

Comments by arboricultural consultant 12/10/2026

"The response notes the retaining wall construction, tree protection fencing, RPA ground-level changes, fill material and aeration are already incorporated within the submitted AMS. It looks like the only query is the requirement for the AMS/TPP to identify the special engineering measures associated with the proposed hardstanding encroachment into the RPA of G5, to reduce impacts upon the retained trees.

As it stands, the methodology will be treated the same as the retaining wall construction, with the AMS stating the construction of the retaining wall boundaries along the east and south boundaries.

The arboricultural impact first arises from the increase in ground levels rather than from the subsequent construction of the road itself, in which the AMS already provides mitigation for this, requiring an aeration system, such as perforated piping, where ground levels are raised by more than 150mm within an RPA, to maintain air and water movement through the fill.

As such, no additional special engineering specification for the road construction itself is considered necessary from an arboricultural perspective, as the principal impact has been addressed through the ground-level increase and associated aeration measures"