Tree Work

6. Any tree work deemed acceptable by the Council should ideally be carried out prior to any construction activity including the installation of tree protection measures. Tree surgery is easier and more cost effective to undertake with no obstacles. Once development has commenced, this work may become difficult to perform and may restrict construction work.
7. All Arboricultural Contractors should adhere to the following conditions:-
 - All tree work shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified, experienced and insured contractor.
 - The work will only be in accordance with BS 3998: 2010 'Tree Work Recommendations'.
 - The work should be planned to avoid the bird nesting season (1st March-31st August). If works are deemed necessary within this period they must only be implemented if checks have been made to ascertain there are no nesting birds present.

Tree Protective Fencing

8. A Tree Protection Fence (TPF) and ground protection will be installed prior to the commencement of any site works e.g., before any materials or machinery are brought on site.
9. The location of the TPF identified in blue on the TPP will not be removed or altered other than with the prior agreement of the project Arboriculturist. Once erected the TPF will be regarded as sacrosanct. These barriers together with the Ground Protection indicated on the TPP and discussed at paragraph 12 will create the 'Construction Exclusion Zone' (CEZ).
10. Once installed the fencing and ground protection will remain in situ in a good, robust condition until the development is completed.
11. Waterproof signage will be attached to the fencing stating its purpose. The signs will be attached every 5m. An example sign has been included in appendix 3.
12. The diagram overleaf demonstrates the required fence specifications of BS5837:2012 Figure 1 for areas of high risk.



BS5837:2012 Figure 1

Key

1. Standard scaffold poles
2. Heavy gauge 2m tall, galvanized tube and welded mesh infill panels
3. Panels secured to uprights and cross-members with wire ties
4. Ground level
5. Uprights driven into the ground until secure (minimum depth 0.6m)
6. Standard scaffold clamps

13. Where the TPF does not fully enclose the RPA of T5 (to the north and east) ground protection shall be installed. This will be achieved by applying heavy duty track mats onto a minimum 75mm depth of wood chip. The track mats shall be pinned into the ground to ensure they remain firmly in place. An example of ground protection is shown below in Figures 2 and 3. This measure will ensure safe access whilst providing added tree root protection. During the course of construction there is likely to be a need to replenish the wood chip and re-fix the track mats. This matter will be addressed as part of the monthly Arboricultural site monitoring inspections.



Figure 2 & 3. Examples of ground protection

Demolition

14. Following the installation of Tree Protection, trees highlighted for retention will be adequately safeguarded allowing demolition of the existing dwelling out buildings to proceed.

Services

15. No new services or soak-a-ways are to be sited or constructed within the CEZ and RPA of any retained tree. Should this become necessary due to unforeseen site circumstances, no work is to be undertaken without first consulting the Project Arboriculturist and local planning authority. Should it become necessary these must be installed using techniques and methods described at section 4.1 of the current edition of the National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Apparatus in Proximity to Trees (www.njug.org.uk) or if this is not practicable, trenches are to be opened by compressed air excavation tools and not mechanically dug.

Working Within the RPA of T5

16. For Health and Safety reasons the demolition of the frontage boundary wall will require passage within the RPA of T5. This first stage work will be undertaken using a tracked mini digger immediately adjacent the southern most TPF. The ground on which the vehicle will track will itself be subject of a second stage excavation that will be necessary to construct the replacement retaining wall. The line of this second stage excavation is demonstrated on the TPP. If during the process of excavating the ground any roots with a diameter greater than 25mm are encountered or exposed, the roots shall be covered with damp hessian whilst the project Arboriculturist seeks guidance from the LPA Tree Officer prior to any root severance being undertaken. Exposed or damaged roots with a diameter not exceeding 25mm will be cleanly cut in such a position that corresponds to the modified ground levels.

Material Storage

17. No material storage will take place within the RPA's of retained trees. The TPP demonstrates sufficient space is available within the site to store the required equipment and materials.

Site Compound, Welfare & Office

18. The TPP also demonstrates a compound, welfare and office will also be located distant from any retained tree cover.

Sequence of Arboricultural Events & Supervision

19. The appointed Arboricultural Consultant will be responsible for the monitoring of all operations in relation to Arboricultural issues.
20. Tree protection measures shall be monitored by the appointed specialist who will meet with the site manager prior to the commencement of development to explain the tree protection requirements and determine if any facilitation pruning is required.
21. The appointed specialist shall submit the completed inspection form (located at appendix 4) with accompanying photographic evidence **on a monthly basis** to the Contracts Manager.
22. The table overleaf will be completed and signed by the Project Arboriculturist and Contracts Manager following the completion of the specific phases of work listed:-

Phase/Work Description	Arb Supervision/ Attendance Required	Additional Comments	Date of Completion	Signed Project Arboriculturist	Signed Site Manager
Pre- commencement meeting (Toolbox talk)	✓				
Installation of Tree Protection Measures					
Demolition of frontage boundary wall & any excavations within RPA of T5	✓				
Construction phase monitoring	Undertaken on a monthly basis				
Dismantling of T5 protective fencing	✓				
Crown reduction work to T5					

Contact Details

23. The table below has been included to ensure all lines of communication are established prior to the initiation of any work included within this document.

Role	Name	Contact Details
Contracts Manager	Linfit Investments Simon Lappage	simon@Linfitdevelopments.co.uk
Kirklees Council Tree Officer	Jack Dunn	Jack.Dunn@kirklees.gov.uk
Project Arboriculturist	Tree Care Consultancy Steve Waterson	info@treecareconsultancy.co.uk

Additional Precautions/Contingency Plans

24. No notice boards, cables or other services will be attached to any tree.
25. Materials which may contaminate the soil will not be discharged within 10m of any tree stem. When undertaking the mixing of materials, it is essential that any slope of the ground does not allow contaminants to run towards a tree root area.
26. In the event of unforeseen incidents occurring that may adversely affect or threaten the welfare of trees including accidental damage to limbs, roots or stems including the spillage of chemicals or un-scheduled access over RPA's, the site manger shall inform the Project Arboriculturist who will notify LPA Tree Officer with a view to actioning any agreed control measures

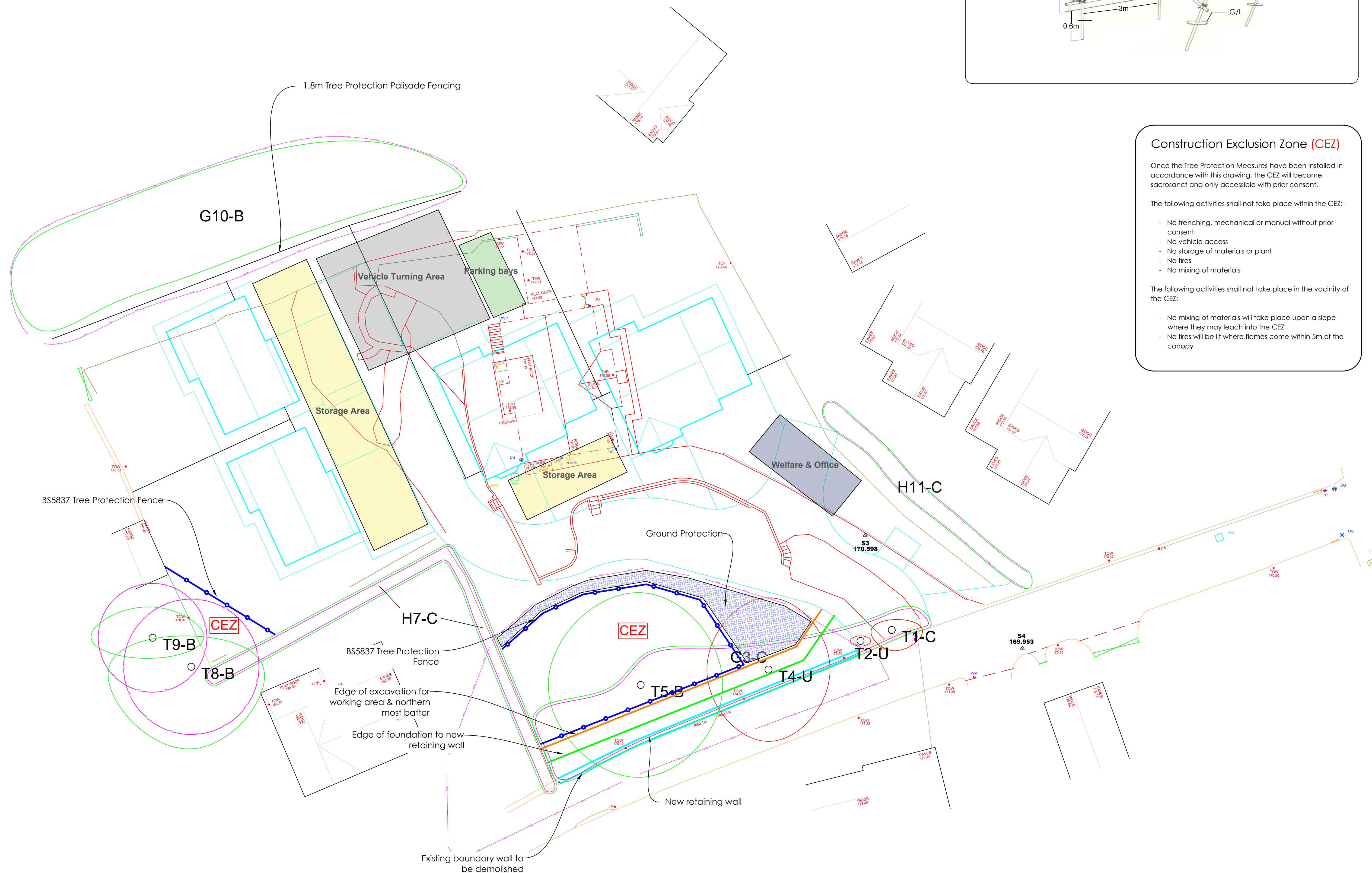
Post Construction

27. Following the completion of the construction work the tree protective fencing will be dismantled.
28. Where the tree protection has been 'set back' to access, soil decompaction and amelioration may be required to restore soils to their former condition. The project Arboriculturist will detail in the site inspection form if soil amelioration is necessary and if it is soils will be broken up by means of a compressed air-lance such as an AirSpade. Moreover soils will be broken up to a depth of at least 20cm or until evidence of uncompacted soils are achieved. Organic matter or Biochar will then be incorporated into the soil and a layer of 150-200mm composted woodchip will be spread on top of the soil.

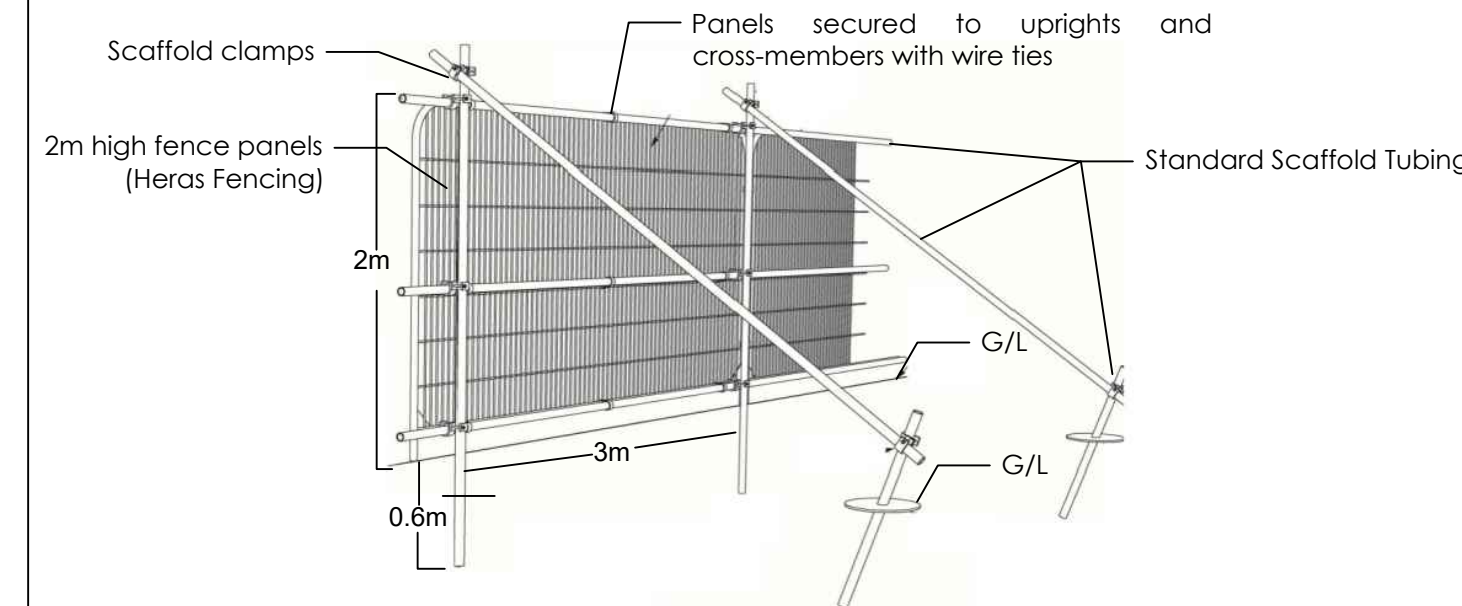
Appendix 1 - Tree Protection Schedule

Tree ID	Species, Botanical Name	Proposed Tree Work & Tree Protection Measures
T1	Common Holly, <i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Removed as per extant Planning Permission and requirement to reduce height of frontage boundary wall before commencement of development.
T2	Scots Pine, <i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	Removed as per extant Planning Permission and requirement to reduce height of frontage boundary wall before commencement of development.
G3	Group of Cherry Laurel, <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> , Holly, <i>Ilex aquifolium</i> , Cypress, <i>Cupressus</i> spp	Removed as per extant Planning Permission and requirement to reduce height of frontage boundary wall before commencement of development.
T4	Sycamore, <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Removed as per extant Planning Permission and requirement to reduce height of frontage boundary wall before commencement of development.
T5	Sycamore, <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Retain and carry out a 2m height and 3m radial crown reduction. Prune back cleanly any exposed or injured roots uncovered in the process of the wall demolition, rebuilding and/or level changes back to healthy tissue. Other than with prior agreement with LPA maximum root pruning to be no greater than 25mm. Install Tree Protection Fence & Ground Protection as per Tree Protection Plan & AMS. Undertake soil enrichment works within the RPA where open soils are present. All excavation/construction work shall be carried out as per AMS and programme of Arboricultural Site Monitoring. Post development the tree owner shall carry out annual arboricultural inspection with a view to identifying the requirement for any additional tree care and maintenance.
T6	Common Laburnum, <i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	Tree removed
H7	Hedge of Common Beech, <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> , Holly, <i>Ilex aquifolium</i> , Privet <i>Ligustrum ovalifolium</i>	Retain and manage at hedgerow proportions. No protection measures required.
T8	Common Oak, <i>Quercus robur</i>	Retain, no work required. Install Tree Protection Fence as per Tree Protection Plan & AMS.
T9	Sycamore, <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Retain, no work required. Install Tree Protection Fence as per Tree Protection Plan & AMS.

Tree ID	Species, Botanical Name	Proposed Tree Work & Tree Protection Measures
G10	Group of mainly Common Ash, <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> , with occasional Oak, <i>Quercus robur</i> , Plum, <i>Prunus</i> spp	Retain, no work required. No protection measures required.
H11	Group of Cherry Laurel, <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> , <i>Rhododendron</i> spp, Yew, <i>Taxus baccata</i> , <i>Cotoneaster</i> spp.	Retain and manage at hedgerow proportions. No protection measures required.



Default Specification for Protective Barrier



Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ)

Once the Tree Protection Measures have been installed in accordance with this drawing, the CEZ will become sacrosanct and only accessible with prior consent.

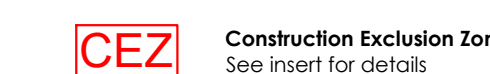
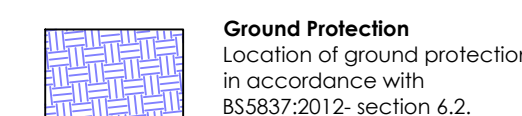
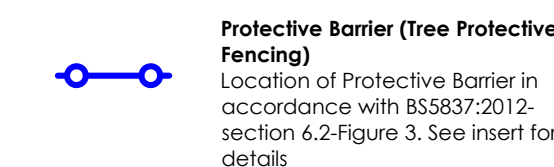
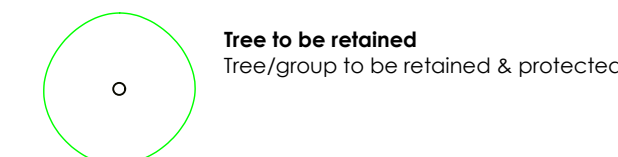
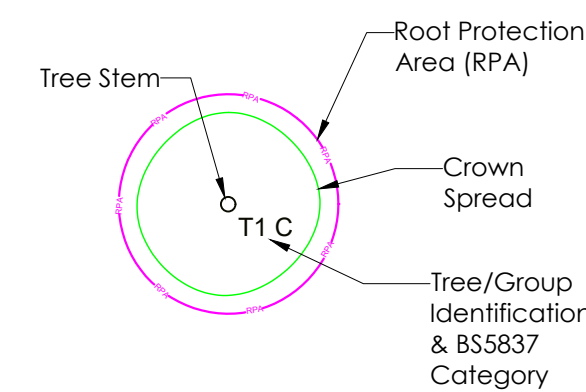
The following activities shall not take place within the CEZ:-

- No trenching, mechanical or manual without prior consent
- No vehicle access
- No storage of materials or plant
- No fires
- No mixing of materials

The following activities shall not take place in the vicinity of the CEZ:-

- No mixing of materials will take place upon a slope where they may leach into the CEZ
- No fires will be lit where flames come within 5m of the canopy

KEY



Appendix-2

Drawing Title:
Tree Protection Plan

Site Address:
**11 Wood Street
Skelmanthorpe
HD8 9BN**

Client:
Linfit Developments Ltd

Date: **21/02/2026** Job Ref: **TCC-2559-1**

Scale: **1:200 at A1** Revision: **1**

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Appendix 3 – British Standards Signage



Arboricultural Site Monitoring/Inspection Sheet

Site:		
Application Ref:		
Developer:		
Site Agent:		
Arboricultural Consultant:		
Date of Inspection:	LPA Tree Officer:	
Accompanied by:		

Fencing/Ground Protection Measures

Erected in accordance with the Tree Protection Plan?		Signage present?	
In good condition/intact?		Any evidence of a breach?	
Details of any action to be taken:			

Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ)

Any evidence within the CEZ of:			
Vehicle or machinery movement		Excavations	
Changes in soil levels		Ground contamination	
Storage of materials		Fires	
Details of any action to be taken:			

Any approved works required within the CEZ?	
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Photographic Evidence

Signed:	
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Sent to:	Site Manager		Developer		Local authority Tree/Landscape Officer	
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