

Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Plan

for

New Apartments at Alcock Crest Warminster

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1.0 Date of survey

1.1 February 2024

2.0 Surveyor

2.1 Tim Pursey

3.0 Instructions

3.1 I am instructed to undertake an arboricultural impact assessment and provide details of tree protection to be employed at the property during construction works.

3.2 Included within this document is a tree protection plan TP 3108/2402/TPP indicating positions of tree protection fencing to be utilised.

4.0 Report limitations

4.1 All inspections were made from ground level, using binoculars where necessary. Should a more detailed inspection, by climbing or by elevated platform, be required then this will be highlighted within the survey recommendations.

4.2 This document should be read in conjunction with a Tree Survey and Constraints Plan issued by Tim Pursey 27th February 2024.

5.0 Arboricultural Impact Assessment

5.1 It is intended to construct new apartments on land previously occupied by a block of apartments. The previous apartments are removed under a separate application.

5.2 Two low quality trees are proposed to be removed to facilitate the proposed works. These are a small Sycamore and a Cotoneaster. These two trees are easily replaced by planting of similar trees either within the new scheme.

5.3 All other trees on the site are to be retained and protected from the effects of proposed works by the use of protective fencing. Use of protective fencing will inevitably place constraint on usable space on site during construction works, but these protected areas must be respected.

- 5.4 Provided this protective fencing is correctly employed and utilised during the entire period of works and all other protective measures observed, no harm or detriment will result to the retained trees.

6.0 Method Statement to Mitigate Impact

6.1 Tree Works

Trees T15 and T16 will be removed. Stumps may be ground out or removed by machine as required.

6.2 Protective Fencing

All other retained trees will be protected from the impact of construction by protective fencing to be erected in accordance with BS5837:2012 Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations.

- 6.3 This fencing is designed to protect all parts of the trees, both above and below ground. It will be erected using Heras panels erected in a conventional fashion. It is particularly important that the fencing be completely rigid and immobile and the fencing should be braced where necessary to prevent movement.

- 6.4 The fencing will be erected in the positions shown on the attached plan, TP 3108/2402/TPP, and will be erected before any construction work commences on site. Once erected, the protective fencing will then remain in situ until all construction works are completed.

- 6.5 The protective fencing will be clearly marked indicating its purpose to all persons on site. Signs will be minimum A3 in size and will clearly state that the protective fencing will not be moved under any circumstances. The protected area inside the fencing will be considered sacrosanct and no entry into this area will be permitted for *any* reason except to maintain the protective fencing. No excavation is permitted, no changes in ground level, no plant will track across this area at any time, and no storage of any materials within this area will be permitted.

6.6 Services

Excavation to install new services will be located outside root protection areas of all trees. There will be no excavation within root protection areas. Further advice on services installation may be obtained from the project arboriculturist as necessary.

6.7 General

Oil, bitumen or other material likely to be injurious to a tree should not be stacked or discharged within 10 metres of the trunk. Materials generally should not be stacked or discharged within 5 metres of the trunks.

6.8 Arboricultural Supervision

A pre-commencement meeting will be held between the project arboriculturist and site manager. The purpose of such a meeting will be to finalise protective measures and to ensure protective measures are in the correct location and to an appropriate standard. The meeting will also ensure that contractors are fully aware of the need to comply with the contents of this document.

8.13 It is particularly important that this meeting take place prior to works commencing on site.

10th April 2025

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Chartered Arboriculturist

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