



TREE CONSULTANCY UK

Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement.

Ashworth Valley Scout Camp – Ashworth Road – Heywood – Rochdale – OL11 5UP

Report Brief; MMA Tree Consultancy have been commissioned to produce a BS 5837 Tree Survey, Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) and Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) in relation to a planning application for 4 x pods and 1 x roundhouse at Ashworth Valley Scout Camp – Ashworth Road – Heywood – Rochdale – OL11 5UP.

Date - 17th February 2026

1 Trees to be removed

1.0 No trees will be removed as part of this project.

2 Trees to be retained

2.0 Trees 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 will be retained and protected throughout the project. All other trees on the wider site including Groups 1 and 2 will be retained and protected throughout this project.

3 Pruning

3.1 Trees on the main driveway into the site from Ashworth Road may need a very subtle crown lift from 4m to 5m for deliveries.

3.2 Where trees require pruning all tree works will be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998 (2010) Tree Works recommendations.

4 Protective fencing

4.1 Protective fencing will be erected as outlined in BS 5837 2012 (figure 2 or 3) as per the Tree Constraints' Plan (TCP) All trees within the BS5837 protective zone will remain protected for the duration of the construction phase.

4.2 The theoretical root protection (RPA) area is calculated as a circle 12 x the diameter of the tree.

4.3 No construction will take place within the root protection areas of any trees that are being retained.

4.4 All implicated trees are within the Ashworth Valley Scout Camp ownership.

4.5 A theoretical "do not pass" line has been installed onto the TCP to restrict access to the rest of the field.

4.6 The theoretical "do not pass" line could be replaced with BS5837 protective fencing, but it is not deemed necessary on this project.

4.7 An alternative to the current protective fencing plan and theoretical "do not pass" line would be to follow the project site boundary on the north, south, and east with BS5837 protective fencing.

4.8 No works will take place within the root protection area of any of the trees on site.

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5 Temporary Ground Protection

5.1 There will be no requirement for temporary ground protection on this project.

6 Site Supervision

6.1 MMA Tree Consultancy will undertake an initial tool-box talk with project manager prior to commencement of the project.

6.2 MMA Tree Consultancy to check and sign off protective fencing once installed.

6.3 MMA tree consultancy will make several unannounced calls to the site during the development phase to ensure all tree protection measures are being adhered to and all specialist construction techniques (if required) are being employed as intended.

6.4 MMA tree Consultancy will visit the site upon completion and specify any tree work or ground amelioration that is required following the development phase.

7 Services

7.1 All services and drainage runs will fall outside of the RPA's of trees that are to be retained.

8 Storage of materials/site cabins etc

8.1 RPA's are to remain sacrosanct throughout the development phase and there will be no storage of any building materials, chemicals, fuel, or anything else in the RPA.

8.2 All facilities such as chemical toilets, offices, and mess facilities will be situated outside of the RPA.

8.3 Strictly no plant or machinery to enter RPA's – not even to pass through – a single passing of heavy plant can cause irreparable damage to tree roots.

8.4 No fires on any part of the site.

9 Specialist construction techniques

9.1 The proposed pods are very light structures and are founded on blocks laid flat on the existing ground.

9.2 This is a no dig project, and all works are outside of the root protection areas of all of the trees.

10 Prohibited activities.

10.1 Cutting down, uprooting, damaging or otherwise destroying any retained tree.

10.2 Lighting fires anywhere on the site.

10.3 Equipment, signage, fencing, tree protection barriers, materials, components, vehicles or structures shall not be attached to or supported by a retained tree.

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10.4 Mixing cement, chemical toilets, and other use or storage of anything that would be harmful to trees shall not take place within or close to a Root Protection Area. The distance away from the RPA must be sufficient, and the slope of the site must be such that contamination of soil within the RPA would not occur if there were spillage, seepage, or displacement.

10.5 No plant or equipment or vehicle with a hydraulic arm such as a mini digger shall be operated within striking distance of the stem and branches or the RPA of any retained tree unless otherwise specified in this report.

10.6 No alterations or variations shall be made to the approved tree protection measures without the written approval from the LPA.

11 Chronology of processes

- AIA and AMS submitted to LPA for approval.
- AIA and AMS approved.
- Pre-commencement meeting with MMA Tree Consultancy, Architects, Appointed site supervisor.
- Trees to be removed are removed and trees to be pruned are pruned.
- Temporary ground protection installed (if required)
- Protective fencing installed.
- Protective fencing and ground protection are checked and approved.
- Demolition/Development phase commences
- Unannounced site checks are undertaken
- Development phase ends
- Final site check

12 Appendices

Tree Survey

Tree Constraints' Plan

Protective fencing detail

Signed  MMA Tree Consultancy

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Tree Number	Species	Height (m)	DBH (mm)	Crown Spread N,E,S,W (m)	Life Stage	General Observations	SULE (Years)	Retention category
T1	Field Maple	7	375	3-3-3-3	EM	A reasonable tree to be retained and protected throughout development. Crown lift by 1m over access path to project.	30+	C
T2	Holly	4	150	1-1-1-1	EM	A poor tree to be retained and protected throughout development.	30+	C
T3	Brewers Spruce	9	350	2-2-2-2	EM	A reasonable tree to be retained and protected throughout development.	30+	C
T4	Holly	7	200	3-3-3-2	EM	A reasonable tree to be retained and protected throughout development.	30+	C
T5	Norway Spruce	10	400	4-3-4-4	EM	A reasonable tree to be retained and protected throughout development.	30+	C
T6	Norway Spruce	10	300	3-3-3-2	EM	A reasonable tree to be retained and protected throughout development.	30+	C
T7	Norway Spruce	10	350	3-3-3-3	EM	A reasonable tree to be retained and protected throughout development.	30+	C
T8	Scots Pine	12	550	5-3-5-5	EM	A reasonable tree to be retained and protected throughout development.	30+	C
T9	Birch	9	400	2-1-2-2	EM	A reasonable tree to be retained and protected throughout development.	30+	C
T10	Oak	12	500	6-6-3-4	EM	A reasonable tree to be retained and protected throughout development.	30+	B
T11	Ash	9	450	5-5-5-5	EM	A reasonable tree to be retained and protected throughout development.	<10	C
G1	Hawthorn	2	----	----	EM	A good hedge to be retained and protected throughout development.	30+	C
G2	Hawthorn	2	----	----	EM	A good hedge to be retained and protected throughout development.	30+	C

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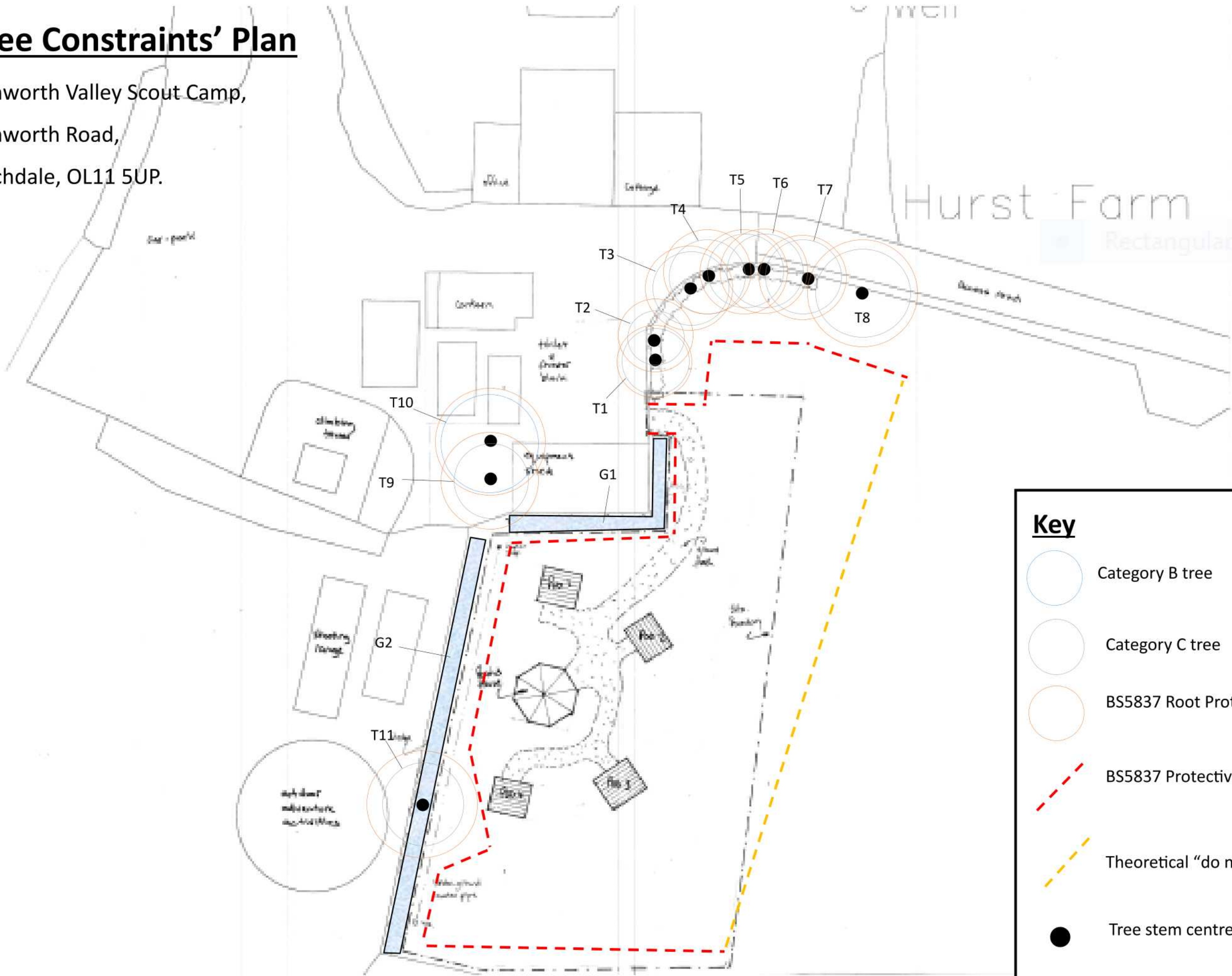
DBH – Diameter at Breast Height

SULE – Safe Useful Life Expectancy

Life stage – **Y** – Young – **SM** – Semi Mature – **EM** -Early Mature – **M** – Mature – **OM** – Over Mature

Tree Constraints' Plan

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Key

Category B tree

Category C tree

BS5837 Root Protection Area

BS5837 Protective Fencing

Theoretical "do not pass" line

Tree stem centre

BS 5837—2012—Protective Fencing Specification

