

ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

Planning Application Ref: PL/2026/01199

Site Address:

Land South of Tudor Cottage, Park Lane, Cherhill, Wiltshire

Applicant / Landowner:

Robert Willis

Prepared by:

Robert Willis (Applicant / Landowner)

Date:

05 May 2026

1. Purpose of this Statement

This Arboricultural Method Statement has been prepared by the applicant, Robert Willis, in support of planning application **PL/2026/01199**, to support arboricultural consultation requirements from **Lisa Price**.

This statement has been prepared directly with reference to the professional Arboricultural Survey, Tree Constraints Plan, and recommendations prepared by **Ivan Hinsley BSc** of **Mark Hinsely Arboricultural consultants Ltd**, dated **09 July 2025**.

relating to the site known as Land Adjacent to Tudor Cottage, Park Lane, Cherhill.

This document does not seek to amend, reinterpret, or override the conclusions of that professional arboricultural assessment. Its sole purpose is to demonstrate how the recommendations contained within that report will be practically implemented and managed throughout all phases of the proposed development.

All works relating to retained trees shall be undertaken in accordance with:

- BS5837:2012 – *Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations*
 - The recommendations contained within the arboricultural report prepared by **Ivan Hinsley**
 - Any additional reasonable instruction provided by **Lisa Price** or Wiltshire Council Development Management.
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2. Existing Arboricultural Context

A professional tree survey was carried out on **09 July 2025** by **Ivan Hinsley**, identifying:

- 15 individual trees
- 3 groups of trees

The survey assessed:

- Tree condition
- Structural integrity
- Remaining life expectancy
- Root Protection Areas (RPAs)
- Suitability for retention in relation to the proposed development

The survey concluded that the demolition of the existing garage, construction of the replacement dwelling, and associated site works can be undertaken without causing unacceptable harm to retained trees, subject to the protection measures outlined within the arboricultural report and this Method Statement.

3. Trees to be Removed and Retained

In accordance with the arboricultural survey:

Trees / Vegetation Recommended for Removal or Management

T13

Poor performing tree with compromised fork structure and limited future potential. Removal recommended.

T12, (Yew Group)

This tree shows signs of physiological stress, declining needle density. Removal has been recommended by the consulting arboriculturalist, with replacement planting proposed following construction.

G16

Partial removal required to facilitate the proposed new access.

T2

Selective thinning recommended to relieve suppression.

T3

Removal of compromised limb recommended to improve long-term structural integrity.

Trees to be Retained

All remaining surveyed trees and tree groups not listed above are to be retained and protected throughout the development.

4. Root Protection Areas (RPAs)

The Root Protection Areas shown on the approved tree survey drawings have been calculated in accordance with BS5837:2012.

Within these areas, the following activities are prohibited unless otherwise agreed with **Lisa Price** or a suitably qualified arboricultural consultant:

- Excavation
- Soil stripping
- Changes in ground levels
- Storage of materials
- Storage of spoil or waste
- Vehicle parking
- Cement washout
- Fires or heat sources

No retained tree root systems shall be disturbed without prior arboricultural approval.

5. Tree Protection Fencing

Before any works commence, including demolition, deliveries, excavation, site clearance, or construction:

Tree protection fencing shall be erected in the exact locations shown on the submitted drawing and in accordance with BS5837:2012.

The fencing shall:

- Be robust and fit for purpose
- Clearly define exclusion zones
- Remain in place throughout the construction period
- Not be altered, moved, or removed without consultation with **Lisa Price** or the project arboricultural consultant

The applicant will inspect fencing regularly throughout the project, including after adverse weather.

6. Proposed Driveway Construction Within RPAs

The arboricultural report identifies that sections of the proposed driveway pass within the Root Protection Areas of **T4, T14 and T15**.

To mitigate impact, the following methodology shall be adopted:

Trunk Protection

No construction activity shall take place within **1 metre of any tree stem or trunk**.

Excavation Limits

Within Root Protection Areas:

- Excavation shall not exceed **100mm**
- Ground level increases shall not exceed **150mm**

Construction Method

A **cellular confinement system** shall be used to:

- Spread imposed loads
- Prevent root zone compaction
- Allow continued water infiltration
- Maintain oxygen exchange within rooting zones

The driveway shall be constructed using:

- Permeable sub-base materials
- Permeable wearing course materials
- Materials from a non-marine source

This methodology follows the recommendations made by **Ivan Hinsley**.

7. Site Management and Contractor Briefing

Prior to commencement of works, all contractors, delivery drivers, plant operators, and subcontractors shall be briefed on:

- Tree protection fencing locations
- Root Protection Areas
- Restricted access zones
- Approved vehicle routes
- Storage exclusion zones

A copy of this Method Statement, the Tree Survey, and Tree Protection Drawings shall remain available on site throughout the construction period.

The applicant accepts full responsibility for ensuring these protective measures are implemented throughout the development.

8. Replacement Planting and Biodiversity Enhancement

Following completion of construction, replacement planting shall be undertaken where removals have been recommended.

Native species identified within the arboricultural report include:

- *Taxus baccata*
- *Prunus spinosa*
- *Corylus avellana*

This planting will enhance:

- Biodiversity value
 - Nesting habitat
 - Wildlife foraging opportunities
 - Long-term tree succession across the site
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9. Applicant Declaration

I confirm that this Arboricultural Method Statement has been prepared directly from the recommendations, findings, and protection measures contained within the professional

arboricultural assessment prepared by **Ivan Hinsley** of **Mark Hinsely Arboricultural consultants Ltd**, dated **09 July 2025**.

I further confirm that all retained trees shall be protected throughout the development, and that no works affecting retained trees or their Root Protection Areas shall be undertaken outside of the methodology contained within this statement without prior consultation with **Lisa Price** or a suitably qualified arboricultural consultant.

Signed:

Robert Willis
Applicant / Landowner

Date: 05 May 2026