

Tree Impact Appraisal and Protection Scheme

in Relation to Proposed 36 Unit Residential Development at



Land off Neddy Lane, Billington, Lancashire, BB7 9LL

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ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT							
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Introduction and Rationale. Bowland Tree Consultancy Ltd was instructed to carry out an appraisal of trees in relation to the projected impacts of a proposed development at the above site and, in turn, to advise on appropriate mitigation measures for retained trees and compensation measures for removed trees where appropriate.

In this respect, a survey of trees, in accordance with BS5837:2012 - Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations, and the disclaimer on page 5, was carried out on 14 October 2020.

In consideration of the above, a brief overview of the observations, findings and recommendations are set out below, along with comments on any issues raised, whilst a Tree Survey Schedule (TSS), a Tree Constraints Plan (TCP), a Tree Impact Plan (TIP), and a draft Tree Protection Plan (TPP) are also appended.

The TCP shows the existing trees and their associated constraints, whilst the TIP also shows an overlay of the development under consideration along with trees to be retained and trees proposed for removal, and the TPP shows recommended temporary protection measures for retained trees, which are to be implement prior to the commencement of development works.

In turn, the plans are based on a topographical based survey plan of the existing site and proposed plans and, for the purpose of this report, the details of the plans supplied by the client, Redrow Homes Ltd, are presumed to be accurate and up to date.

The Site and the Proposed Development. The site under consideration is located to the north-eastern edge of the village of Billington within the administrational boundaries of Ribble Valley Borough Council.

The area under consideration for the planning application (i.e. the site) comprises of farmland with groups of trees and hedges to the perimeters, and has a public footpath running along its south-eastern boundary which connects to a second public footpath which crosses the site roughly from east to west.

The site is bordered to the north by farmland, to the east and south by neighbouring residential housing, and to the west by further farmland with an associated public footpath that extends up to the A59 (see TCP). It is understood, from information provided by the client, Redrow Homes Ltd, that the neighbouring farmland is under the same original ownership as the site under consideration.

From the information provided by the client it is understood that the proposal is for the construction of a 36-unit residential development with associated private vehicular parking facilities, private gardens and vehicular and pedestrian access routes, with a new vehicular access point proposed from Dale View to the south-east and a new attenuation pond proposed to the west (see TIP).

The Trees. A total of seven individual trees (prefixed 'T'), three groups of trees (prefixed 'G'), and three hedges (prefixed 'H') were surveyed in respect of the proposals and their associated potential to impact upon said vegetation, and the respective constraints of these items are plotted on the appended TCP.

The surveyed vegetation predominantly consists of various deciduous broadleaf tree species including Ash, Alder, Hazel, Cherry and Birch (see TSS). The trees range from young to mature in age, and stand at heights of up to 12 metres, have maximum diametrical crown spreads of up to approximately nine metres, and stem diameters of up to 300 millimetres. Tree dimensions and other pertinent information such as structural defects and physiological deficiencies, along with recommendations for remedial management works, are included in the appended TSS.

According to the Ribble Valley Borough Council's planning department's website the site does not stand within

a Conservation Area and none of the surveyed trees were subject to TPO protection at the time of the preparation of this report. However, it is strongly recommended that Ribble Valley Borough Council's planning department be contacted in order to check for the presence of any such statutory tree protection prior to carrying out any tree works that are not directly related to the implementation of a detailed (i.e., full) planning permission.

The trees were appraised in accordance with BS5837:2012 Table 1 (appended) and, as detailed in Table A, below, two trees and one group were allocated a moderate retention value of 'B', two trees, two groups and three hedges were allocated a low retention value of 'C', and three trees were deemed unsuitable for long-term retention and subsequently categorised as 'U'.

Table A: BS5837-2012 Retention Categories of the Surveyed Vegetation

	Ret. Cats.	Tree/Group/Hedge Numbers	Totals
Those of a high quality that should be afforded appropriate consideration in the context of development	'A'	-	-
Those of a moderate quality that should be afforded appropriate consideration in the context of development	'B'	T5*, T6*, G1*	2 Trees 1 Group
Those of a low quality that should be afforded appropriate consideration in the context of development	'C'	T4, T7 G2, G3 H1, H2,H3*	2 Trees 2 Groups 3 Hedges
Those considered unsuitable for retention	'U'	T1, T2, T3	3 Trees
			= 7 Trees, 3 Groups & 3 Hedges in Total

^{*}Note: Trees and groups denoted with an asterisk are wholly or partly located on neighbouring third-party owned areas of land

Projected Arboricultural Losses Relating to the Proposal. From the information provided to date it is projected that, as detailed in Table B, below, implementation of the development as proposed will require the removal of a section of approximately 20 metres from one low quality group to form the vehicular access and a length of approximately 70 metres from a low quality hedge in order to form an access driveway and to excavate for the proposed pond (see TIP). Furthermore, two trees are recommended for removal due to poor physiological condition and/or projected displacement of boundary features.

Table B: Projected Arboricultural Impacts of Proposed Development & Other Tree Removal Proposals

	Ret. Cats.	Removals necessary to implement development	Removals recommended regardless of development	Total no. of removals
Those of a high quality that should be afforded appropriate consideration in the context of development	'A'	-	-	-
Those of a moderate quality that should be afforded appropriate consideration in the context of development	'B'	-	-	-
Those of a low quality that should be afforded appropriate consideration in the context of development	Ċ	G2 (part)* H2 (Part)	-	1 Part Group 1 Part Hedge
Those that should be removed for sound management reasons regardless of plans	'U'	-	T2, T3	2 Trees
Totals		1 Part Group 1 Part Hedge	2 Trees	= 2 Trees, 1 Part Group and 1 Part Hedge in Total

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Nonetheless, it is noted that the tree population is located on land both within and outside the indicated redline boundary. However, the removal of the necessary section of group G2 to form the proposed site access is evidently within the redline site boundary (See TIP).

Mitigation for Projected Tree Losses. A landscape proposal plan for the development (as appended), including extensive tree and hedge planting proposals, has been prepared by Trevor Bridge Associates. In this respect it is noted that the proposals include the provision of 52 extra heavy standard trees of various species along with several lengths of native and ornamental hedging, including the replacement of the removed section of hedge H2 with a native hedge mix.

As such, it is projected that the proposed tree and hedge planting will adequately compensate for the projected losses required to construct the development as proposed.

Protection of Retained Trees During Development. Adequate protection of the Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of retained trees during construction is essential if their long-term viability is to be assured. RPAs, which are calculated through a method provided in BS5837:2012, are ground areas that should be protected by temporary protective fencing as Construction Exclusion Zones (CEZs) throughout the development process,

thereby keeping the trees' root zones free from disturbance. Consequently, the RPA distances, as detailed in the TSS and on the TCP, give an idea of the on-site below-ground constraints in respect of tree roots and assist in planning for appropriate tree retention in relation to feasible development.

The TSS includes two columns listing the RPAs of the individually surveyed trees and, where applicable, the largest of the trees in any surveyed groups as overall areas in square metres and as radial distances. The radial RPAs are indicated as magenta coloured circles on the TCP, TIP and TPP.

With regard to CEZs it is noted that the design, materials and construction of the fencing should be appropriate for the intensity and type of site construction works, should conform to at least section 6.2 of BS5837:2012, and should be secured by the imposition of a suitably worded planning condition. A default Temporary Protective Fencing Specification is included at Appendix Two, a TPP showing recommended locations and extents of temporary protection measures for retained trees is included at Plan Three, and both these documents should be read alongside the draft Arboricultural Method Statement that is included as a component of this report.

In turn, adherence to the appended draft Arboricultural Method Statement and draft Tree Protection Plan will ensure that the retained trees are adequately protected throughout the development process.

Summary and Conclusions. Seven individual trees, three groups of trees and three hedges were surveyed in respect of a proposal to construct a 36 unit residential development at the site under consideration.

Two surveyed trees and one group were allocated moderate retention values, two trees, two groups and three hedges were allocated low retention values, and three trees were deemed unsuitable for long term retention due to poor physiological condition and/or projected displacement of boundary features.

From the information provided to date it is projected that implementation of the development as proposed will require the removal of an approximately 20 metre section of one low quality group and a length of approximately 70 metres from one low quality hedge.

Nonetheless, a landscape proposal plan has been prepared by for the development which includes extensive tree and hedge planting. In turn, the proposed tree and hedge planting is projected to adequately compensate for the projected losses required in order to construct the development as proposed.

In turn, it will also be necessary to ensure that the retained trees are suitably protected in strict accordance with current government guidance throughout the course of the development utilising temporary protective fencing in accordance with the appended draft Arboricultural Method Statement and draft Tree Protection Plan.



GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Non-Development Related Tree Works and Recommendations. Any general management pruning works for retained trees that are stated to be non-development related, as detailed in the TSS, are recommended in accordance with prudent arboricultural management and should therefore be carried out regardless of any site plans and potential changes in land usage. All tree works should be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 - Tree Work – Recommendations.

Tree Work Related Consents. No tree pruning or removal works should commence on site until necessary consents have been obtained from the LPA as part of a planning approval or in respect of any statutory tree protection.

Protected Species. Hedges, climbing plants, shrubs and trees should be inspected for birds' nests prior to any clipping, pruning or removal works, and any work likely to destroy or disturb active nests should be avoided until the young have fledged. All personnel carrying out tree works should also be vigilant of the possibility that roosting bats may be present in trees and, if any bat roosts are identified, then it is essential that works are halted immediately and that a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist investigate prior to works continuing.

Arboricultural Contractors. All tree works should be carried out by suitably qualified and experienced arboricultural contractors carrying appropriate public liability insurance cover and be implemented to the minimum current CE and UK industry standards and in accordance with industry codes of practice. Only certificated personnel should, in accordance with The Control of Pesticides Regulations, apply any pesticides.

Contractors and Subsequently Identified Tree Defects. Contractors should be made aware that, should any significant tree defects become apparent during operations that would not have been immediately obvious to the surveyor, then such defects should be notified immediately to the client and subsequently confirmed to the consultant within five working days.

Retained Tree Management. Any tree risk management appraisal and subsequent recommendations made in this report were based on observations and site circumstances at the time of our survey. Trees are dynamic living organisms whose structure is constantly changing and even those evidently in good condition can succumb to damage and/or stress. In this respect we would note that, under the Occupiers' Liability Act (1957 & 1984), site occupants have a duty of care to take reasonable steps to prevent or minimise the risk of personal injury and/or damage to property from any tree located within the curtilage of the land they occupy. It is accepted that these steps should normally include commissioning a qualified and experienced arboriculturist to survey their trees in order to identify any risk of harm to persons or damage to property that they may present and, where unacceptable risks are identified, taking suitable remedial action to negate those risks.



DISCLAIMER

Survey Limitations: Unless otherwise stated all trees are surveyed from ground level using non-invasive techniques, in sufficient detail to gather data for and inform the design of the current project only. The disclosure of hidden crown and stem defects, in particular where they may be above a reachable height or where trees are ivy clad or located in areas of restrictive ground vegetation, cannot therefore be expected. Detailed tree safety appraisals are only carried out under specific written instructions. Comments upon evident tree safety relate to the condition of said tree at the time of the survey only. Unless otherwise stated all trees should be re-inspected annually in order to appraise their on-going mechanical integrity and physiological condition. It should, however, be recognised that tree condition is subject to change, for example due to the effects of disease, decay, high winds, development works, etc. Changes in land use or site conditions (e.g. development that increases access frequency) and the occurrence of severe weather incidents are also significant considerations with regard to tree structural integrity, and trees should therefore be re-assessed in the context of such changes and/or incidents and inspected at intervals relative to identified and varying site conditions and associated risks.

Where trees are located wholly or partially on neighbouring private third-party land then said land is not accessed and our inspection is therefore restricted to what can reasonably be seen from within the site. Stem diameters and other measurements of trees located on such land are estimated. Any subsequent comments and judgments made in respect of such trees are based on these restrictions and are our preliminary opinion only. Recommendations for works to neighbouring third-party trees are only made where a potential risk to persons and/or property has been identified during our survey or, if applicable, where permissible works are required to implement a proposed development. Where significant structural defects of third-party trees are identified and associated management works are considered essential to negate any risk of harm and/or damage then we will inform the relevant Council of the matter. Where a more detailed assessment is considered necessary then appropriate recommendations are set out in the Tree Survey Schedule.

Where tree stem locations are not included on the plan(s) provided then they are plotted by the arboriculturist at the time of the survey using, where appropriate and/or practicable, a combination of measurement triangulation and GPS co-ordination. Where this is not possible then locations are estimated. Restrictions in these respects are detailed in the report.

This document is intended as a guide to identify key tree related constraints to site development only, and the potential influence of trees upon existing or proposed buildings or other structures resulting from the effects of their roots abstracting water from shrinkable load-bearing soils is not considered herein. The tree survey information in its current form should not therefore be considered sufficient to determine appropriate foundation depths for new buildings. Accordingly, an updated survey, with reference to the current NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2 - Building Near Trees, must therefore be prepared for the specific purpose of informing suitable foundation depths subsequent to planning approval being granted. The advice of a structural engineer must also be sought with regard to appropriate foundation depths for new buildings.

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No.	Species	Height	Stem Diam.		Branch Spread	Branch & Canopy Clearances	Life Stage	PC	General Observations and Comments	Management Recommendations	ERC	Cat. Grade	RPA (m²)	RPA Radius (m)
T1	Common Ash	10	2x150 2x100 (ms)#	N E S W	2 2 2 2	0	SM	Р	 Located on neighbouring land and as such not inspected in detail. Moderately dense ivy and Bramble restricted detailed inspection. Canopy showing a severe reduction in vitality due to colonisation by Ash Dieback Disease. Not projected to be impacted by proposed development. 	 Recommend tree owner removes tree due to short remaining life expectancy. NB: Removal must be agreed with third party tree owner prior to works taking place. 	<10	U	29	3.06
T2	Common Hazel	4	6x60 (ms)#	N E S W	2 2 2 2	0	Υ	G	 Vegetation around base restricted detailed inspection. Projected to displace boundary fencing through future incremental stem growth and canopy growth. 	 Remove tree due to projected displacement of fencing. NB: Removal must be agreed with third party tree owner prior to works taking place. 	<10	U	10	1.76
Т3	Common Ash	4	1x100 1x80 (ts)#	N E S W	1 1 1 1	0 2	Υ	Р	 Twin stemmed from ground level. Canopy showing severe reduction in vitality and severe twig dieback due to colonisation by Ash Dieback Disease. 	 Remove tree due to short projected remaining life expectancy. NB: Removal must be agreed with third party tree owner prior to works taking place. 	<10	U	7	1.54
T4	Common Alder	10.5	540	N E S W	4.5 6 5 5	2-W 3	EM	M/P	 Crown showing signs of a moderate reduction in vitality with small leaves. Thin crown and widespread twig dieback. 	 Ensure protection of tree's RPA throughout development using Temporary Protective Fencing to form a Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ) (see appended Temporary Protective Fencing specification). 	10+	C1	132	6.48
T5	European Larch	8	280#	N E S W	1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5	N/A 3	SM	G	 Located on neighbouring land and subsequently not inspected in detail. Crown lifted to a height of approximately 4m. 	 Ensure protection of tree's RPA throughout development using Temporary Protective Fencing to form a CEZ. 	20+	B1	35	3.36
Т6	Dragons Claw Willow	10.5	2x300 (ts)#	N E S W	4.5 4.5 3.5 2	3-S 3	SM	G	 Located on neighbouring land and subsequently not inspected in detail. Stem leaning moderately to east. Crown biased to north and east. 	■ Ensure protection of tree's RPA throughout development using Temporary Protective Fencing to form a CEZ.	20+	B1	81	5.09

Headings and Abbreviations:

General Observations and Comments:

Management Recommendations:

Stem Diam.:

RPA m2:

Branch Spread:

No. Allocated sequential reference number - Tree ('T'), Group ('G'), Woodland ('W') or Hedge ('H') reference number - refer to plan and to numbered tags where applicable

Species: Common name Height:

In metres, to half nearest metre – where possible approximately 80% are measured using an electronic clinometer and the remainder estimated against the measured trees. In the case of Groups and Woodlands the measurement listed is that of the highest tree

Stem diameter in millimetres, to nearest 10mm - measured and calculated as per Annex C of BS5837:2012. MS = multi-stemmed, TS = twin-stemmed Crown radius measured (or estimated where considered appropriate) from the four cardinal points (north, east, south and west) to give an accurate visual representation of the crown

Existing height above ground level, in metres, of first significant branch and direction of growth (e.g. 2.5-N) and of canopy at lowest point - to inform on crown to height ratio, potential for shading, etc.

Branch & Canopy Clearances: Life Stage: Estimated age class - Y = young, SM = semi-mature, EM = early-mature, M = mature, PM = post-mature

Physiological Condition - a measure of the tree'(s)' overall vitality, i.e. D = Dead, MD = Moribund, P = Poor, M = Moderate, G = Good

Comments relating to the tree'(s)' overall condition and any other pertinent factors including structural defects, current and potential direct structural damage, physiological decline, poor form, etc.

Either Preliminary or In Consideration of the Proposal - In the case of Arboricultural Constraints Surveys the recommended management works only take exiting site and tree circumstances and conditions into account and not proposed developments. Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement related Surveys take the proposed development into consideration with recommendations made accordingly. More than one option may be given if considered appropriate

ERC: Estimated Remaining Contribution - in years as per BS5837:2012 (i.e. <10, 10+, 20+, 40+) Cat. Grade:

Category Grading - tree retention value listed as U, A, B or C - in accordance with BS5837:2012 Table 1

Root Protection Area in m² - calculated area around the tree that must be appropriately protected throughout the development process in order avoid root damage

Root Protection Area Radius - in metres measured from the centre of the stem to the line of tree protection

RPA Radius (m): # (Estimated Dimensions): Where trees are located off-site, or are inaccessible for any other reason, and accurate measurements or other information cannot be taken then the information provided is estimated and is duly suffixed with a "#" symbol



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Т7	Crab Apple	5.5	170#	N E S W	2.5 2 3 2.5	3-S 3	SM	М	 Located on neighbouring land subsequently not inspected in detail. Evidence of previous pruning to the south. Not projected to be impacted by proposed development. 	 Ensure protection of tree's RPA throughout development using Temporary Protective Fencing to form a CEZ. 	10+	C1	13	2.04
G1	2no. Common Lime	≤ 12	≤ 300#	NESW	≤ 4.5 ≤ 4.5 ≤ 4.5 ≤ 4.5	N/A ≥ 0	EM	G	 Group located on neighbouring land and as such not accessed to inspect in detail. Part of wider group extending to south-east. Group located atop retained bank sloping steeply to northwest. Not projected to be impacted by proposed development. 		20+	B1/2	≤ 41	≤ 3.6
G2	approx. 15no. Ash, 10no. Wild Cherry, 5no. Birch, 5no. Hazel, 3no. Alder	≤ 8	≤ 170	N E S W	≤ 2 ≤ 2 ≤ 2 ≤ 2	0.5-W ≥ 0.1	Y-SM	G-P	 Tightly spaced group located along boundary. Some trees topped at a height of approximately 4m. Abundant dieback in a number of Ash trees due to colonisation by Ash Dieback Disease. Well used, unsealed hard surfaced footpath to north of group. 	 Remove approximately 20m section of group from north-eastern end in order to allow construction of proposed access. NB: Proposed section to be removed is evidently within redline ownership boundary. Retain remainder of group in context of proposed development. Ensure protection of remaining group's RPA throughout development using Temporary Protective Fencing to form a CEZ. Compensate for loss with replacement tree planting on site as a component of site landscaping (specific details of compensatory tree planting to be agreed with LPA). 	10+	C2	≤ 13	≤ 2.04
G3	2no. Crab Apple	7	2x160 (ts)#	N E S W	≤ 2 ≤ 2 ≤ 2.2 ≤ 6	1-SE 2	SM	М	 Located on neighbouring land and subsequently not inspected in detail. Moderately spaced pair with tree located to the north evidently more mature. 	■ Ensure protection of group's RPA throughout development using Temporary Protective Fencing to form a CEZ.	10+	C1/2	≤ 23	≤ 2.72
H1	Hawthorn, Hazel, Elder	≤ 8.5	≤ 220	6	≤ 6 wide	N/A ≥ 0.5	М	G	 Length of outgrown field hedge located to east side of fencing but west side of ditch as such ownership boundaries unclear. Several Hawthorns showing moderate reductions in vitality with moderate canopy dieback. Not projected to be impacted by proposed development. 		10+	C2	N/A	≈ 2.5



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H2	Hawthorn, Hazel, Elder, Oak	≤ 8.5	≤ 210	≤ 2.5 wide	N/A ≥ 0.1	М		 Length of outgrown field hedge located in area with unclear boundaries. Several Hawthorns showing moderate reductions in vitality with moderate canopy dieback. Group becomes increasingly fragmented to north. 	■ Remove approximately 70m section in order to construct development as proposed (see hatched area on TIP). ■ Compensate for loss with replacement tree planting on site as a component of site landscaping (specific details of compensatory tree planting to be agreed with LPA).	10+	C2	N/A	≈ 2.5
НЗ	Вау	≤ 2	≤ 80#	≤ 1 wide	N/A	Y	G	 Located on neighbouring land and subsequently not inspected in detail. Three moderately spaced stems maintained as small hedge and forming boundary feature. Not projected to be impacted by proposed development. 	•	10+	C2	N/A	≈ 1



BS5837:2012 Table 1 – Cascade Chart for Tree Quality Assessment

Category and definition	Criteria (including subcategories where app	propriate)		Identification on plan
Trees unsuitable for retention (see				
Category U Those in such a condition that they cannot realistically be retained as living trees in the context of the current land use for longer than 10 years	that will become unviable after removal of cannot be mitigated by pruning) Trees that are dead or are showing signs Trees infected with pathogens of significar suppressing adjacent trees of better qualit	tructural defect, such that their early loss is expected other category U trees (e.g. where, for whatever resonant of significant, immediate, and irreversible overall defined to the health and/or safety of other trees nearby the standard conservation value which it might be desirable.	eason, the loss of companion shelter ecline y, or very low quality trees	Red
	1. Mainly arboricultural qualities	2. Mainly landscape qualities	3. Mainly cultural values, including conservation	
Trees to be considered for retenti	on	•		•
Category A Trees of high quality with an estimated remaining life expectancy of at least 40 years	Trees that are particularly good examples of their species, especially if rare or unusual; or those that are essential components of groups or formal or semi-formal arboricultural features (e.g. the dominant and/or principal trees within an avenue)	Trees, groups or woodlands of particular visual importance as arboricultural and/or landscape features	Trees, groups or woodlands of significant conservation, historical, commemorative or other value (e.g. veteran trees or wood-pasture)	Green
Category B Those of moderate quality and value: those in such a condition as to make a significant contribution. A minimum of 20 years is suggested.	Trees that might be included in the high category, but are downgraded because of impaired condition. Examples include the presence of remediable defects including unsympathetic past management and minor storm damage	Trees present in numbers, usually as groups or woodlands, so they form distinct landscape features which attract a higher collective rating than they might as individuals. But which are not, individually, essential components of formal or semi-formal arboricultural features. For example, trees of moderate quality within an avenue that includes better, A category specimens. Or trees which are internal to the site, therefore individually having little visual impact on the wider locality	Trees with clearly identifiable conservation or other cultural benefits	Blue
Category C Those trees of low quality and value: currently in adequate condition to remain until new planting could be established - a minimum of 10 years is suggested - or young trees with a stem diameter below 150 mm	Trees not qualifying in higher categories Note – Whilst C category trees will usually not I trees with a stem diameter of less than 150mm	Trees present in groups or woodlands, but without this conferring on them significantly greater landscape value, and/or trees offering low or only temporary screening benefit be retained where they would impose a significant of the street o	Trees with very limited conservation or other cultural benefits	Grey

DRAFT ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

Proposed Development:	36 unit Residential Development
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Scope of Arboricultural Method Statement

- This Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) relates specifically to the approved construction works at the above existing site, as detailed on the draft Tree Protection Plan (TPP) reference BTC2040 TPP.
- The AMS and TPP should be read in conjunction with the appended Temporary Protective Fencing Specification.
- The purpose of the AMS is to consider the potential effects of the development work operations on the retained trees, and sets out how any identified adverse impacts are, as far as is practicable, to be avoided.
- From commencement of the development, and throughout the site works until completion, the methodology shall be implemented in the sequence and manner detailed in the Sequence of Works, overleaf.
- It shall be the developer's responsibility to ensure that the works are carried out in strict accordance with the obligations and responsibilities of the AMS and, in turn, they will be accountable for any breaches of the obligations and responsibilities.
- Prior to work commencement the specifics of the AMS and TPP shall be reviewed by the developer and the Project Arboriculturist. In turn, the AMS and TPP shall be updated, by the Arboriculturist, in accordance with any changes in the development design that may have occurred subsequent to this AMS and TPP being issued, or any issues that may have arisen as a result of the review.
- As soon as is practicable the amended documents shall then be issued to the LPA for review NB: it shall be the developer's responsibility to arrange this review with the Project Arboriculturist immediately following the granting of planning permission.

Site Inspections & Reporting by Project Arboriculturist

- Prior to the commencement of the development, all personnel who might be charged with overseeing development related works shall be provided with the contact details of the Project Arboriculturist.
- It will be the responsibility of the developer's site manager to report any tree related issues, including deviations from the AMS, directly to the Project Arboriculturist, who will then visit the site and make recommendations to the site manager on how best to rectify the situation.
- The Project Arboriculturist shall report any tree related issues and/or breaches of the AMS that they consider to be significant in relation to retained tree health and/or structural stability directly to the Tree Officer.
- In the event that the Project Arboriculturist's contract is terminated, then the developer shall issue a written notice to all relevant parties to this effect, inclusive of the LPA Tree Officer.

LPA Tree Officer

• The LPA's Tree Officer shall have free access to the site and, should they visit the site and note any tree related issues, they will then report any problems directly to the site manager and the Project Arboriculturist, who will then visit the site and make recommendations to the site manager on how best to rectify the situation.

Site Personnel

• All personnel engaged in the execution of the development works shall be provided with a copy of the AMS and the TPP and instructed in the protection of trees, as set out in this AMS.

Sequence of Works & Revisions

- The development works shall be carried out in strict accordance with the 'Sequence of Works' detailed in the table overleaf.
- Any proposed deviations from the 'Sequence of Works' shall be reported to the Project Arboriculturist, who will then review and comment on the modifications accordingly.
- Where the amendments are considered acceptable in relation to retained trees, then the Project Arboriculturist shall prepare and issue a revised version of the AMS to the LPA Tree Officer for comment.
- Should the Tree Officer consider the revised AMS to be acceptable, then the Project Arboriculturist shall issue the report to the site manager.

Acknowledgment of Obligations and Responsibilities of Arboricultural Method Statement

• The site manager shall provide a written acknowledgement, to the Tree Officer and the Project Arboriculturist that they shall abide by the obligations and responsibilities of the AMS, and that they will be accountable for any breaches of the obligations and responsibilities.



DRAFT ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

Proposed Development:	ppment: 36 unit Residential Development			
Site:	Land off Neddy Lane, Billington, Lancashire, BB7 9LL			
Planning App. No.:	N/A			
Pertinent Condition No.:	N/A			

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Table of Sequence of Works:

No.	Operation*	Timing	Responsible Professional	Supervision	Specific Tree Protection Measures During Operation#
i	Pre-commencement site meeting between: Developer's Site Manager; Council Tree Officer;	To be completed prior to any other works, including deliveries of materials, plant, etc.	Site Manager	N/A	None - however, specific methods of tree protection shall be discussed in detail, in particular the temporary protective fencing locations (see Operation iv) and, if identified as necessary, a schedule of supplementary recommendations shall be agreed between the parties and subsequently prepared and distributed to said parties by the Site Manager
ii	Carry out approved tree works in accordance with written permission from Local Planning Office (LPA)	Only to commence on completion of Item i	Tree Contractor overseen by Site Manager	Site Manager to supervise	No vehicular or plant access within retained trees' RPAs under soft surfaces
iii	Mark up, on site, locations and extents of proposed Temporary Protective Fencing	Only to commence on completion of Item ii	Site Manager	Site Manager to supervise	No vehicular or plant access within retained trees' RPAs under soft surfaces
iv	Erect Temporary Protective Fencing to protect RPAs of specific retained trees, in locations identified on the TPP°	To be erected and installed immediately on completion of Item iii	Fencing Contractor overseen by Site Manager	Site Manager to inform LPA Tree Officer and Project Arboriculturist following fencing erection	No vehicular or plant access within retained trees' RPAs under soft surfaces The temporary protective fencing shall be installed in strict accordance with the Temporary Protective Fencing Specification, with 'Type 1' fencing (see Specification)(NB: any proposed deviations from the Specification should be discussed with the LPA Tree Officer at Operation i, and, where necessary, agreed in writing)
٧	Commence main construction phase	Only to commence on completion of Item iv	Site Manager	Site Manager to supervise	No vehicular or plant access within retained trees' RPAs under soft surfaces
vi	Complete main construction phase and remove all associated operational materials except the Temporary Protective Fencing	Only to commence on completion of Item v	Site Manager	Site Manager to inform Tree Officer of proposed date of removal of temporary protective fencing in advance	No vehicular or plant access within retained trees' RPAs under soft surfaces



continued overleaf

^{*}Note 1: All operations to be subject to risk assessments and method statements to be provided by applicable contractor(s)

#Note 2: The General Recommendations in Respect of Works, detailed at page 3, shall also be adhered to by all site operatives during all work operations

Note 3: Refer to appended Temporary Protective Fencing Specification

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Table of Sequence of Works (cont.):

No.	Operation*	Timing	Responsible Professional	Supervision	Specific Tree Protection Measures During Operation#
vii	Remove Temporary Protective Fencing	Only to commence on completion of Item vi	Fencing Contractor overseen by Site Manager	Site Manager to supervise	No vehicular or plant access within retained tree's RPA under soft surfaces
viii	Commence landscaping works, inclusive of new tree planting, within and in close proximity to retained trees' RPAs and, where applicable, installation of new fences within RPAs	Only to commence on completion of Item vii	Landscaping Contractor overseen by Site Manager	LPA Tree Officer to visit site following completion of works (note: it shall be the Site Manager's responsibility to arrange Tree Officer's site visit/inspection)	Landscaping Contractor to provide Project Manager and Project Arboriculturist with a detailed schedule in regards to the maintenance of any newly planted trees in accordance with Section 8 BS5837:2012 All landscaping works to be undertaken in accordance with Section 7 BS5837:2012 including no significant level changes within RPAs. No vehicular or plant access within retained trees' RPAs under soft surfaces

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General Recommendations in Respect of Works:

- All tree works should be implemented by suitably qualified and experienced arboricultural contractors in accordance with the tree works detailed in the Tree Survey Schedule prior to the erection of the Temporary Protective Fencing.
- All tree works should conform to British Standard BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations.
- Performance of all arboricultural operations and use of equipment should be in accordance with current directives of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and industry codes of practice.
- All operatives should be equipped with and use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in accordance with current directives of the HSE and industry codes of practice.
- All tree stumps scheduled for removal that are located within a distance of 6.0 metres of any retained tree should be removed by mechanical stump grinder and not by mechanical excavator.
- All possible efforts should be made by the tree contractor and any other site operatives to prevent damage to retained trees.
- There shall be no vehicular or plant (e.g. wood chipper) access within the RPAs of retained trees that are not under hard surfaced areas, as detailed on the TPP.
- All tree works arising should be removed from the site.
- No services are to be installed below ground level within RPAs.
- No construction related operations should occur within RPAs, unless specifically detailed in the Arboricultural Method Statement.
- No concrete should be mixed within RPAs.
- No excavation or any other operations should occur within the RPAs, other than as detailed in the Arboricultural Method Statement.
- All construction equipment and materials should be stored outside RPAs.
- No fires should be lit within 15.0m of any tree crown.
- Deliveries by crane should be supervised by the Site Manager, positioning the vehicle in such a manner that retained trees are not put at risk of damage.
- No substances with potential to contaminate the soil (e.g. chemicals, concrete washings, diesel, vehicle washings, etc.) should be discharged within 10.0 m of any tree crown. This should take into consideration the topography of the site in order to avoid materials running towards trees.
- No notice boards, phone cables or services should be attached to any part of any tree.
- A log should be kept of any activity or incident with an impact or potential impact on protected trees and made available at all times for review by the Project Arboriculturist and the Tree Officer.



[#]Note 2: The General Recommendations in Respect of Works, detailed below, shall also be adhered to by all site operatives during all work operations

[°]Note 3: Refer to appended Temporary Protective Fencing Specification

- TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE FENCING SPECIFICATION -

Construction Exclusion Zones (CEZs), enclosed by Temporary Protective Fencing, as detailed below and to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority (LPA), shall:

- 1. be retained in place throughout the development process, as specified in the 'Temporary Protective Fencing Construction' section below and detailed in BS5837:2012 Figure 2 (overleaf);
- 2. be sited in the area(s) defined by the Root Protection Areas or, if applicable, the Construction Exclusion Zones, as detailed on the associated Tree Plan;
- 3. be erected prior to any construction, demolition or excavation works and remain in place for the duration of the project;
- 4. preclude any delivery of site accommodation and/or materials and/or plant machinery;
- 5. preclude all construction related activity, with the sole exception of specified arboricultural works and any other works to be carried out under supervision that have been agreed by all parties; and
- 6. preclude the storage of all development related materials and substances including fuels, oils, additives, cement and/or any other deleterious substance.

Any incursion into CEZs must be by prior arrangement, following consultation with the LPA.

Temporary Protective Fencing Construction

- 1. Temporary protective fencing panels shall be weldmesh "Heras" panels of at least 2.0 metres in height.
- 2. The panels shall butt together and be securely fixed to a scaffold framework, as per 3 to 5 below
- 3. The scaffold framework shall comprise of upright poles of at least 3.0 metres in length driven no less than 0.6 metres into the ground at maximum 3.0 metre centres with horizontal and diagonal poles fixed to the uprights, as per 4 to 5 below.
- 4. The two horizontal rail poles shall be attached to the uprights at heights of 0.6 and 1.8 metres with 3 no. clamps to each joint.
- 5. The diagonal scaffold pole struts be clamped to the top rail of the scaffold framework at a 45° angle and extend back into the CEZ and clamped to a 0.7 metre length of scaffold tube that shall be driven no less than 0.5m into the ground.
- 6. No fixing shall be made to any tree and all possible precautions shall be taken to prevent damage to tree roots when locating posts.
- 7. A 600mm x 300mm warning sign reading "TREE PROTECTION AREA KEEP OUT" (see Figure 1, below) shall be fixed to every 10.0 metre length of protective fencing.
- 8. On completion and prior to any demolition or construction works, site preparation, excavation or delivery of plant and materials, the LPA shall inspect and approve the Temporary Protective Fencing.

Figure 1: CEZ Warning Sign

TREE PROTECTION AREA –KEEP OUT!

(TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990)
THE TREES ENCLOSED BY THIS FENCE ARE PROTECTED BY PLANNING
CONDITIONS AND/OR SUBJECTS OF A 'TREE PRESERVATION ORDER', THE
CONTRAVENTION OF WHICH MAY LEAD TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

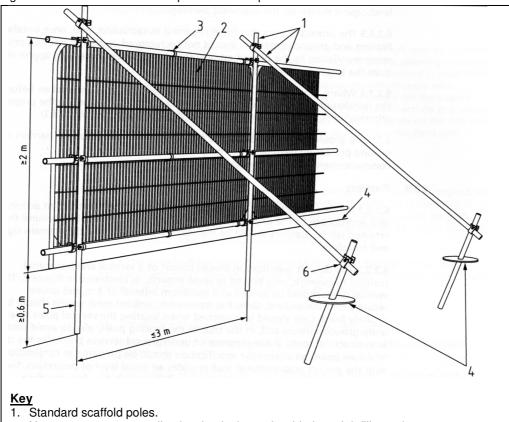
THE FOLLOWING MUST BE OBSERVED BY ALL PERSONNEL:

- THE PROTECTIVE FENCING MUST NOT BE MOVED
- NO PERSON SHALL ENTER THE CONSTRUCTION EXCLUSION ZONE
- NO MACHINE, PLANT OR VEHICLES SHALL ENTER THE EXCLUSION ZONE
- NO MATERIALS SHALL BE STORED IN THE EXCLUSION ZONE
- NO SPOIL SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE EXCLUSION ZONE
- NO EXCAVATION SHALL OCCUR IN THE EXCLUSION ZONE
- NO FIRES SHALL BE LIT IN THE EXCLUSION ZONE

ANY INCURSION INTO THE EXCLUSION ZONE MUST BE WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY



Figure 2: BS5837:2012 Default specification for protective barrier



- Heavy gauge 2 metre tall galvanised tube and welded mesh infill panels
 Panels secured to uprights and cross members with wires ties
- 4. Ground level
- 5. Uprights driven into the ground until secure (minimum depth 0.6 metres)6. Standard scaffold clamps

Temporary Ground Protection

- 1. Any necessary Temporary Ground Protection areas shall conform to Figure 3, below, unless otherwise agreed with the LPA.
- 2. The Ground Protection Area shall be left undisturbed and covered by a semi-permeable geotextile membrane which shall, in turn, be covered by a compressible layer consisting of a material such as woodchip.
- 3. Side-butting scaffold boards shall then be fitted to cover the Ground Protection Area.
- 4. On completion of installation, and prior to any demolition or construction works, site preparation, excavation or delivery of plant and materials, the Consulting Arboriculturist or the LPA Tree Officer, as agreed, shall inspect the Temporary Ground Protection.
- 5. The Temporary Ground Protection shall remain in place until completion of the project and only removed following receipt of written permission from the LPA.

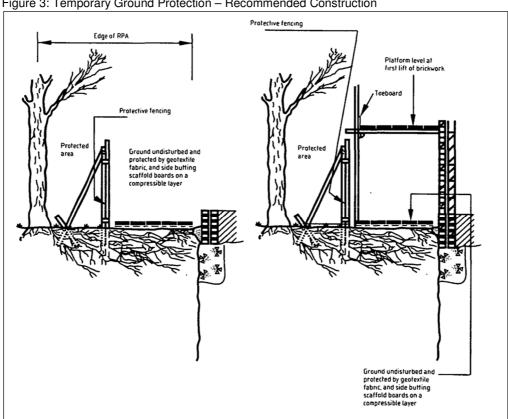


Figure 3: Temporary Ground Protection – Recommended Construction



KEY

T = Individual Tree

G = Group of Trees H = Hedge

Please refer to associated Arboricultural Impact Assessment report for specific details in respect of items below:

Tree Categorisations:

Those to be Considered for Retention:

Category 'A' Tree/Group/Hedge Those of a High Quality with an Estimated Remaining Life Expectancy of at Least 40

Category 'B' Tree/Group/Hedge Those of a Moderate Quality with an Estimated Remaining Life Expectancy of at Least 20 Years

Category 'C' Tree/Group/Hedge Those of Low Quality with an Estimated Remaining Life Expectancy of at Least 10
Years, or Young Trees

Those Considered Unsuitable for Retention:

Category 'U' Tree/Group/Hedge Those in Such a Condition that they Cannot Realistically be Retained as Living Trees in the Context of the Current Land Use for Longer Than 10 Years

Note: The locations of trees T1, T2, T3, T5 and T6 and the stem locations and full extents of group G1 were not included on the site plan provided, and their locations were subsequently plotted by the arboricultural surveyor using GPS at the time of the survey. As such, the plotted location of the trees cannot therefore be considered to be wholly accurate

Root Protection Areas (RPAs):

Area(s) of Ground Around Trees that
Should be Protected Throughout
Development Works with Protective Fencing to form a Construction Exclusion Zone - see Temporary Protective Fencing Specification

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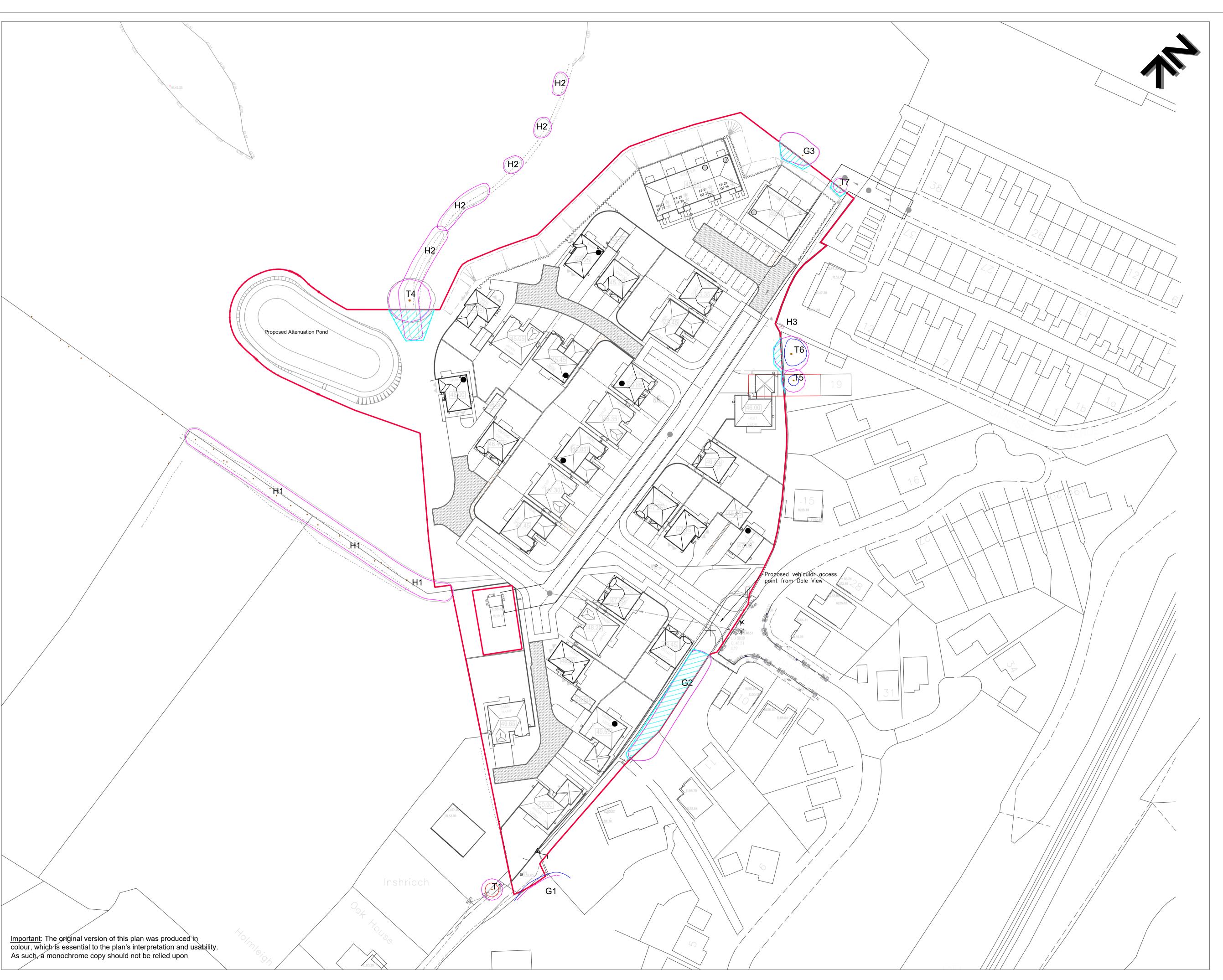
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Construction Exclusion Zones (CEZs):



Area(s) of Ground Around Retained Trees to be Enclosed with Type 1 Temporary Fencing Throughout Development Works. Note: Bold Line Represents Positioning of Fencing - see Temporary Protective Fencing Specification

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