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Arboricultural Method Statement to BS5837:2012

Redrow Homes Lancashire.

Proposed Access at Neddy Lane, Billington, Lancashire, BB7 9ND.

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Introduction

Arbtech Consulting Limited (Arbtech) received written instruction in June 2023 from Redrow Homes Lancashire to attend Proposed access route, Neddy Lane, Billington, Whalley, Lancashire, BB7 9ND to undertake an arboricultural survey a to BS5837:2012 guidance to assess trees, hedges and major shrub groups growing on and within influencing distance of the site and to produce a Schedule of trees, Tree Constraints Plan, Arboricultural Impact Assessment, Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan.

Executive Summary

This report describes the extent and effect of the proposed development at the site on individual trees and groups of trees within and adjacent to the site.

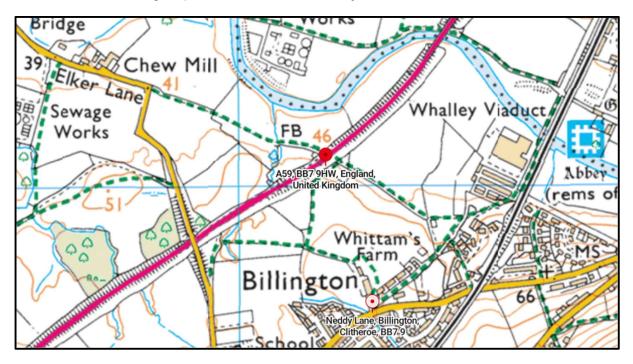


Figure 1: OS Map (Bing Maps) Showing Site Location.



Figure 2: Aerial Image of Site (Google Earth) Illustrating Site Boundary.

Trees within the site were surveyed; using a methodology guided by British Standard 5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations' ("BS5837").

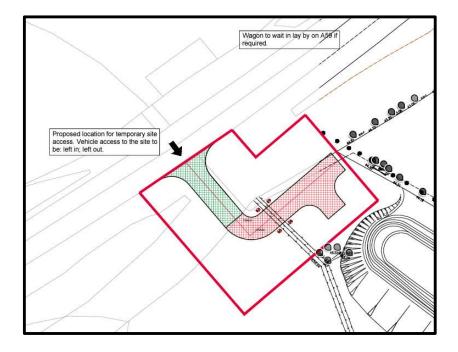
Subsequently, this report has been produced, balancing the layout of the proposed development against the competing needs of trees. This report comprises all of the requisite elements of an arboricultural implications assessment, method statement and supporting plans.

Checklist for Submission to Local Planning Authority

Tree survey	\boxtimes
Tree constraints plan	\boxtimes
Arboricultural impact assessment	\boxtimes
Arboricultural method statement	\boxtimes
Tree protection plan	\boxtimes

This report and its appendices follow precisely the strategy for arboricultural appraisal intended to provide local planning authorities with evidence that trees have been properly considered throughout the development process.

Proposal





General Information

Client: Redrow Homes Lancashire

Site: Neddy Lane, Billington, Whalley, Lancashire, BB7 9ND.

Brief proposal description: Construction of temporary access/haul road.

Table 1: Documents referred to.

Document	Reference No.
Tree Survey Base Plan	OS Tile
Proposed layout drawing	4441/Eng/440-1
Landscape master plan drawing	N/A
LPA pre-app comments	N/A
British Standard 5837:2012	"BS5837"
Arboricultural Impact Assessment	Arbtech AIA 01
Tree Protection Plan	Arbtech TPP 01



Tree Survey

Survey: An arboricultural survey to BS5837 of all trees within impacting distance of the site was undertaken by Russell Pearce of Arbtech Consulting on 1st July 2023

A total of 14 No. individual trees and 5 No. groups of trees were surveyed. Details for each of the trees surveyed are provided in the Schedule of Trees (see Appendix 1)

Table 2: Documents upon	which this tree survey	has been based

Document	Originator	Reference Number	Title
OS Tile	Ordnance Survey	877075_1119115	OS MasterMap Topography Layer

Limitations: The survey was made at ground level using visual observation only. Detailed examinations, such as climbing inspections and decay detection equipment were not employed, though may form part of the survey's management recommendations. Measurements were taken using specialist tapes, laser and GPS devices. Where this was not possible, measurements are estimated.

Scope: Pre-development tree surveys make arboricultural management recommendations based exclusively upon the individual tree or group of trees condition relative to their present context (*i.e. not in relation to the proposed development*).

Legal Status: No statutory protection check has been performed. BS5837 does not draw any distinction between trees subject to statutory protection, such as a Tree Preservation Order ("TPO"), and those trees without. This is principally because a detailed planning consent overrides any TPO protection. Consequently, we do not seek to offer any comparison between or infer any difference in the quality or importance of TPO trees and other trees.

* For more information on the surveyed trees please see Treestyle Consultancy, Tree Survey Schedule (Appendix 1), Tree Survey Report and Tree Constraints Plan.

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Arboricultural Impact Assessment

Table 3: Documents upon which this assessment has been based.

Document	Originator	Reference Number	Title
OS Tile	Ordnance Survey	877075_1119115	OS MasterMap Topography Layer
Proposals	Redrow Homes Lancashire	4441/Eng/440-1	Haul Road Layout

There are a number of issues that may need to be addressed in an arboricultural impact assessment between the trees and the proposed development, these are as follows:

- The effect and extent of the proposed development within the root protection areas (RPAs) of retained trees;
- The potential conflicts of the proposed development with canopies of retained trees; and
- The likelihood of any future remedial works to retained trees beyond which would have been scheduled as a part of usual management.

Table 4: Impacts upon the RPAs of retained trees

Tree Number	Species	Structure	Incursion
T13	Ash	Temporary access/haul road	RPA
G2	Various	Temporary access/haul road	RPA

These impacts can be seen on the Arboricultural Impact Assessment drawing number Arbtech AIA 01.



Trees to be removed

The proposal requires the removal of one category U tree. The tree is in advanced decline as a result of the ash dieback fungal pathogen. Recommended for removal due to risk of stem/root-plate failure or dead limbs falling onto the proposed access road when in use.

Table 5: Number of individual trees to be removed.

U	А	В	С
1	0	0	0

Table 6: Number of groups to be removed.

U	А	В	С
0	0	0	0



Arboricultural Method Statement

The purpose of this method statement is to demonstrate how any aspect of the development that has potential to result in loss or damage to a tree may be implemented and provide an adequate level of protection for those trees that are to be retained during the proposed works.

Details of key site personnel, including site / project manager will be submitted to the Council's Tree Officer prior to the commencement of site works.

This method statement is to be approved and agreed to in writing by all key personnel prior to the commencement of site works.

No site personnel are to be present and no demolition, site clearance, building work or delivery of materials is to occur until the protective measures are in accordance with this method statement and the Tree Protection Plan drawing number Arbtech TPP 01.

Protective measures should be in accordance with this method statement and the Tree Protection Plan; drawing number Arbtech TPP 01 will remain unaltered and in situ, unless otherwise specified, for the entire duration of the construction.

Table 7: Documents upon which this assessment has been based

Document	Originator	Reference Number	Title
OS Tile	Ordnance Survey	877075_1119115	OS MasterMap Topography Layer
Proposals	Redrow Homes Lancashire	4441/Eng/440-1	Haul Road Layout



Tree Works

For reasons of public safety, all tree works referred to herein must be carried out prior to any site personnel commencing works or any building materials being delivered.

No.	Species	Works	Category
T11	Ash	Fell tree to ground level.	U
G2	Various	Prune canopy of trees back to edge of proposed haul road.	C2

Table 8: Summary of Tree Works

Notes

All tree work is to be undertaken in accordance with British Standard BS 3998:2010, Recommendations for tree work. All arising's are to be removed and the site is to be left as found. Care is to be taken of the ground around retained trees to make sure that it does not become compacted as a result of tree surgery operations. No equipment or vehicles such as timber Lorries, tractors, excavators or cranes shall be parked or driven beneath the crowns of any retained trees, to prevent subsequent compaction and root death.

Tree removal

A tree should be felled in one piece only when there is no significant risk of damage to people, property or protected species (see Annex A).

Where restrictions (e.g. lack of space, buildings, other features, land ownership or use, or other trees which are to be retained) cannot be overcome, trees should be dismantled in sections.

This also applies where a tall stump is being retained but where branches are to be removed/pruned.

Extensively decayed trees can be unpredictable when they are being felled, and special precautions should therefore be taken, such as the use of a winch to guide the direction of fall.

Stump removal – stump grinding

Stump grinding should be to a minimum of 300mm deep or to extend through the base of the stump leaving the major roots disconnected if the intention is to reduce the potential for the spread of Honey fungus.

The grinding residue should be treated as arising's and removed from site.

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NOTE Mechanical destruction of a stump by stump grinding is less disruptive to the site than digging out.

The hole left by stump removal, should be filled with soil or other material. The filling should be appropriate for future site usage, and for any surface treatment that is to be installed.

Where future plant growth is desired, the backfill material should be firmed in 150 mm layers by treading, avoiding excessive compaction and destruction of the soil structure.

Stump removal - digging

Stump removal by digging out should include disposal/utilisation of woody material (see Clause **13**).

NOTE Whether done by hand or machine, digging out can cause severe disturbance of the site.

Where possible, when winching out a stump, a ground or other type of anchor should be used rather than a tree to be retained. If there is no alternative to using such a tree as an anchor, appropriate protective measures should be adopted.

After stump removal

The hole left by stump removal, whether by digging out or grinding, should be filled with soil or other material. The filling should be appropriate for future site usage and for any surface treatment that is to be installed.

Where future plant growth is desired, the back fill material should be firmed in 150mm layers by treading, avoiding excessive compaction and destruction of the soil structure.



Protected Species

Conservation Status of British Bats

The general consensus in Britain and Europe is that virtually all bat species are declining and vulnerable. Our understanding of population status is poor as there is very little historical data for most bat species. Certain species, such as the horseshoe bats, are better understood and have well documented contractions in range and population size.

Given this general picture of decline in UK Government within the UK Biodiversity Action Plan has designated five species of bats as priority species (greater and lesser horseshoe bats, barbastelle, Bechstein's and pipistrelle). These plans provide an action pathway whereby the maintenance and restoration of the former populations levels are investigated.

Legal Status of British Bats

Given the above position all British bats as well as their breeding sites and resting places enjoy national and international protection.

All bat species in the UK are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) through inclusion in Schedule 5. All bats are also listed on Annex IV (and some on Annex II) of the EC Habitats Directive giving further, European protection. Taken together the act and Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2012 (as amended)* make it an offence to; intentionally or deliberately kill, injure or capture (take) bats;

- Deliberately disturb bats (whether in a roost or not);
- Damage, destroy or obstruct access to bat roosts;
- Possess or transport a bat or any part of a bat, unless acquired legally;
- Sell, barter or exchange bats, or parts of bats

The legislation although not strictly affording protection to foraging grounds does protect roost sites. Bat roosts are protected at all times of the year whether or not bats are present. Any disturbance of a roost due to development must be licenced.

*the regulations that delivered by the UK's commitments to the Habitats Directive.



Breeding birds

All nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) 1981, which makes it an offence to intentionally kill, injure or take any wild bird or take, damage or destroy its nest whilst in use or being built, or take or destroy its eggs. Furthermore a number of birds enjoy further protection under that Act and are listed on Schedule 1 of the Act. These further protected birds are also protected from disturbance and it may be necessary to operate "no-go" buffer zones around such nests – typically out to 100m.

Planning policy guidance on the treatment of species identified as priorities under the biodiversity action programme suggests that local authorities should take measures to protect the habitats of these species from further decline through policies in local development documents and should ensure that they are protected from the adverse effects of development, where appropriate, by using planning conditions or obligations. The conservation of these species should be promoted through the incorporation of beneficial biodiversity designs within developments.

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Site Management

The site manager will be responsible for briefing and inducting all personnel who will be working on any stage of this development and especially those who will be working within or adjacent to the canopies or RPAs of retained trees; and will make them aware of, and provide a copy of this method statement and tree protection plan drawing number Arbtech TPP 01; this is to include but not exclusively of the movement and or operation of plant, excavations, unloading deliveries, mixing and or pouring of cement and concrete.

The site manager will be responsible for the day to day running and protection of all retained trees and for liaising with the project arborist about any tree related matters and prior to any works that may or will affect the RPAs or canopies of retained trees; this is to include but not exclusively the movement and or operation of plant, excavations, unloading deliveries, mixing, pouring and storage of all caustic materials that may cause harm to retained trees.

Any incidents of damage to retained trees or of tree protection measures will be documented by the site manager who will then report these incidents to the project arboriculturist immediately and make sure that works within this area cease until the project arborist has had an opportunity to inspect the damage and where appropriate, agree a mitigation plan with the local planning authority tree officer.

The site manager may designate another person to take charge of briefing and inducting process of new site personnel or visitors in his absence.

If the site manager is replaced or is absent from site for more than three consecutive working days the project arborist will be informed and a pre start meeting will be held with the new or acting site manager.

It is the responsibility of the site manager to ensure that the planning conditions attached to the planning consent are adhered to at all times and that a monitoring regime and supervision of any works within or adjacent to the RPAs are adopted.

If at any time pruning works are required other than those previously approved, permission must be sought from the LPA tree officer and once permission is granted they are to be carried out by a suitably qualified person in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations.

Prohibition

- Mechanical digging or scraping is not permitted within a defined root protection area or within areas cordoned off by protective barrier fencing.
- No access will be permitted within the protected areas;
- No materials, equipment or debris will be stored within any of the fenced areas, or against the fencing;
- Fires are not permitted within 10m of any vegetation.
- Leaning objects against or attaching of objects to a tree is not permitted.
- Machinery, plant and vehicles are not permitted to be washed down within 10m of vegetation.
- Chemicals and materials are not to be transported, stored, used or mixed within a root protection area or within areas cordoned off by protective barrier fencing.
- Cement silos, mixing site to be situated within a bunded area to prevent pillage/leaking of chemicals harmful to trees. These areas are to be sited well clear of protected trees.
- Refuelling of plant or machinery is prohibited within 10m of the construction exclusion zones.
- It is essential that allowance should be made for the slope of the ground so that damaging materials such as concrete washings, mortar or diesel oil cannot run towards trees.
- Where machinery is to be used within 5m of retained tree canopies a banks man will be required at all times whilst setting up, moving or operating within this distance of retained trees canopies.
- Storage of all caustic material and chemicals are to be situated well clear of protected areas and preferably on lower ground if slopes are present, or to be situated within a bonded area to prevent any spills or leaks entering the ground.



Sequencing of works

A logical sequence of events is to be observed and shall be phased as follows.

Table 9: Sequence of Events

Stage	Event
Stage 1	Pre-commencement site meeting
Stage 2	Carry out tree works as specified within the summary of tree works
Stage 3	Installation of protective measures in accordance with the approved tree protection plan/s
Stage 4	Site set up for construction
Stage 5	Undertake and complete construction works
Stage 6	Undertake external landscaping works outside of the construction exclusion zones
Stage 7	Removal of all machinery and materials form site
Stage 8	Dismantle and removal of protective measures
Stage 9	Undertake external landscaping works within the construction exclusion zones
Stage 10	Sign off from project arboriculturist

Protective Measures

Protective measures are to be installed immediately following the completion of the tree works, and are to be sited and aligned in accordance with the tree protection plan (Arbtech TPP 01) prior to the commencement of any works or the introduction of any machinery or material to site.

Upon installation of the protective measures around the retained trees the project arboriculturist will visit the site to inspect and document the position and specifications of the protective measures.

In the event that the protective measures and their positions do not comply with this arboricultural method statement document number Arbtech AMS 01 (07-07-23) and tree protection plan drawing number Arbtech TPP 01, the project arboriculturist shall inform the client and fencing contractor so adjustments can be made.

When the protective measures comply with document number Arbtech AMS 01 (07-07-23) and tree protection plan drawing number Arbtech TPP 01, the project arboriculturist will sign off the protective measures in writing to the client and will send a copy to the fencing contractor, site agent and local authority tree officer.

If the protective measures become damaged or there is any accident or emergencies involving trees, these areas are to be cordoned off immediately with high visibility plastic mesh fencing. The site agent is to photograph and document the damage and inform the project arboriculturist immediately after the incident and all work within in this area is to cease until the project arboriculturist has made a visit to the site. Any and all damaged sections of protective measures shall be replaced within 48 hours of the initial incident.

The protected area is sacrosanct and will not be invaded by the storage of materials, mixing of concrete or other products, accessed by machinery, equipment or pedestrians or in any other way disturbed by construction activity.

The protective measures will remain in place until the completion of stage 8 (see Sequencing of Works), thereafter they will be carefully dismantled only with the agreement of the project arboriculturist and or the local authority tree officer.

The existing site boundary measures are to be retained for the duration of the development. If for any reason the existing boundary measures are not to be used protective barrier fencing is to be installed along the line of the boundaries and is only to be removed upon the written permission of the project arboriculturist or LPA tree officer upon the completion of the development or immediately prior to the installation of the permanent boundary measures.

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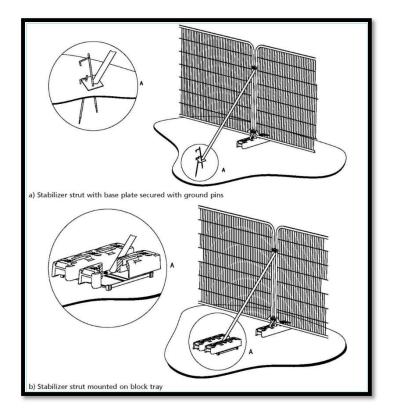
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No equipment, vehicles or plant shall operate beyond the tree protection fencing. Booms, hoists and rigs should be kept as far away from the canopies of retained trees at all times. Where it is necessary to operate within 5m of a tree canopy, it will be done with the utmost caution and under the control of a banks man. Damage to trees will be considered a breach of this tree protection plan, which in turn could be a breach of planning permission.

Protective Barrier Fencing

Protective barrier fencing should be appropriate for the intensity and proximity of the development to protect trees where development activity is in proximity.

<u>Specification</u>: To comprise of 2m tall-welded mesh panels on rubber or concrete feet. Panels are to be joined together using a minimum of two anti-tamper couplers, installed so that they can only be removed from inside the fence. The panels should be supported on the inner side by stabiliser struts, which should be attached to a base plate and secured with ground pins.



Signage denoting the words *"tree protection area"* at 5.0m intervals should be fixed to the protective barrier fencing (See Appendix 2). Protective fencing is to be removed only with the written permission of the arboricultural consultant and approval of the local planning authority (LPA).

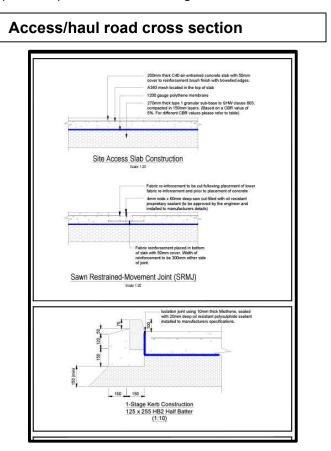
Construction

Prior to the construction of the proposal, a copy of the construction method statement should have been submitted and approved by the project arboriculturist and LPA tree officer, to ensure that there is no conflict with this method statement.

All excavations and construction work within or immediately adjacent to RPAs or canopies of retained trees is to be undertaken under the direct on-site supervision of an arboriculturist.

Access/haul road

Excavation for the access/haul road within the RPA of tree T13 and group G2 as shown in Arbtech TPP 01 will be carried out under direct on-site arboricultural supervision of the required depth of the foundation. The finished floor level of the proposed garden-room will sit entirely (150mm) above the existing soil level.



Excavation within the RPAs will consist of a mixture of mechanical and manual excavation.

Where an excavator is used it will be fitted with a suitably sized toothless grading bucket; using a grading / scrapping motion rather than digging. During each motion the

excavator will not be permitted to removing no more than 10 - 20mm deep of soil in any any one pass.

If any roots are discovered, mechanical excavation will immediately be stopped and manual excavation will take over to expose the root. Upon the root being uncovered and either severed or protected the excavations can then continue.

Any excavator or other machinery that is to be used will be situated outside of the RPAs of all retained trees or on top of a suitable ground protection.

Where an excavator or any other machinery is to be used within RPAs or beneath canopies the project arboriculturist will clearly instruct the operator about what they want and expect to happen prior to any works may commence.

Any roots found with a diameter of less than 25mm shall be cleanly severed by the arboricultural consultant. Any roots of 25mm and above shall be excavated around without damaging them; the arboricultural consultant shall decide if it's feasible or necessary to retain the root, if not it shall be severed.

The edge of the excavation closest to the trees will be covered with damp hessian to prevent soil collapse or contamination by concrete.

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Services

Detailed drawings of proposed underground services are not available at this time; hence it is not possible to identify any specific potential impacts associated with the scheme at this stage.

Existing services within the site should be retained where ever possible. Where existing services within RPAs require upgrading, the upmost care must be taken to minimise disturbance, and where feasible trenchless techniques are to be employed, and only where necessary should open excavations be considered.

Where new services are to be introduced into the site they should be located outside of RPAs, where they will not interfere with tree roots. If any excavations are required within the RPAs all trenches are to be excavated by hand and radially to the tree trunks under direct on-site arboricultural supervision and are to be carried out under NJUG guidelines.

Final positions of any proposed services should be verified and approved by the arboricultural consultant and local authority tree officer before implementation.

New Underground services

Trenching for installation of underground services and drainage routes could sever any roots that may be present and as such adversely affects the health of the tree. For this reason particular care should be taken in routing and methods of installation of all underground services. All underground services and drainage routes should be located so that no excavations are required within RPAs.

Where it has been impossible to keep underground services from passing through RPAs or within close proximity to trees, these sections are to be installed in one of three ways in accordance with the guidance set out in National Joint Utilities Group guidelines (NJUG 4), under on site arboricultural supervision.

Trenchless Techniques

There are three main types of trenchless techniques, these include, guided and unguided boring and pipe replacement by lining or bursting. These allow for the installation, maintenance or renewal of underground services, without the disturbance of soil in which roots are likely to be growing. Starting and receiving pits for the boring machinery are to be located outside of the RPAs of any retained trees, with the bore depth being maintained at a minimum depth of 600mm below the existing ground level. Techniques involving external lubrication of the equipment shall use no material other than water as other lubricants could contaminate the soil (e.g. oil, bentonite, etc.).



Broken Trench – Hand Dug

This technique combines both trenchless techniques and manual excavation where excavation is unavoidable. Excavations should be limited to where there is clear access around and below the roots. All trenches shall be excavated by hand with the same precautions taken as for manual excavation. Open section of trench should only be



Monitoring and Supervision

Where trees have been identified within this method statement and tree protection plan drawing number Arbtech TPP 01 for retention, there should be an auditable system of arboricultural monitoring. This is to extend to arboricultural supervision whenever demolition or construction activity is to take place within or adjacent to any canopy or RPA.

The development's tree protection measures are to be monitored and all demolition and construction works to be undertaken within or adjacent to the RPAs of retained trees are to be supervised by project arboriculturist, who should be retained to record and report observations to the council at appropriate intervals.

Pre-commencement site meeting

Prior to the commencement of any works or machinery and materials arriving on site a pre-commencement site meeting involving the project arborist, landowner or agent, site manager, contractors and engineer (as appropriate) and the relevant LPA officers will be held to ensure that all aspects of the arboricultural method statement and tree protection are understood and for all parties to swap contact details (see Appendix 3).

Monitoring and supervision schedule

The initial monitoring visit will be to check that the tree protective measures are in the correct location and as specified within the approved method statement; if so to sign off their installation.

There after monitoring visits are to take place at regular intervals, to ensure that tree protection measures are in place and are functioning as designed or whenever necessary to undertake works to be carried out under arboricultural supervision. The frequency of the monitoring visits is to be determined with the LPA tree officer at the pre-commencement site meeting.

A record of all arboricultural monitoring and supervision visits will be kept and any faults will be logged, this will then be copied to the site agent, developer and local planning authority in a digital format.

If during the course of the development it is necessary for areas to be re-designed so that they would require changes to the approved arboricultural method statement or tree protection plan and so affecting retained trees the project arborist and LPA tree officer will be invited to attend a site meeting with all relevant parties. Prior to any changes being implemented these must have been approved in writing by the LPA tree officer.



Supervision

The arboricultural consultant will be required to attend site to directly supervise all demolition and construction works that are to be undertaken within or adjacent to the RPAs of all retained trees and will be advised a minimum of 72 hours prior to the commencement of any works that require his attendance, these will include:

- 1. Pre-commencement site meeting.
- 2. Location of protective measures.
- 3. Excavation for access/haul road within the RPAs of tree T11 and group G2.
- 4. Any demolition and or excavations within or adjacent to RPAs, including foundations, hard surfacing or underground services (a non-exhaustive list).

Completion meeting

Once all construction works have been completed all materials and machinery has been removed from site the project arborist shall be informed and will invite the LPA tree officer to meet on site to discuss the process and discuss any final remedial works that may be required and to sign the development off so that the protective measures may be removed.

Appendix 1: Tree Survey Schedule

Tree Survey Schedule Proposed access route – Neddy Lane, Billington, Calder Grange, BB7 9ND

Client	Eden Planning
Survey Date	01/07/2023
Weather Conditions	Overcast with Intermittent Showers
Surveyor	Russell Pearce
<u>Key:</u>	
Tree No.	A unique number or reference to identify trees or groups as shown on associated plans.
Species	Common and/or taxonomic name.
Ht.	The height of the tree in meters (m).
Trunk Diameter	The stem diameter in millimetres (mm) taken at 1.5m above ground level unless otherwise specified.
Crown Spread	The extents of the crown taken, in meters (m), at cardinal points of the compass: North (N); East (E); South (S) and West (W); or intercardinal points: Northeast (NE); Southeast (SE); Southwest (SW); Northwest (NW)
Crown Clear.t	The height of the crown above the current ground level, in meters (m), taken at cardinal points of the compass: North (N); East (E); South (S) and West (W); or intercardinal points: Northeast (NE); Southeast (SE); Southwest (SW); Northwest (NW)
Age Class	Age classification: Young (Y); Semi-mature (SM); Early Mature (EM); Mature (M); Over Mature (OM).
Phys. Cond.	The general physiological condition of the tree: Good; Fair; Poor; Decline; Dead.
Struct. Cond.	The general structural condition of the tree: Good, Fair, Poor, Hazardous.
Comments	Notes and general comments on the structural condition of the tree, its environment and it estimated remaining contribution.
Est. Rem. Cont.	Estimated remaining contribution (years): <10; 10+; 20+ 40+
Cat.	Retention Category as described in the Cascade Chart for Tree Quality Assessment at Appendix 1: A, B, C, U (subcategories 1, 2, 3)

Tree No.	Species	Ht. (m)	Trunk Diam. (mm)	Cro	own Sp	oread	(m)	Сі	rown (I	n Cle m)	ar.	Age Class	Phys. Cond.	Struct. Cond	Comments	Est. Rem. Cont.	Cat.
				Ν	Е	S	W	Ν	Е	S	W					(years)	
T1	English Oak	9	290	4	2.5	1	5	9	9	9	9	SM	Good	Fair	Heavily pruned back on south side to due utility lines - large limb removed at 1m in south side.	20+	C1
T2	English Oak	6	160	2	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	SM	Good	Fair	Slightly suppressed by adjacent trees. Pruned for clearance away from utility lines.	10+	C1
Т3	English Oak	9	360	6	1	5	6	2	2	0	0	SM	Good	Fair	Asymmetric imbalanced crown due to proximity of adjacent trees - with weight bias to west.	20+	B1
T4	Ash	14	380	4	3	3	4	4	5	3	3	EM	Poor	Fair	Tree in decline with ADB and bacterial canker. Deadwood throughout crown. Significant cankering below 3m. Limited SULE.	10+	U
Т5	English Oak	11	300	3	6	2	3	2	0	0	3	SM	Good	Fair	Slightly suppressed asymmetric crown due to proximity of adjacent trees. Weight bias to east. Slender stem.	20+	B1

Tree No.	Species	Ht. (m)	Trunk Diam. (mm)	Cro	own Sj	pread	(m)	Cr		n Cle m)	ar.	Age Class	Phys. Cond.	Struct. Cond	Comments	Est. Rem. Cont.	Cat.
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T6	Ash	17	280 300 (410)	5	4	3	4	6	9	6	6	EM	Fair	Fair	ADB present. Tree in advanced state of decline >50% crown dieback. Moderate deadwood throughout crown. Lesions on stems. Codominant bifurcation at base with acute union.	<10	U
Τ7	Ash	12	320	3	2	2	5	5	5	2	1	SM	Fair	Fair	In advanced state of decline. >90% crown Dieback. Deadwood throughout crown.	<10	U
Т8	Ash	16	470	5	5	5	7	1	1	0	0	EM	Fair	Good	ADB present. Localised dieback. Contorted peripheral growth. Minor deadwood throughout.	10+	C1
Т9	Ash	16	440	6	6	4	6	2	4	1	0	EM	Fair	Good	ADB present with Localised dieback and areas with contorted peripheral growth. Moderate deadwood throughout lower crown.	10+	C1
T10	English Oak	10	280	4	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	SM	Good	Fair	Slightly suppressed asymmetric crown due to proximity of adjacent tree with weight bias to NW.	20+	B1
T11	Ash	16	350 240 190 190 (502)	6	4	5	4	2	2	4	4	EM	Poor	Fair	Sparse crown with small chlorotic foliage. Contorted peripheral growth and some localised dieback.	<10	U

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T12	Common Alder	12	290	3	5	1	2	1	1	4	5	SM	Good	Fair	Slightly suppressed asymmetric crown due to proximity of adjacent trees.	20+	B1
T13	Ash	14	380	5	4	2	4	4	4	5	5	EM	Fair	Fair	ADB present with some contorted peripheral growth and dieback. Open balanced crown.	10+	C1
T14	English Oak	8	220	4	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	SM	Good	Fair	Slightly suppressed asymmetric crown due to proximity of adjacent trees.	20+	B1
G1	Ash	13 to 15	310	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	SM	Poor	Fair	Group of x8 Ash trees with ADB in advanced state of decline >70% crown Dieback. Deadwood throughout. Limited SULE.	<10	U
G2	Ash, English Oak, Hawthorn & Rowan	8 to 15	250	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	SM	Fair to Poor	Good to Fair	Dense competing group of good to fair structure. Approx x15 trees. ADB present within ash and should be monitored for decline. Other trees suppressed by adjacent larger trees.	10+	C2
G3	Ash	13 to 16	350	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	SM to EM	Poor	Fair	Approx x20 trees in varying states of decline. Minimum >50% Dieback. Dense ivy covering majority of stems.	<10	U

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G4	Hawthorn	5 to 6	150	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0	0	0	SM	Good	Good	Group of x5 trees. No defects noted.	20+	B2
G5	Ash	5	100	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1	1	1	1	Y	Decline / Dead	Fair	Group of x10 dead or dying Ash trees.	<10	U

Appendix 2: Tree Protection Notice

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Tree Protection Area KEEP OUT Do not move this fence

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

ANY INCURSION INTO THE PROTECTED AREA MUST BE WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY



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