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Site Details

Site Name and Location	Spitfire Road, Calne, Wiltshire
Central OS Grid Reference	SU 00886 71534
Client	Allison Homes
Boundary	





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1 Introduction

This Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) for Spitfire Road, Calne, Wiltshire provides a methodology on how retained arboricultural features (and their rooting medium) will be protected during the construction process. The Method Statement was commissioned by Allison Homes.

This method statement should be read in conjunction with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (21124-V3, MHP Arboricultural Consultants, 2022). It has been prepared in accordance with BS5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations' based on information available at the time of writing.

The Method Statement includes the production of a Tree Protection Plan which can be found in **Appendix 1**.

This Method Statement has been prepared to discharge Condition 16 of planning consent (APP/Y3940/W/24/3351527), which states:

'No demolition, site clearance or development shall commence on site, and no equipment, machinery or materials shall be brought on to site for the purpose of development, until a Tree Protection Plan showing the exact position of hedgerows on the site and adjacent land and their protective fencing has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The protective fencing shall be erected in accordance with the approved details. The protective fencing shall remain in place for the entire development phase and until all equipment, machinery and surplus materials have been removed from the site. Such fencing shall not be removed or breached during construction operations.

No retained hedgerow shall be cut down, uprooted or destroyed, other than in accordance with the approved plans. If any hedgerow is removed, uprooted, destroyed or dies, another shall be planted at the same place, at a size and species and planted at such time, that shall be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.'

This document should be retained on site as a reference document for the duration of the demolition and construction works. Failure to abide by this method statement could be considered a breach of planning and may result in enforcement action being taken by the local planning authority.

2 Arboricultural Method Statement

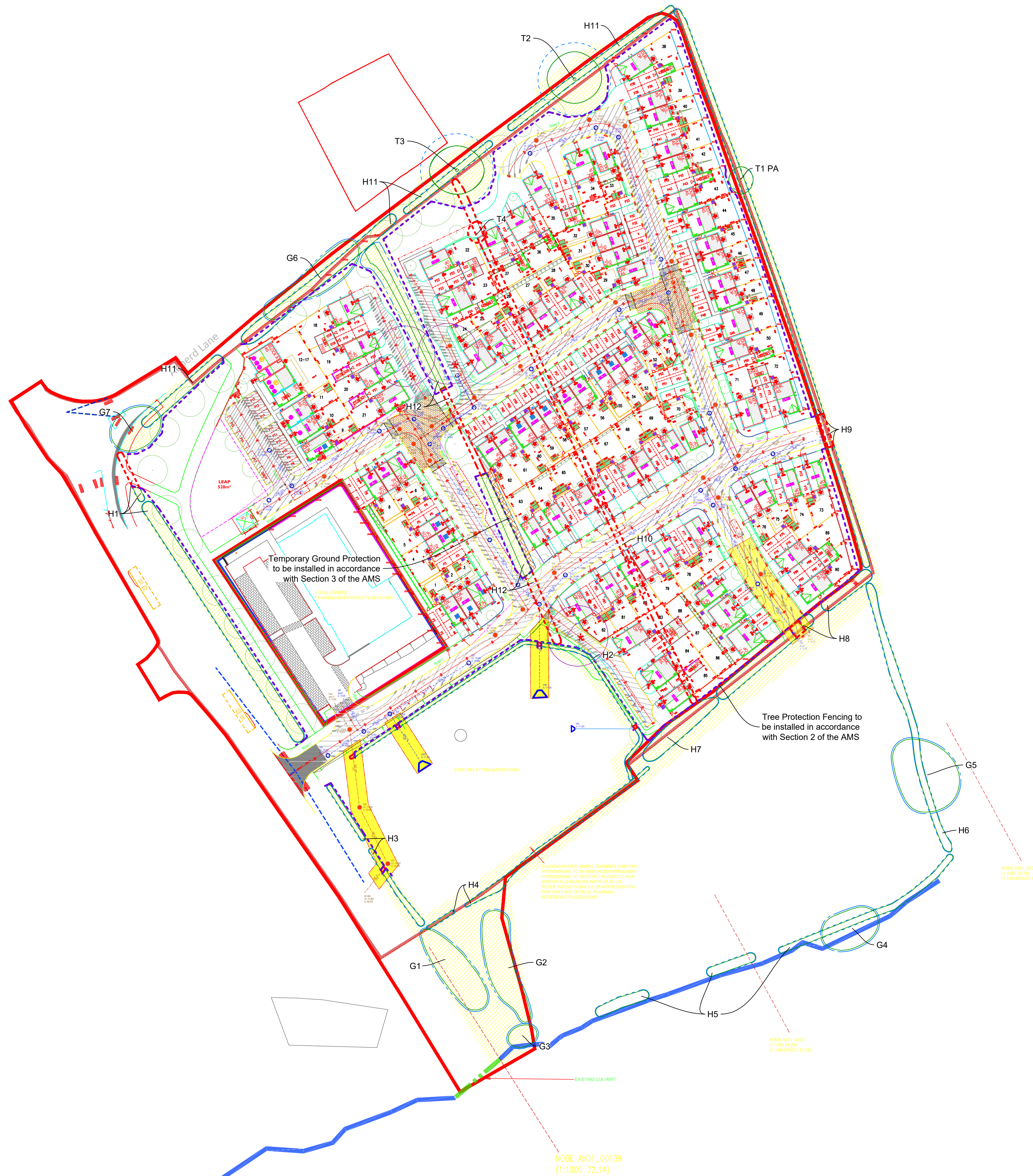
Section	Work Phase	Relevant Arboricultural Feature(s)	Protection Measure/Methodology	Responsibility
1	Enabling	See Appendix 2	Initial Tree Works – Removals and Pruning - All works to be carried out in accordance with the works specified in Appendix 2 and following BS3998:2010 'Tree Works – Recommendations'. - No bonfires are permitted within 5m of the canopy of any retained tree. - Ground level vegetation and tree stumps will be removed using powered hand tools e.g. brush cutter and stump grinder if it is to be undertaken in the root protection areas of retained trees. Stump grinding must not penetrate further than 100mm below ground level and plant machinery must not be used to scrape vegetation or remove stumps in the root protection areas of retained trees.	Contractor/ Arborist
2	Enabling	All retained trees and hedgerow	Tree Protection Fencing (TPF) - All TPF will be installed in the locations as shown on the Tree Protection Plan in Appendix 1 following completion of the initial tree works prior to the commencement of any groundworks, demolition or construction works on site. - The specification for the TPF can be found in Appendix 3. - Adequate signage denoting the importance of TPF will be affixed to the fencing. Example signage can be found in Appendix 4. - The TPF will denote and form the boundary to the Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ). - Fencing to remain in place for duration of construction.	Contractor with sign off from project arboriculturalist.
3	Enabling	H12	Temporary Ground Protection in Root Protection Areas (RPA) Where the encroachment into the RPA will occur on unmade ground, temporary ground protection is required to prevent compaction of the rooting medium. The structural integrity of the ground protection is dependent on the likely loading requirements.	Contractor with sign off from project arboriculturalist.

			- For pedestrian use - a single thickness scaffold board placed either on top of a driven scaffold frame (forming a suspended walkway) or on top of a compression-resistant layer (100mm depth of woodchip) laid onto a geotextile membrane; - For plant up to 2 tonnes – proprietary inter-linked ground protection boards placed on top of compression resistant layer (150mm depth of woodchip) laid onto a geotextile membrane; - For plant over 2 tonnes – proprietary ground protection system or cast concrete slab that is able to accommodate likely loading requirements, as specified by the engineer with advice from the project arboriculturalist.	
4	Enabling	All retained trees and hedgerow	Temporary Site Buildings and Materials Storage - All buildings and materials shall be located outside of the CEZ as denoted by the TPF. - Harmful chemicals/materials must be stored on an impermeable membrane and at a sufficient distance from the CEZ so that any potential spillages will not enter the root protection areas of retained trees. - The location of site cabins and materials store will be agreed with the project arboriculturalist during the pre-commencement meeting.	Contractor with sign off from project arboriculturalist.
5	Landscape	All retained trees and hedgerow	Landscaping within Root Protection Areas - To be undertaken as final phase of development. - Where soil preparation is required, this will be done so by raking or light tilling. Use of rotavators is prohibited. - Where top soil is imported it will not increase the ground level by 100mm to prevent root suffocation. - Scaffold boards will be used to transport planting materials across the RPA to prevent compaction of the rooting medium. - All planting pits will be dug by hand to accommodate the root and prevent their damage/severance.	Contractor
6	All	All retained trees and hedgerow	Unpredictable Tree Impacts If, during demolition and/or construction damage is inadvertently caused to the retained trees, the project arboriculturalist will be contacted immediately. The	Contractor

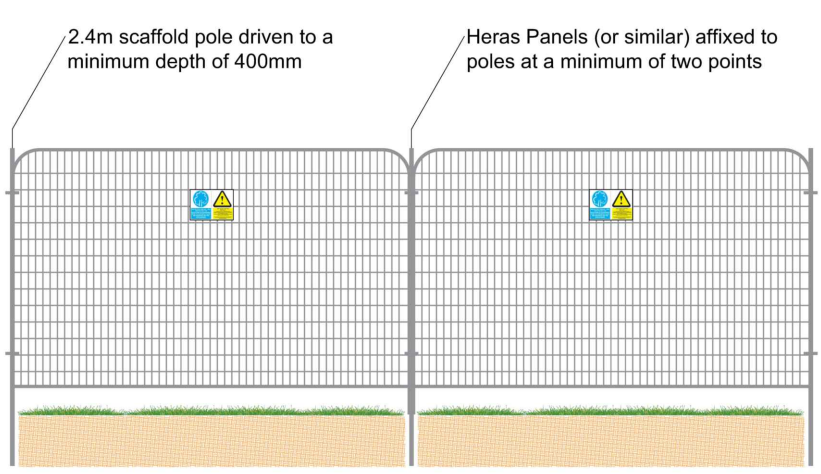
			arboriculturalist will be able to assess the impact of the damage and prescribe remedial measures where necessary.  Inadvertent damage includes significant root severance (roots in excess of 25mm diameter or densely matted fibrous roots), direct strikes to tree stem/limb, chemical spillages in RPA and fire damage.	
7	All	All retained trees and hedgerow	Site Monitoring  The project arboriculturalist will undertake regular site visits during the construction phases of development to ensure that the arboricultural features on site are protected in accordance with this arboricultural method statement.  The visits should include but not be limited to: - o A pre-commencement meeting to discuss the tree protection methodology, the phasing of works and the location of contractor facilities and materials storage areas. - o A further pre-commencement meeting to certify the location and specification of the tree protection fencing (and other tree protection measures, if required).  In addition to the above, a monitoring regime will also be established by the project arboriculturalist with the frequency of visits discussed during the pre-commencement meeting and agreed with the local authority arboricultural officer. A fully auditable site monitoring log will be prepared following each visit, a copy of which will be retained on site and provided to the local authority arboricultural officer on request.	Project arboriculturalist following appointment by contractor.



Appendix 1 – Tree Protection Plan



Tree Protection Fencing Specification



Example Tree Protection Fencing Signage



Key:

- Root Protection Area
- Tree Canopy
- Tree Protection Fencing
- Construction Exclusion Zone
- Hedgerow To Be Removed
- Temporary Ground Protection



Scale @ A1: 1:750

Drawing should be viewed in colour.

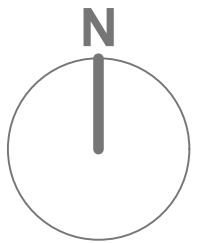
Location of trees suffixed with PA (position approximate) have been estimated on site.

Drawing Title:
Tree Protection Plan

Project:
Land at Spitfire Road, Calne

Client:
Allison Homes

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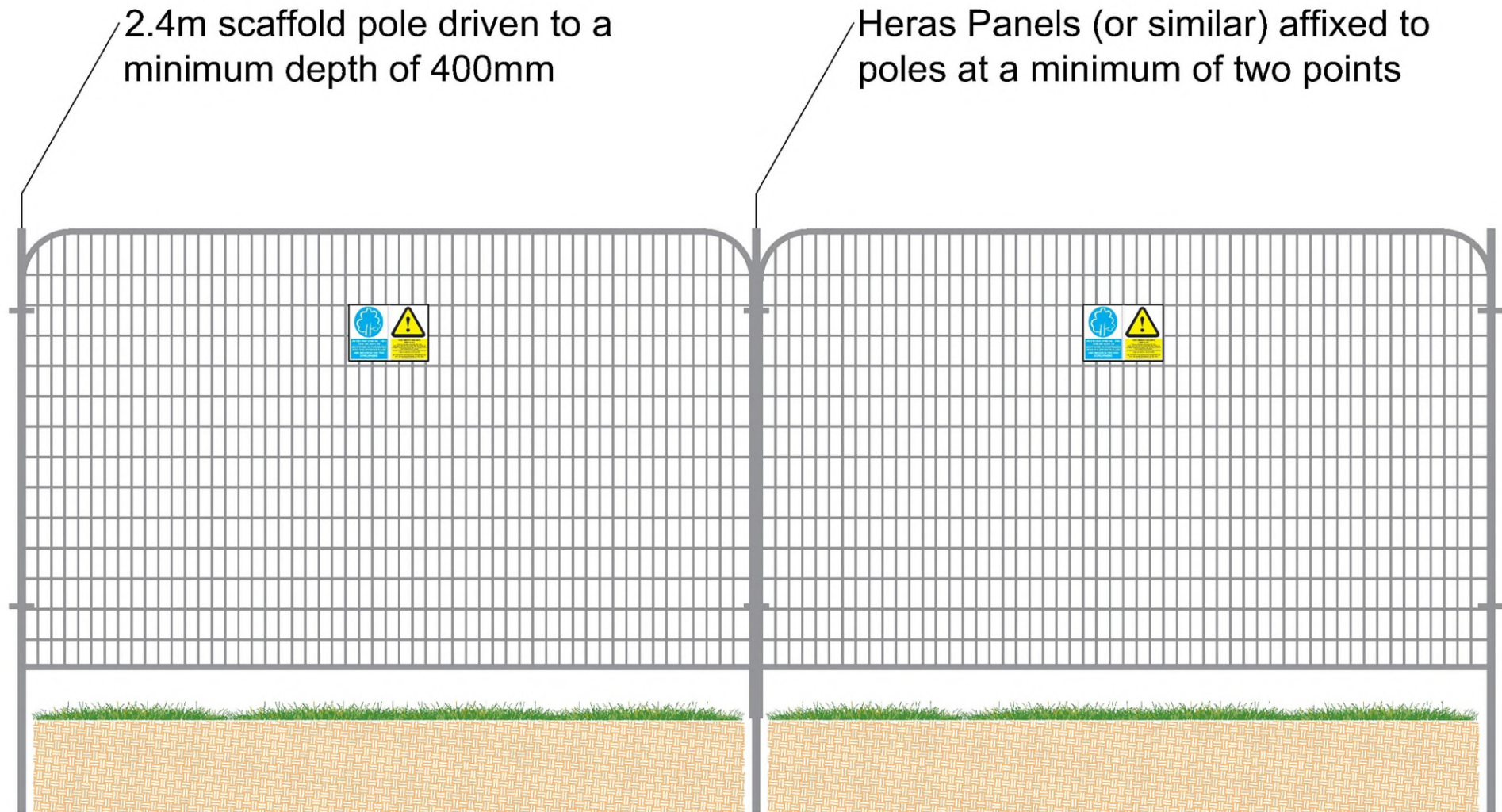
Appendix 2 – Tree Works Specification

Arboricultural Feature	Species	Works Required
H1	Blackthorn, Hawthorn	Fell one section as shown on TPP
H2	Blackthorn, Hawthorn	Fell four sections as shown on TPP
H3	Blackthorn, Hawthorn, Field maple, Hazel	Fell one section as shown on TPP
G6	Ash, Field maple	Reduce lateral growth by 1.5m to south
H8	Blackthorn, Hawthorn	Fell one section as shown on TPP
T4	Goat willow	Fell
H9	Blackthorn, Hawthorn	Fell one section as shown on TPP
H10	Blackthorn, Hawthorn	Fell
H11	Blackthorn, Hawthorn	Reduce lateral growth by 1.5m to south
H12	Blackthorn, Hawthorn	Fell two sections as shown on TPP

All works to be carried out in accordance with BS3988:2010 'Tree Work – Recommendations'

All trees should be checked for protected species e.g. roosting bats and nesting birds prior to any works being undertaken.

Appendix 3 – Tree Protection Fencing Specification



Appendix 4 – Example Tree Protection Fencing Signage



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