

File Note



Site name	Rhodes Business Park
Location	Rhodes Business Park, Middleton, Manchester, M24 4NE
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Background/Introduction

ADAS was commissioned by Hale Architecture Limited to provide ecology support for vegetation clearance at Unit 4 Rhodes Business Park, Silburn Way, Manchester M24 4NE (Grid reference: SD 85500 05198). Tree clearance and pruning of existing canopies to the boundary line of the site is required, as per the tree retention and removal plan provided by the client, shown in Appendix 1 with photographs of vegetation shown in Appendix 2. It was recommended that vegetation clearance should take place outside of nesting bird season (March – August inclusive), however this is not possible, and vegetation clearance will take place in March 2025. As such, nesting bird checks must be carried out prior to vegetation clearance. A site-specific nesting bird check methodology to satisfy a pre-commencement ecological condition for planning is required.



Methodology

- Nesting birds (all species) must not be disturbed or handled, including their eggs. They are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- The nesting bird check must take place no more than 48 hours prior to vegetation clearance works. If nesting bird checks take place on the day of vegetation clearance, this is acceptable, provided that the ecologist has at least two hours on site undisturbed to carry out nesting bird checks prior to the arrival of the appointed vegetation clearance team.
- Initially, the ecologist will spend two hours at a suitable distance from the vegetation to look for signs of nesting behaviour, for example adults taking nesting material or food into vegetation. If at this stage a nest is discovered then an appropriate and clear exclusion zone will be put in place around the nest to avoid damage to the nest, birds or destruction of eggs. The barrier must remain in place until the young have flown. The vegetation clearance team would be informed of the presence of the nest and of the exclusion zone. The exclusion zone will be marked with red tape.
- If no nesting behaviour is observed, then the ecologist will proceed with a physical search of vegetation. If vegetation is too dense to see potential nests, then the ecologist can work with the vegetation clearance team to cut back the vegetation section by section, the ecologist making regular checks. Again, if at this stage a nest is discovered then an appropriate and clear exclusion zone will be put in place around the nest to avoid damage to the nest, birds or destruction of eggs. The barrier must remain in place until the young have flown.
- The ecologist will work alongside the vegetation team at all times ensuring they follow advice. The vegetation team may continue to clear vegetation outside the exclusion zone of any active nests identified so long as it is agreed with the ecologist.
- If any active nests are identified, the ecologist can return to site on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to confirm whether the nest is still active or if the young have fledged. Once it is confirmed that the nest is no longer active, then the vegetation clearance team may return to site to clear remaining vegetation under ecological supervision.

Appendix 1: Tree retention and removal plan (provided by the client)

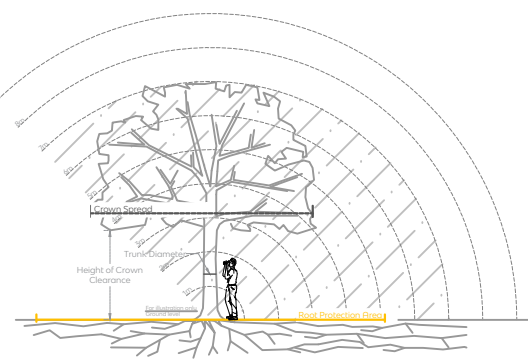
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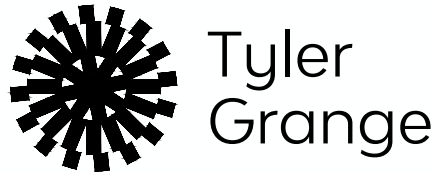


- Survey Boundary
- Category B - Trees of Moderate Quality and Value
- Category C - Trees of Low Quality and Value
- RPAs Influenced by Existing Hard Surfacing
- Areas of Existing Hard Surfacing to be Removed
- Proposed Tree Removals
- Proposed Pruning Works
- Root Protection Areas
- Tree Shading Constraints

*Denotes trees and groups not identified on topographical survey. Locations approximated using measurements taken on site.



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Appendix 2: Photographs (provided by the client)

