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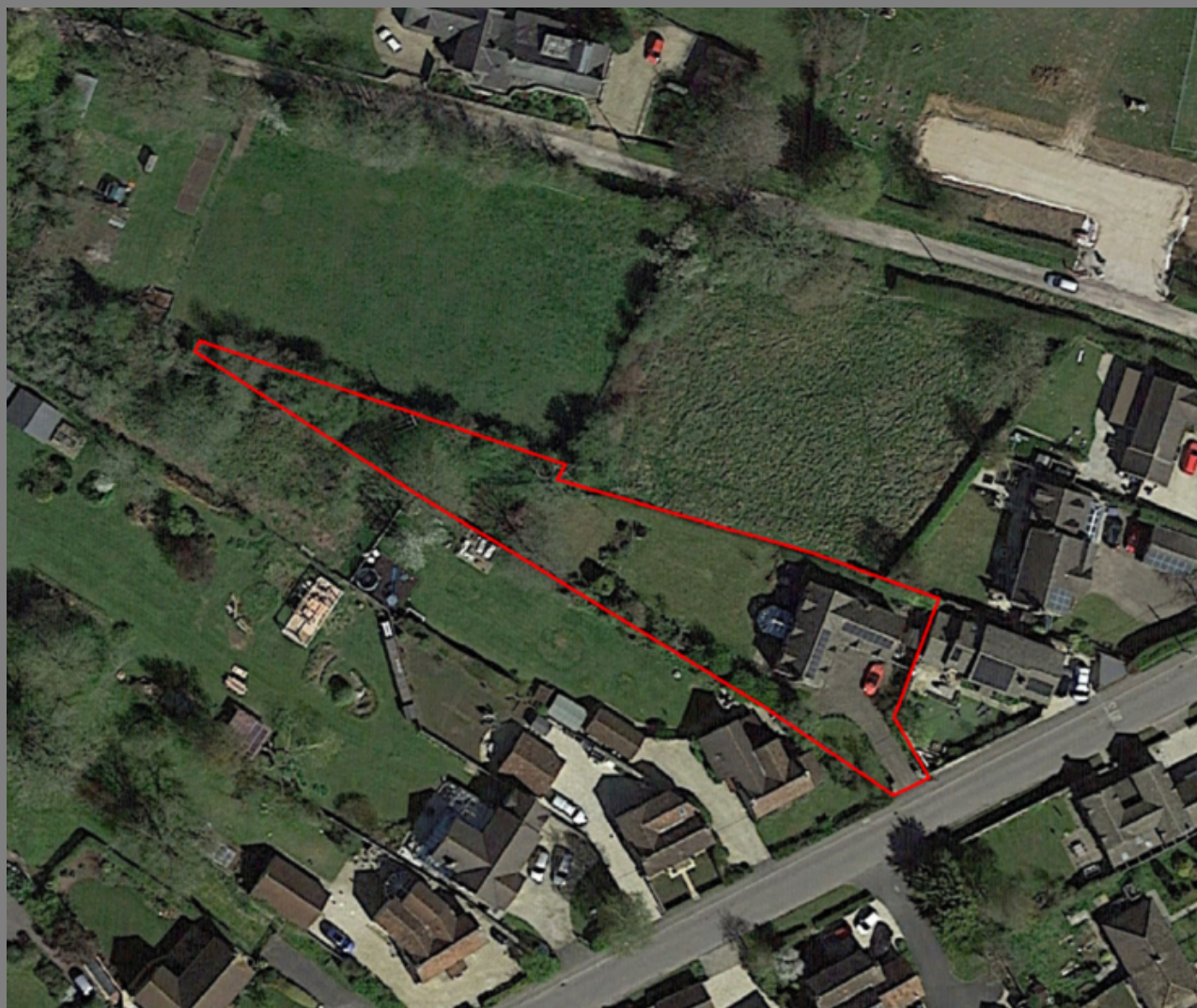
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Site Details

Site Name and Location	Stonehaven, Lea, Wiltshire
Central OS Grid Reference	ST 96134 86912
Client	Tom Eden

Boundary





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1 Introduction

This Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) for Stonehaven, Lea, 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 Tom Eden.

This method statement has been informed by an arboricultural survey undertaken by Kit Owen BSc TechArborA on the 5th June 2026. Details of those trees surveyed can be found in **Appendix 1**. The survey and method statement 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 2**.

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.

1.1 Background

A detailed planning application (PL/2026/01833) for alterations and extensions to existing dwelling including erection of a single-storey rear extension, conversion of existing garages to habitable accommodation, installation of replacement windows and doors, construction of timber-framed carport and entrance porch, together with associated works to access, parking, boundary treatments and landscaping was submitted in March 2026. The previously submitted information did not include an arboricultural survey, which was subsequently requested by Wiltshire Council's Arboricultural Officer.

The previously submitted information assumed that one section of group G8, tree T9, hedge G10, and group G13 would be removed to facilitate the development. Following the arboricultural survey, an additional two trees (T5, T7) are proposed to removal. This is because the significant level of encroachment of their root protection areas is considered to make their retention unviable.

The removal of the above arboricultural features will have a limited impact on the amenity value of the site. Their removal will be compensated by the implementation of new tree planting along the northern boundary during the soft landscape phase of the development. Therefore, any impact on the amenity value is only likely to be short-term, whilst the replacement planting matures sufficiently to replace and enhance the value of the site.



2 Arboricultural Method Statement

Section	Work Phase	Relevant Arboricultural Feature(s)	Protection Measure/Methodology	Responsibility
1	Enabling	See Appendix 3	Initial Tree Works – Removals and Pruning - All works to be carried out in accordance with the works specified in Appendix 3 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 2 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 4. - Adequate signage denoting the importance of TPF will be affixed to the fencing. Example signage can be found in Appendix 5. - 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 arboriculturist.
3	Enabling	G4, T6, T12	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 arboriculturist.

			- 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 arboriculturist.	
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 arboriculturist during the pre-commencement meeting.	Contractor with sign off from project arboriculturist.
5	Construction	T12	Installation of shed and paving in RPA. - No excavation for foundations is required. - Where access into the root protection area is required, this will only occur on areas of temporary ground protection (as specified above). - The new permanent surface must be constructed above ground level. The existing surface vegetation will be removed using hand-held tools. Plant machinery must not be used to scrape the soil surface. - All large rocks/debris will be removed and any hollows filled with inert material e.g. angular stone or sharp sand. High spots must not be levelled through scraping or rolling as this can cause root severance or compaction of the rooting medium. - A non-woven geotextile membrane (Treetex or similar) will be laid out over the prepared area, overlaying edges and overlapping joins by a minimum of 300mm. - The fill material will be laid within the edging as specified by a structural engineer.	Contractor with supervision from project arboriculturist.

			- Where the proposed surface level has to tie in with the existing, this shall occur outside of the root protection area as a level of excavation will be required. - Where the edges of the cellular confinement system are to be banked to meet existing levels, this will be done so using clean screened topsoil with a gradient no less than 1:3 to reduce the area of level change in the RPA. Imported top soil must not be piled around the stem or buttress of the tree. - The finishing course must be porous. Examples of such surfaces include porous block paving, porous asphalt, loose gravel and resin bound gravel. If access is required onto the CCS prior to the laying of the finishing course, a temporary surface will be used to prevent soil and other fines permeating into the cells thus reducing its permeability. - New outbuildings will be installed above ground on new porous paving.	
6	Construction	T1, G3, G4, T14, T15	Construction of Permanent Surfacing in Root Protection Areas using a Cellular Confinement System (CCS) - The driveway will be extended. This will comprise removal of existing non-permeable paving and replacement with permeable gravel in plastic grids. - No construction vehicles will be allowed passage into the unprotected portion of the root protection areas. - If construction vehicles require access into the root protection area, this must only occur on areas of previously laid load bearing material i.e. via a system of 'rolling out' of the cellular confinement system detailed below. - The new permanent surface will be constructed above ground level. The existing surface vegetation will be removed using hand-held tools. Plant machinery must not be used to scrape the soil surface. - All large rocks/debris will be removed and any hollows filled with inert material e.g. angular stone or sharp sand. High spots must not be levelled through scraping or rolling as this can cause root severance or compaction of the rooting medium. - A non-woven geotextile membrane (Treetex or similar) will be laid out over the prepared area, overlaying edges and overlapping joins by a minimum of 300mm. - The CCS (Cellweb or similar) will be laid out on the geotextile membrane. The depth of the CCS will be specified by the structural engineer and is dependent on soil conditions and the load bearing requirements.	Contractor with supervision from project arboriculturist.

			🌿 The CCS will be filled with clean angular stone (Type 4/20mm or Type 20/40mm). Crushed stone with fines e.g. M.O.T type 1 will be avoided as it reduces permeability of the CCS. Cells will be filled, working from the RPA periphery to the tree stem using the infilled panels as a platform. 🌿 Traditional kerbing that requires excavation must be avoided. Non-invasive edge treatments e.g. pinned wooden sleepers, gabions or plastic/metal edging will be used. 🌿 The finishing course must be porous. Examples of such surfaces include porous block paving, porous asphalt, loose gravel and resin bound gravel. If access is required onto the CCS prior to the laying of the finishing course, a temporary surface will be used to prevent soil and other fines permeating into the cells thus reducing its permeability. 🌿 Where the proposed surface level has to tie in with the existing, this shall occur outside of the root protection area as a level of excavation will be required. 🌿 Where the edges of the cellular confinement system are to be banked to meet existing levels, this will be done so using clean screened topsoil with a gradient no less than 1:3 to reduce the area of level change in the RPA. Imported top soil must not be piled around the stem or buttress of the tree.	
7	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
8	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 arboriculturist will be contacted immediately. The	Contractor

			arboriculturist 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.	
9	All	All retained trees and hedgerow	Site Monitoring  The project arboriculturist 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 those shown in the Arboricultural Monitoring Schedule in Appendix 6. This monitoring regime will be agreed with the local authority arboricultural officer prior to the commencement of works on site.  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.	Project arboriculturist following appointment by contractor.



Appendix 1 – Tree Survey Schedule

Feature Number	Species	Height (m)	Stem Ø (mm)	Crown Spread (m)				Height above ground (m)		Life Stage	Physiological Condition	Structural Condition	Root Protection Area (m²)	Root Protection Radius (m)	Category	Suitable Useful Life Expectancy
				N	E	S	W	Crown	1st Sig. Branch							
T1	Lilac	4	90 60x5	3	3	3	2	1 Av	1 Av	Early mature	Good	Good	11.3	1.9	C 2	30+
Comments	Previously coppiced. Driveway within RPA.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
H2	Box	1	<75	1	1	1	1	0 Av	N/A	Early mature	Good	Good	2.5	0.9	C 1	40+
Comments	Formal boundary hedge.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
G3	Cherry	Up to 5	Up to 150	2	1	3	3	2 Av	2 Av	Early mature	Good	Good	10.2	1.8	C 2	30+
Comments	Offsite. Dimensions estimated.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
G4	Cherry, Whitebeam	9	Up to 230	3	3	3	3	2 Av	2 Av	Semi-mature	Good	Fair	24.6	2.8	B 2	40+
Comments	Three trees. Driveway within RPA.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
T5	Cherry plum	7	340 250 270 170 130 75	4	3	4	3	3 Av	3 Av	Semi-mature	Good	Fair	116.8	6.1	B 2	20+
Comments	Multi-stemmed. Recently pruned.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
T6	Cherry plum	4	100 100 75	2	2	1	1	1 Av	2 Av	Early mature	Good	Good	11.3	1.9	C 2	40+
Comments	In competition with T5. Recently pruned.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
T7	Cherry plum	7	400	3	3	3	3	2 Av	2 Av	Semi-mature	Good	Good	72.3	4.8	B 2	40+
Comments	In competition with neighbouring trees. Recently pruned.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
G8	Cherry, Hawthorn, Plum, Ash, Holly	7 Av	150 Av	3	3	3	3	3 Av	3 Av	Early mature	Good	Fair	10.2	1.8	C 2	40+
Comments	Ornamental planting.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
T9	Cherry	4	125 60x3	2	3	3	2	2 Av	1.5 Av	Early mature	Good	Good	12.6	2.0	C 2	30+
Comments	Multi-stemmed.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
H10	Laurel	2.5	<75	1	1	1	1	0 Av	1 Av	Early mature	Good	Good	2.5	0.9	C 2	40+
Comments	Formal boundary hedge.										Management	None at the time of survey.				

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				N	E	S	W	Crown	1st Sig. Branch							
T11	Elm	1	150 Est	2	2	2	2	1 Av	1 Av	Early mature	Good	Good	10.2	1.8	C 2	20+
Comments	Self-set tree. Offsite.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
T12	Silver birch	10	400 Est	4	4	5	5	2 Av	4 Av	Semi-mature	Good	Good	72.3	4.8	B 2	40+
Comments	Third party owned tree. Offsite. Evidence of pruning and rotholes.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
G13	Cotoneaster	2	<75	1	1	1	1	1 Av	1 Av	Early mature	Good	Good	2.5	0.9	C 2	40+
Comments	Ornamental planting.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
T14	Lilac	5	200 Comb	3	3	4	2	1.5 Av	1 Av	Early mature	Good	Good	18.1	2.4	C 2	30+
Comments	Offsite. Dimensions estimated. Multi-stemmed.										Management	None at the time of survey.				
T15	Willow	6	250 Est	4	5	4	3	2 Av	2 Av	Semi-mature	Poor	Fair	28.3	3.0	C 2	10+
Comments	Offsite. Significant dieback in crown. Some evidence of regrowth.										Management	None at the time of survey.				

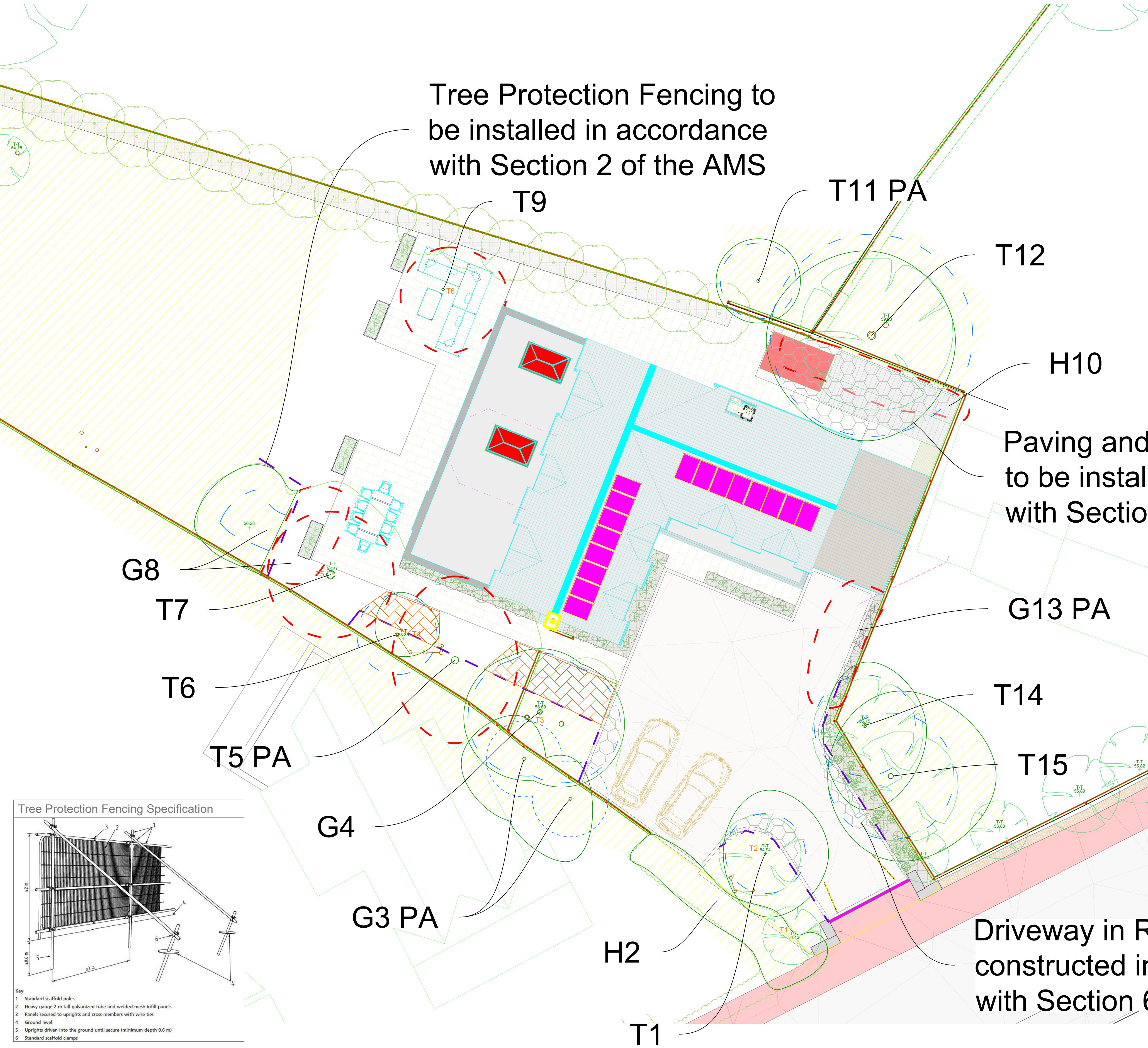
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T: Tree G: Group H: Hedgerow W: Woodland Av: Average
Est: Estimated Dimension Comb: Combined Stem Diameter





Appendix 2 – Tree Protection Plan



Key:

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

0 2m 4m 6m 8m 10m

Scale @ A1: 1:100

Drawing should be viewed in colour.

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

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Tree Protection Plan

Project:
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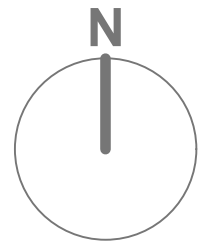
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Tree Protection Fencing Specification

Key:

- 1 Standard scaffold poles
- 2 Heavy gauge 2 m tall galvanized tube and welded mesh infill panels
- 3 Panels secured to uprights and cross-members with wire ties
- 4 Ground level
- 5 Uprights driven into the ground until secure (minimum depth 0.6 m)
- 6 Standard scaffold clamps

Example Tree Protection Fencing Signage

PROTECTIVE FENCING. THIS FENCING MUST BE MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED PLANS AND DRAWINGS FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT.

TREE PROTECTION AREA
KEEP OUT!
(TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990)
TREES INCLUDED IN THIS FENCE ARE PROTECTED BY PLANNING CONDITIONS AND/OR ARE THE SUBJECTS 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.

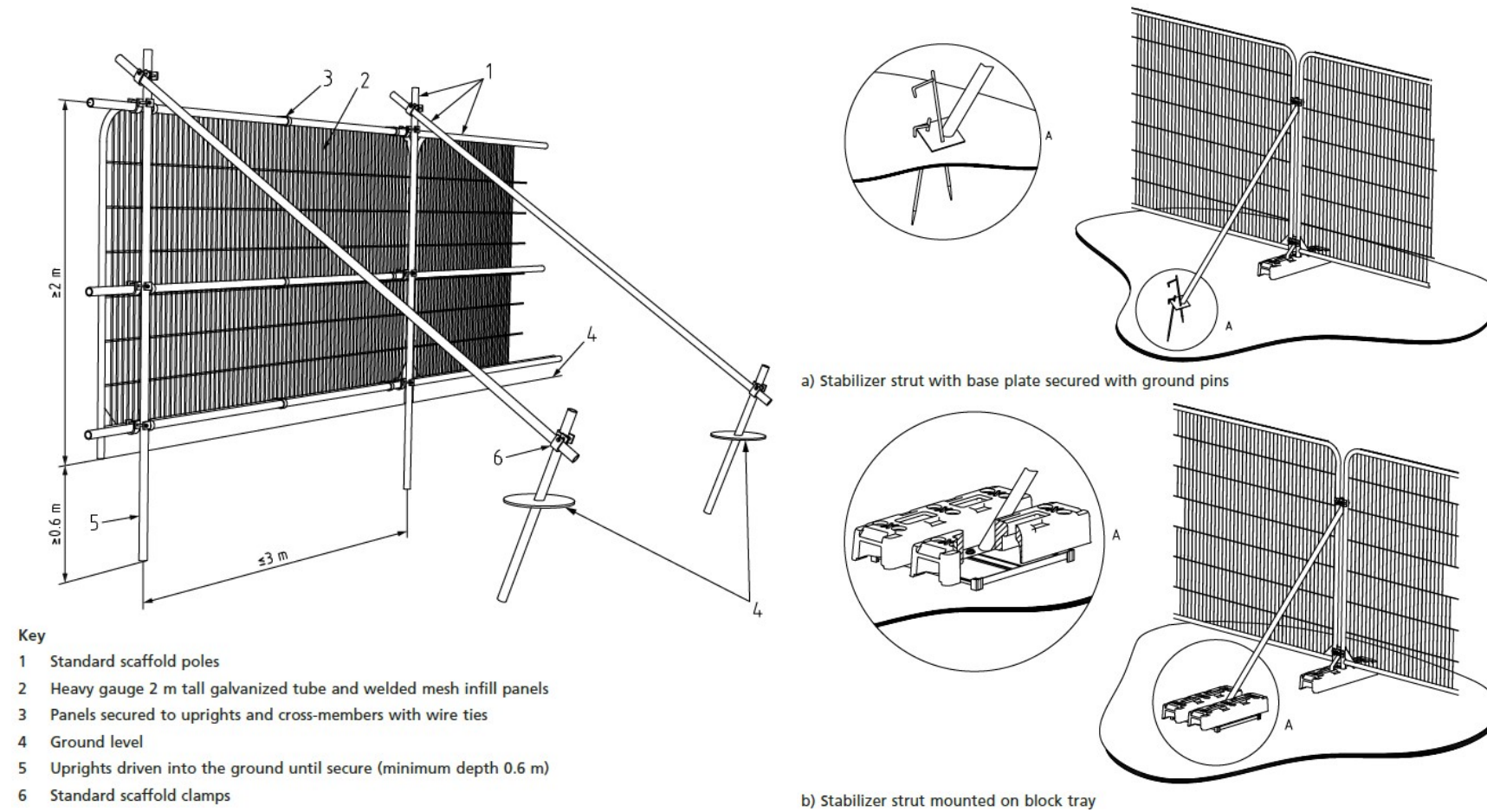
Appendix 3 – Tree Works Specification

Arboricultural Feature	Species	Works Required
T1	Lilac	Reduce lateral growth by 1m to northeast
G4	Cherry, Whitebeam	Reduce lateral growth by 0.5m to north
T5	Cherry plum	Fell
T7	Cherry plum	Fell
G8	Cherry, Hawthorn, Plum, Ash, Holly	Fell one section, as shown on TPP
T9	Cherry	Fell
H10	Laurel	Fell
T12	Silver birch	Crown lift to 3.5m to south
G13	Cotoneaster	Fell

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 4 – Tree Protection Fencing Specification



Default Specification

Above-ground Stabilising System

(Images extracted from BS5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations')

Appendix 5 – Example Tree Protection Fencing Signage



Appendix 6 – Arboricultural Monitoring Schedule

Work Phase	Relevant Arboricultural Feature(s)	Arboricultural Supervision Required	Responsibility
Enabling	All arboricultural features	Pre-commencement site meeting to discuss tree protection measures and phasing of works.	Contractor/ arboriculturist/ client
Enabling	All retained trees and hedgerows	Certification of completed tree works by project arboriculturist to ensure the works have been undertaken to the approved tree works specification.	Project arboriculturist.
Enabling	All retained trees and hedgerows	Certification of tree protection barriers by project arboriculturist to ensure they have been erected in accordance with the specification detailed in BS5837:2012.	Project arboriculturist/ contractor
Enabling	T12	Certification of temporary ground protection measures to ensure they have been installed in accordance with the specification detailed in Section 3 .	Project arboriculturist/ contractor
Construction	T12	Supervision and certification of new no-dig hard standing to ensure it has been constructed in accordance with Section 5 .	Project arboriculturist/ contractor
Enabling and Construction	All retained trees and hedgerows	Ad-hoc arboricultural site visits to inspect tree protection measures.	Project arboriculturist
Completion	All retained trees and hedgerows	Certification that works have been completed and tree protection barriers can be removed without residual risk to arboricultural features.	Project arboriculturist/ contractor

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