



Site Overview
Planning permission has been granted for the demolition of the existing dwelling and annex and the construction of 4 new houses. There is a linear group of ash trees just outside the north west boundary of the site on a steep bank which leads down to Idmiston Road. Two beech trees are located at the end of this group adjacent to the existing farm track junction with Idmiston Road. Providing the tree protection measures specified in this Arboricultural Method Statement are followed, there are no arboricultural reasons why the development cannot proceed. This plan has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of BS 5837:2012, Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations

Construction Access and Site Set up
All construction traffic will enter the site via the existing farm track to the south west of the site. Storage of cement, concrete, oil, fuel, bitumen, chemicals or materials – such as treated timber products - that could have toxic leachate must not be permitted within the Root Protection Area of any retained trees, nor in any position where the slope of the ground could lead to contamination of the Root Protection Area.

Tree Work
There are no trees on site. All trees that require protection are located outside the north west boundary. There is no tree work proposed. Very minor pruning is needed to small low level side shoots to create the visibility plays. This does not constitute "tree work" this can be considered under general maintenance and would be required regardless of the proposed development.

Root Protection Areas
Root Protection Areas are shown for the principle trees within the group. They represent the protection distance in metres required to provide the Root Protection Area recommended in BS 5837, assuming a circular area centred on the tree. Where there are physical obstructions to root growth the Root Protection Area should be shown as an equivalent area that is more likely to reflect actual root growth. The Root Protection Area shows the area around a tree in which all construction activity must normally be excluded, unless appropriate protection measures are implemented.

Services
All incoming service routes will follow the existing farm track and enter the site in the newly constructed shared access drive, clear of all RPAs as indicated on the tree protection plan. Foul drains will connect to the existing mains drain in the existing driveway. All surface water drainage runs and attenuation areas have been kept outside the Root Protection Areas of trees, as shown on the Tree Protection Plan. Any other services entering the site must be kept outside the Root Protection Areas.

Landscaping
Landscape works carried out within Root Protection Areas must be undertaken with great care so as not to damage shallow roots. Mechanical cultivation eg. rotovating must not be used within the Root Protection Areas of trees. Instead, if required, areas can be dug over by hand, carefully working around any roots found. Although areas can then be seeded or planted with shrubs, this will inevitably lead to competition for moisture and nutrients. Spreading well composted bark mulch or wood chip within Root Protection Areas is preferable to provide the optimal environment for important or vulnerable trees.

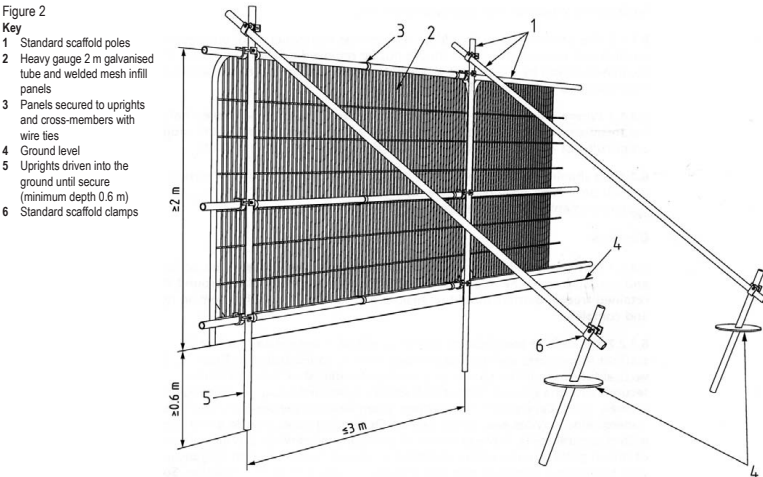
General measures
No construction activity whatsoever, including routing of underground services, storage of materials or on-site parking, must be allowed within Root Protection Areas, other than that specifically described above. Fires must not be lit in a position where their flames could extend to within 10m of foliage, branches or trunk. If any tree shown for retention is removed, uprooted or destroyed, another tree must be planted in the same location, at a size and species to be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. A copy of this Tree Protection Plan must be kept on site and must be fully understood by the Site Agent.

Bat roosts
The current legislation makes it a criminal offence to disturb, damage or destroy any bat roost or hibernation area. Contractors must be reminded of their responsibilities and should contact the relevant authorities if any signs of bats are found.

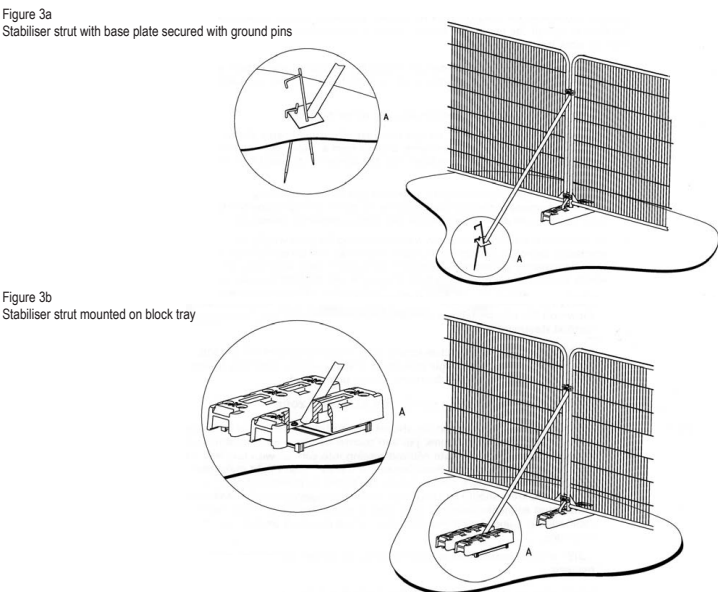
Birds
The current legislation makes it a criminal offence to disturb nesting birds. The nesting season is generally assumed to be from 1st March to 31st July, however this can vary depending on species and location. During these months a careful inspection must be made before work commences and works must be postponed if active nests are found.

ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
No tree work is proposed. Protection measures have been specified to protect the Root Protection Areas of all retained trees. Provided the above recommendations are followed, the arboricultural impact of this development on existing trees is considered acceptable. All existing trees will be protected and, as part of the proposals, 12 new trees and new native hedges will be planted.

British Standard BS 5837:2012
Default specification for protective barrier



Examples of above-ground stabilising systems



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