



ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT (AMS)

Crossgates Primary School – Proposed Boundary Fencing Works

1. Scope of Works

This Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) has been prepared to support the approved fencing installation works at Crossgates Primary School in accordance with BS5837:2012 – Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction.

The proposed development consists of:

- Installation of new 2.4m high 358 mesh security fencing
- Installation of single and double maintenance access gates
- Removal of sections of existing fencing where required
- Associated groundworks and excavation for fence post installation

The purpose of this AMS is to ensure retained trees are adequately protected during all phases of the development.

2. Relevant Trees and Constraints

The following retained trees/groups are located adjacent to the proposed fence alignment and require protection:

- T4 – T12
- T13 – T19
- Tree Groups G1 – G5

Particular attention shall be given to:

- G1 gate corner area
- G3 boundary line
- G5 corner return section

3. Standards and Guidance

All works shall be carried out in accordance with:

- BS5837:2012 Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction
- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- Approved Planning Conditions under Ref: 25/01165/FUL
- Industry best practice guidance



4. Tree Protection Measures

Protective fencing shall be installed prior to commencement of any site works.

WARNING:

- No excavation within RPAs without supervision
- No material storage within TPAs
- No fires or fuel storage near retained trees
- No vehicle access within protected zones
- No concrete washout within protected areas

5. Fence Installation Methodology

Where fence installation occurs within or adjacent to RPAs:

- Excavations shall initially be undertaken by hand digging
- Air-spade excavation may be used where significant roots are encountered
- Mechanical excavation is not permitted without approval
- Roots above 25mm diameter shall not be cut without supervision
- Fence alignment may be adjusted to avoid significant roots

6. Ground Protection

Where temporary access within RPAs is unavoidable, temporary ground protection shall be installed using:

- Timber bog mats
- Ground protection boards
- Cellular confinement systems

No tracked machinery shall operate directly on unprotected ground within RPAs.

7. Arboricultural Supervision

Arboricultural supervision shall be undertaken during:

- Installation of protective fencing
- Initial excavation works within RPAs
- Root pruning operations
- Fence post installation near retained trees

8. Emergency Procedures

If significant roots are encountered or tree damage occurs:

- Works shall cease immediately
- The Arboricultural Consultant shall be informed



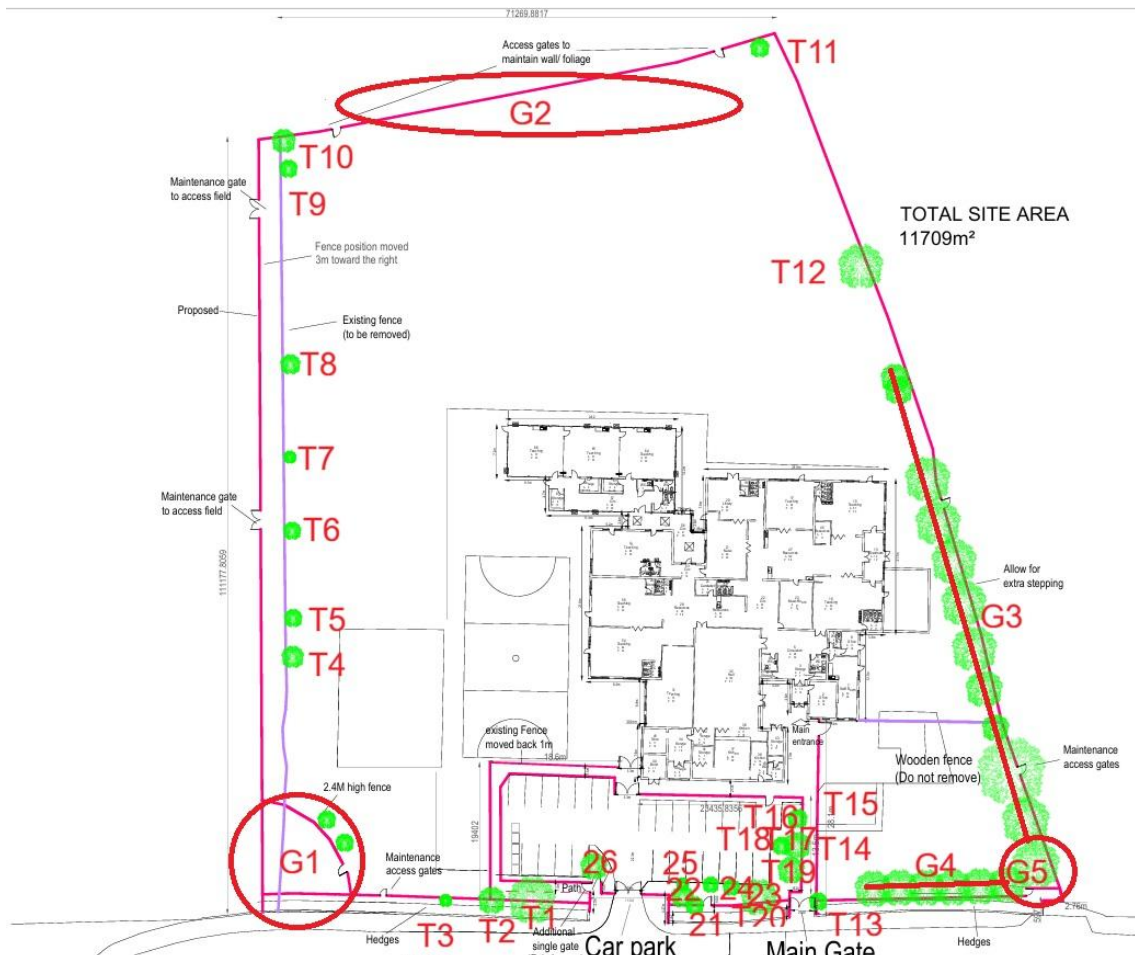
- Exposed roots shall be protected from drying out
- Remedial recommendations shall be implemented before recommencing works

Appendix A – Approved Site Layout Plan

Approved drawings relating to Planning Reference 25/01165/FUL shall be read in conjunction with this AMS.

Key sensitive locations include:

- G1 – South-west corner gate return
- G2 – Northern boundary tree group
- G3 – Eastern boundary tree line
- G5 – South-east corner return



Appendix B – Tree Protection Plan (TPP)

Tree Protection Areas (TPAs) shall be established prior to commencement of development works.

Protective fencing shall consist of:

- Weldmesh/Heras panels securely fixed to scaffold framework
- Stabilised Heras panel system with anti-tamper couplings

The fencing shall include warning signage:

“TREE PROTECTION AREA – KEEP OUT”

Typical Root Protection Area Diagram





Typical Tree Protection Fencing Arrangement

HERAS / TREE PROTECTION FENCING

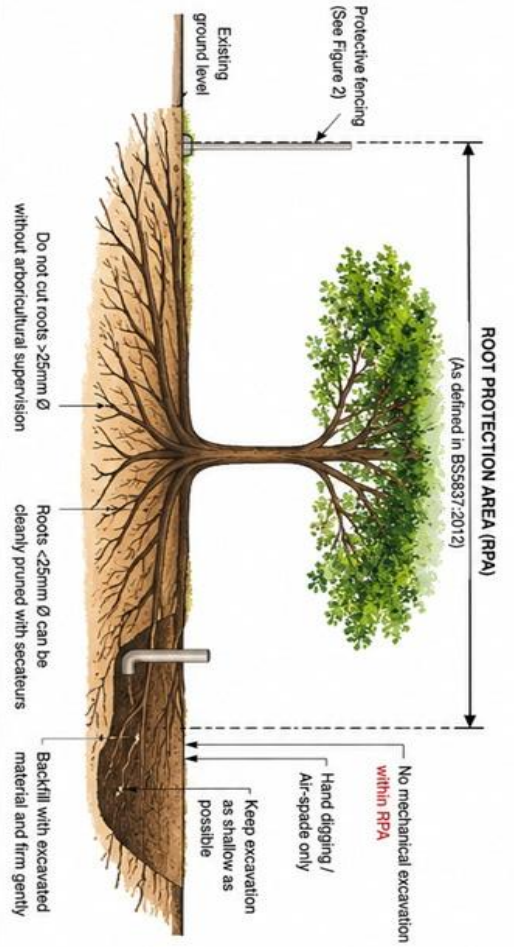
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Tree Protection Warning Notices

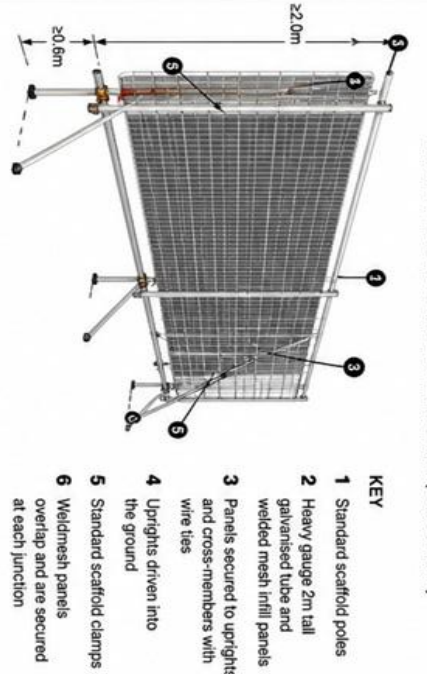
- **TREE PROTECTION AREA - KEEP OUT**
- **NO EXCAVATION WITHOUT APPROVAL**
- **NO MATERIAL STORAGE WITHIN RPA**
- **ALL ROOTS TO BE PROTECTED DURING WORKS**
- **NO VEHICLE ACCESS WITHIN TREE PROTECTION AREA**



TREE ROOT PROTECTION - EXCAVATION NEAR TREES

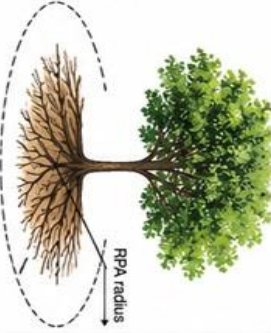


TREE PROTECTION FENCING (BS5837:2012)



- Protective fencing shall be installed before any works commence and shall remain in place for the duration of the works.
- No access, storage or works are permitted within the fenced area.

TYPICAL ROOT PROTECTION AREA (RPA)



GROUND PROTECTION



Ground protection must be installed where access within RPAs is unavoidable. No tracked machinery directly on soil.

HAND DIGGING / AIR-SPADE



Use hand tools or air-spade within RPAs. Carefully expose roots and prune in accordance with this AMS.

ROOT PRUNING GUIDANCE



SITE SIGNAGE EXAMPLES



EXAMPLES OF WORKS REQUIRING ARBORICULTURAL SUPERVISION



KEY PROTECTION PRINCIPLES

- Protect the tree – retain soil, roots and crown.
- Prevent compaction – keep heavy loads and vehicles away.
- Prevent contamination – no chemicals, cement or fuels in RPAs.
- Prevent damage – no fires, no storage, no wastage.
- Plan ahead – consult an arboriculturist when in doubt.

All works to be carried out in accordance with BS5837:2012 – Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction

Appendix C – Arboricultural Site Inspection Records

Inspection Item	Compliant	Comments
Tree protection fencing installed correctly	Yes / No	
Warning signage installed	Yes / No	
RPAs protected from access	Yes / No	
No material storage within RPAs	Yes / No	
Excavation methods compliant	Yes / No	
Roots protected appropriately	Yes / No	
Ground protection installed where required	Yes / No	
Fence installation methods compliant	Yes / No	
No visible tree damage	Yes / No	

Site Notes:

Actions Required:



I hope that this report provides all the necessary information, but should any further advice be needed please do not hesitate to contact the author.

Signed

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Construction Sequence

1. Install tree protection fencing in accordance with BS5837:2012.
2. Arboricultural Consultant to inspect protection measures.
3. Establish exclusion zones and access routes.
4. Commence hand-dug excavations within sensitive areas.
5. Undertake arboricultural supervision during fence installation near retained trees.
6. Protect and manage exposed roots where encountered.
7. Reinstate ground conditions and remove temporary protection measures.
8. Final arboricultural inspection upon completion.

Site Toolbox Talk – Tree Protection Requirements

- All operatives must read and understand the AMS before commencing work.
- No machinery or vehicle access within RPAs.
- No storage of materials, spoil, fuel or chemicals within protected areas.
- All excavation works within RPAs to be hand dug unless otherwise approved.
- Report any exposed roots or tree damage immediately.
- Tree protection fencing must not be moved or altered without approval.

High Risk Arboricultural Areas

⚠ G3 Boundary

Dense rooting likely. Hand digging only. Arboricultural supervision required.

⚠ G5 Corner Return

Sensitive rooting area. Fence alignment may require adjustment.

⚠ G1 Gate Area

Potential root conflict near proposed gate installation.

Arboricultural Monitoring & Inspection Frequency

Arboricultural inspections shall occur at key stages of the development and additionally as required by site conditions. Inspection records shall be maintained throughout the works and made available upon request.