

ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT (AMS)

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Birch Business Park

Whittle Lane

Heywood

OL10 2Sx

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- i. Construction work in close proximity to important trees, or with the Root Protection Area (RPA) of trees due to be retained were identified within the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) UG_1236_ARB_AIA_02_REV_03.
- ii. This AMS must be read in conjunction with the Tree Removal Plan UG_1236_ARB_TRP_REV_02 and Tree Protection Plan UG_1236_ARB_TPP_02_REV_02, as it cross-references these plans for each specific area of work.
- iii. The AMS aims to provide general guidelines to onsite personnel that must be followed when working close to trees on construction sites.
- iv. All site personnel must have access to this document and be made aware of any sections that may be relevant to their specific area of work.
- v. It is essential to adhere to the recommendations within this document during onsite operations to ensure the successful retention of trees as part of the proposed development.
- vi. Compliance with the AMS will be a requirement of all relevant contracts associated with the proposed development.

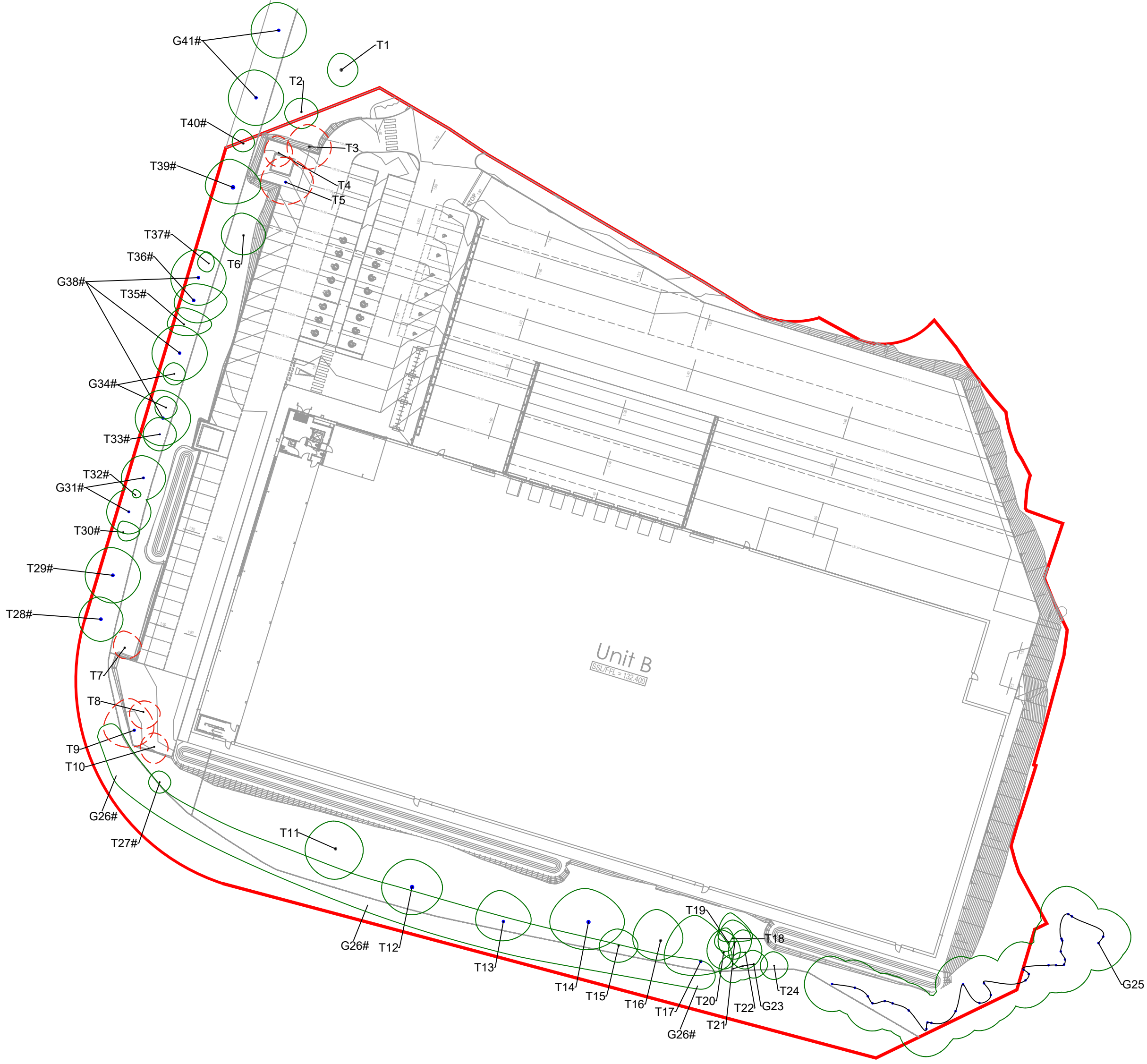
1. Protective Fencing

- 1.1. Temporary protective fencing will need to be installed at the alignment indicated on the Tree Protection Plan UG_1236_ARB_TPP_02_REV_03, prior to the commencement of any construction activities on site including the delivery of materials and site facilities.
- 1.2. Any fencing that is damaged so that it is no longer able to protect retained trees must be replaced/repared immediately with appropriate fencing at the alignment indicated on the Tree Protection Plan.
- 1.3. The `in-ground` system involves driving vertical scaffold poles approximately 0.6m into the ground onto which are affixed horizontal scaffold poles and bracing struts. 2m high anti-climb weldmesh panels are then wired to the scaffold framework. The vertical scaffold poles must be at a maximum 3m apart,
- 1.4. No fixing shall be made to any tree and all possible precautions shall be taken to prevent damage to the tree roots when locating uprights.
- 1.5. A 600mm x 300mm warning sign reading 'TREE PROTECTION AREA KEEP OUT' shall be fixed to every 10m of protective fencing.
- 1.6. The tree protective fencing must remain in position and unaltered, apart from within the RPAs of T6, G25, G26, T39 and T40, as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan, for the duration of the construction period.
- 1.7. Construction activities within the RPAs of T6, G25, G26, T39 and T40 must be phased to allow the protective fencing to remain in the primary position for as long as is reasonably practicable.

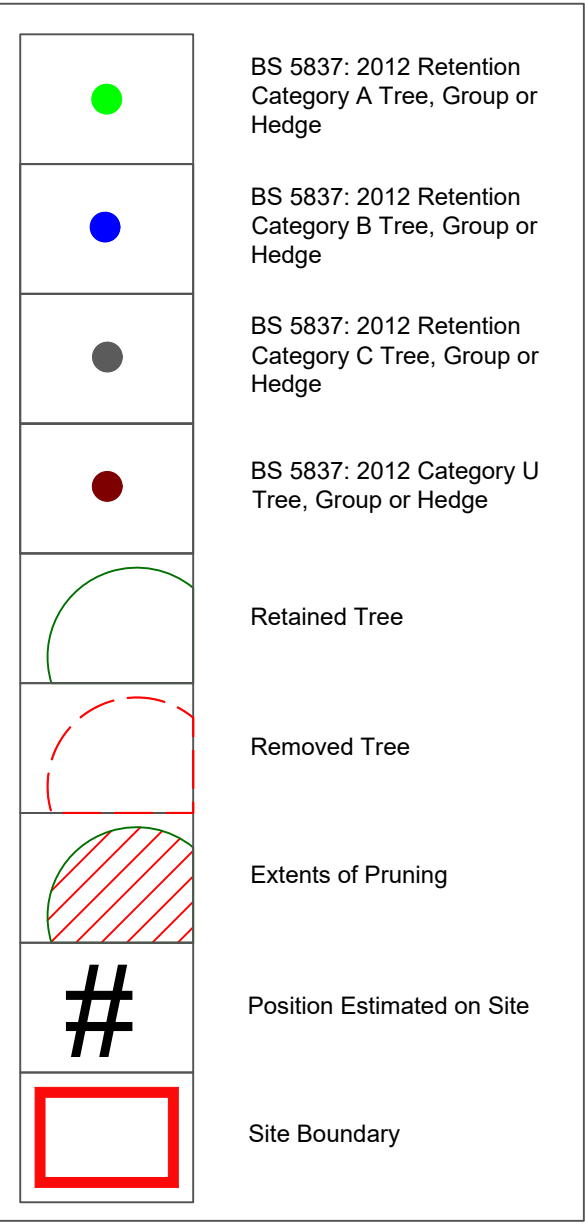
2. Ground Protection

- 2.1. The primary method of grond protection is the installation of a compressible layer (e.g. woodchip) over a geotextile fabric with side butting scaffold boards.
- 2.2. Ground protection measures whilst working in the RPA must be capable of supporting the expected loads and avoid compaction of the soil.
- 2.3. The boarding will be left in place until the construction works are finished.
- 2.4. Scaffolding may first be erected with the uprights on spreader boards and the ground protection installed around the uprights.
- 2.5. The ground protection may be comprised of the following:
- 2.5.1. For pedestrian movements only, a single thickness of scaffold boards placed either on top of a driven scaffold frame, so as to form a suspended walkway, or on top of a compression-resistant layer (e.g. 100mm depth of woodchip), laid onto a geotextile membrane;
- 2.5.2. For pedestrian-operated plant up to a gross weight of 2t, proprietary, inter-linked ground protection boards placed on top of a compression-resistant layer (e.g. 150mm depth of woodchip), laid onto a geotextile membrane;
- 2.5.3. For wheeled or tacked construction traffic excceeding 2t gross weight, an alternative system (e.g. proprietary systems or pre-cast reinforced concrete slabs) to an engineered specification designed in conjunction with Arboricultural advice, to accommodate the likely loading to which it will be subjected.

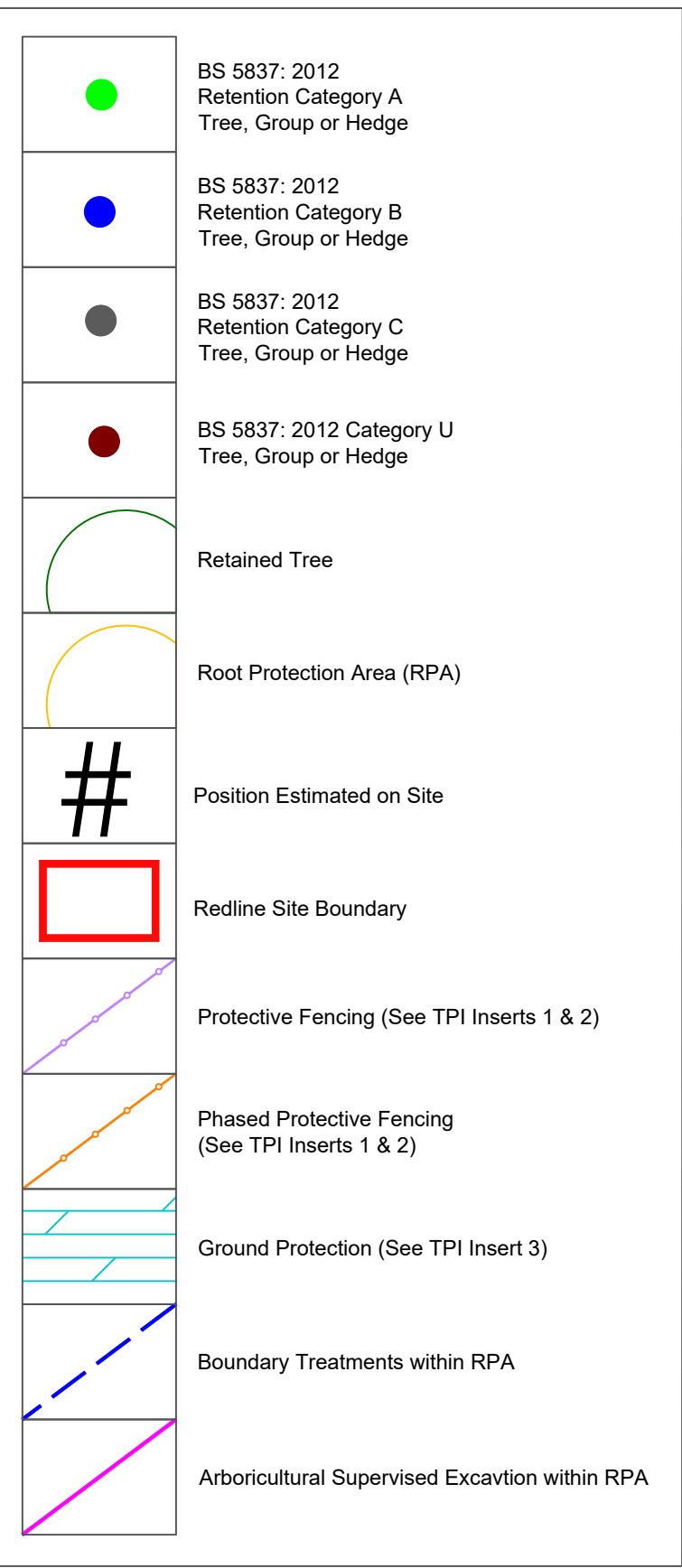
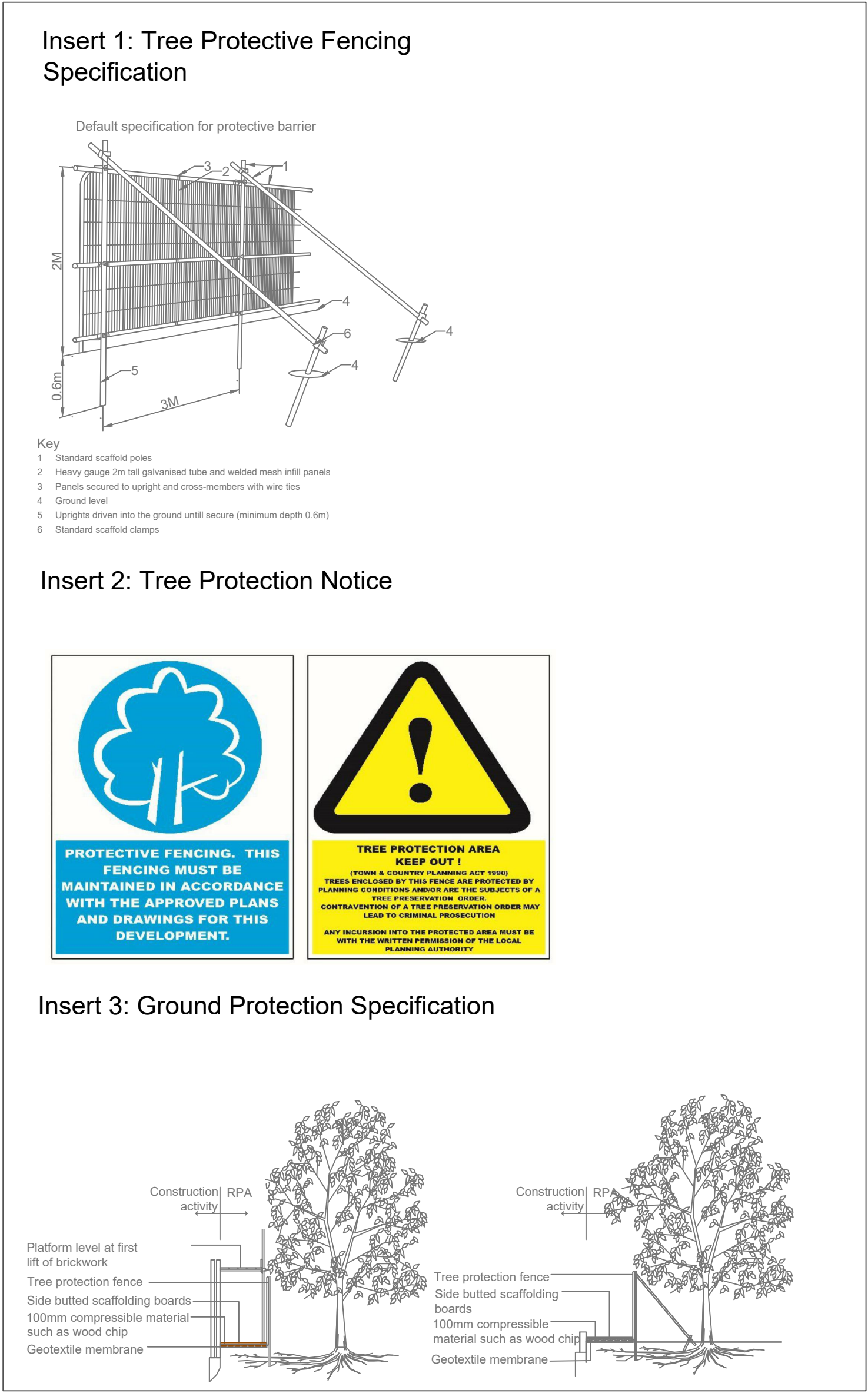
Tree Works Schedule				
Tree Number	BS 5837: 2012 Retention Category	Species	Works Required	Reason
T3	C	Field maple	Fell to ground level	To facilitate the proposed development
T4		Rowan		
T5	B	Common alder		
T7	C	Field maple		
T8		Common alder		
T9	B	Field maple		
T10	C	Common alder		
All specified works are to be carried out in accordance with BS 3998: 2010 "Tree work - Recommendations"				



TREE REMOVAL PLAN
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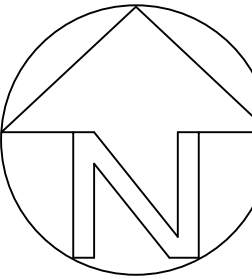


TREE PROTECTION PLAN
(UG_1236_ARB_TPP_02_REV_03)



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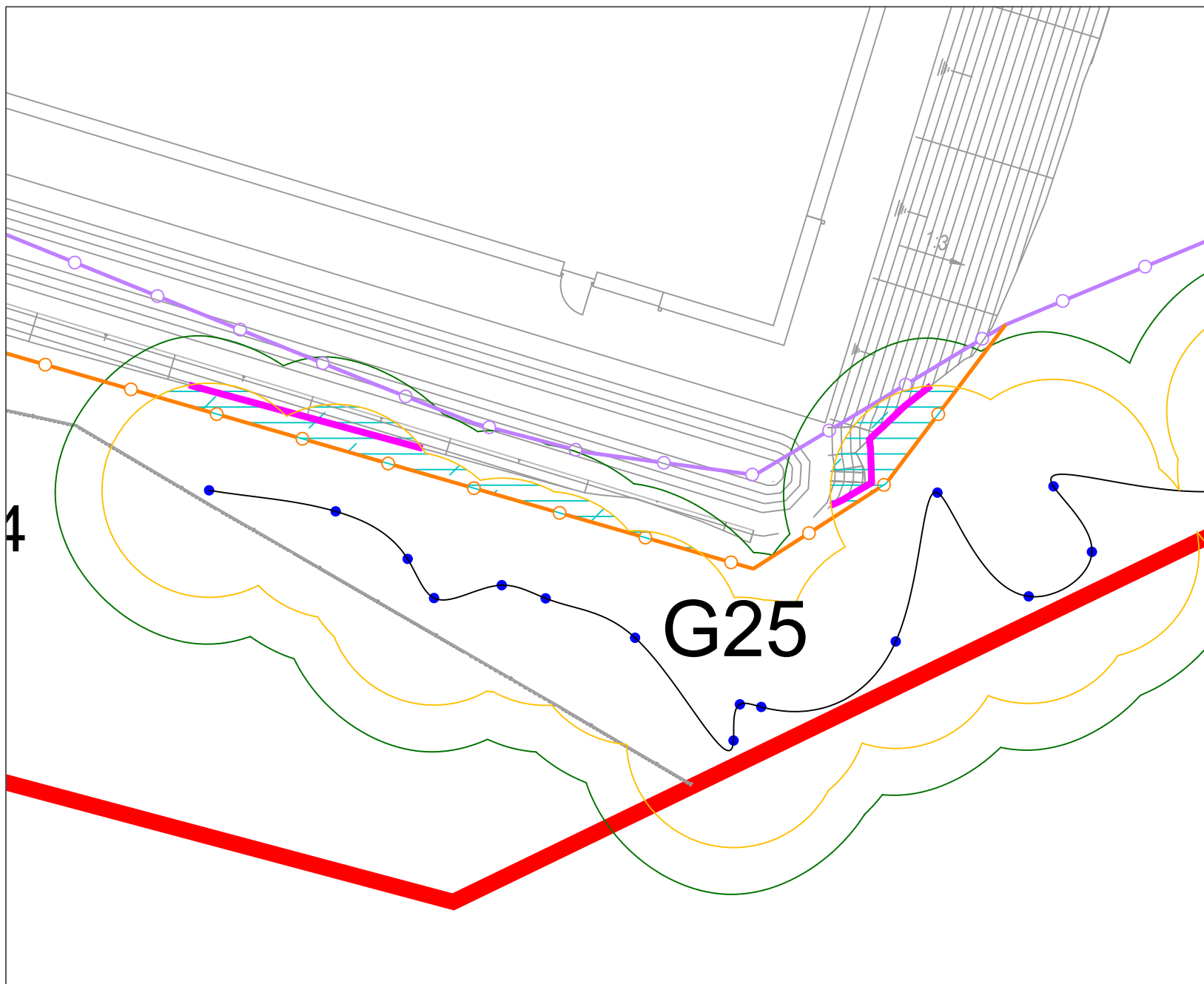
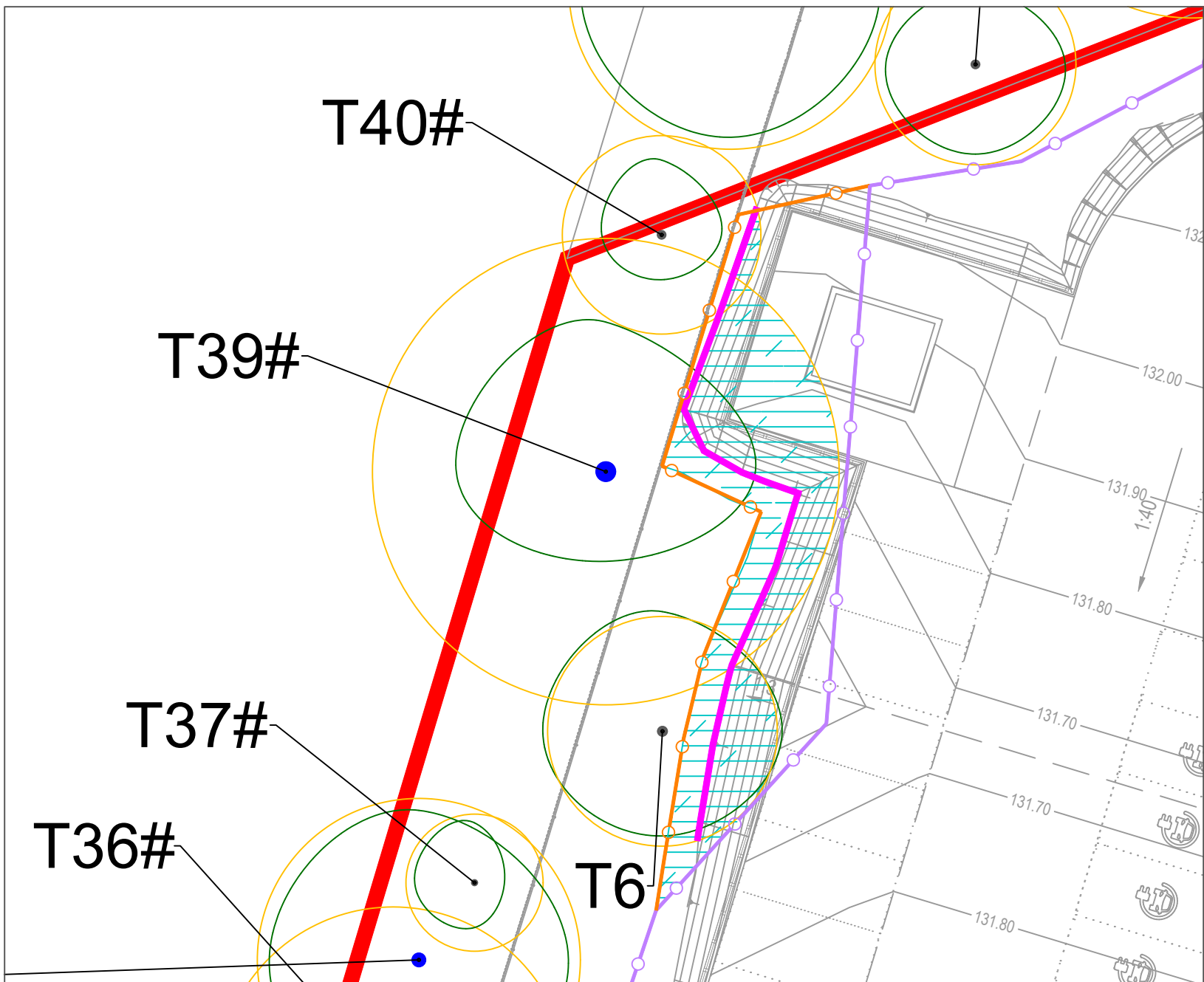
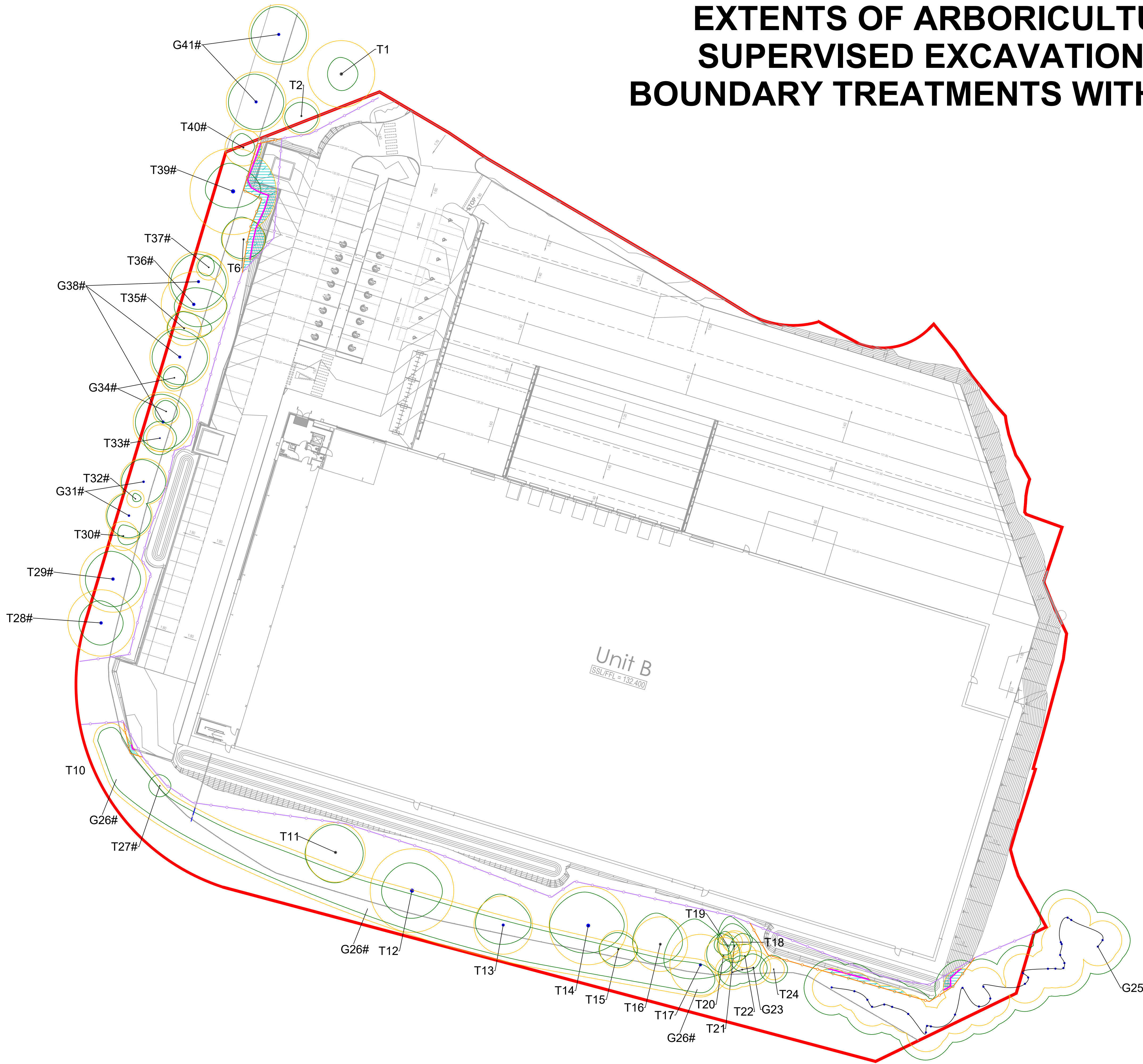
3. Supervised Excavations and Root Pruning Within RPAs

- 3.1. Arboricultural supervised excavation with possible root pruning will be require within the RPAs of T6, G25, G26, T39 and T40, as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan.
- 3.2. Any necessary excavation must be carried out using hand tools to avoid direct damage to the protective bark of tree roots. It may be possible in some instances to use specialised equipment such as high air pressure machinery to excavate the soil with minimal disturbance to roots.
- 3.3. Exposed roots will be wrapped in dry, clean Hessian sacking to prevent desiccation and to protect from rapid temperature changes. In warmer weather, the sacking must be kept moist by regular watering. Sacking will be removed before backfilling.
- 3.4. Roots less than 25mm diameter may be pruned back, preferably to a growing point. A sharp cutting tool such as bypass secateurs or a handsaw must be used to leave the smallest wound possible. Roots greater than 25mm in diameter must be retained wherever possible.
- 3.5. Root pruning must be carried out under the supervision of the Arboricultural Consultant to ensure that only roots necessary to facilitate the development will be removed and the long-term well-being of retained trees is maintained.
- 3.6. Backfilling of any excavation must be carried out by hand to avoid direct root damage by excessive compaction and will include, where possible, the replacement of inert granular material mixed with sharp sand (not builder's sand) around retained roots.

4. Boundary Treatments Within RPAs

- 4.1. Boundary treatments will be required within the RPA of G26, as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan.
- 4.2. Where railings are to be installed within RPAs of retained trees, post holes will be excavated by hand and kept as narrow as possible. Trial holes will be dug using a manually operated soil augur in order to position post holes to avoid major roots.
- 4.3. Exploratory post holes will be dug before committing to positions. If any roots in excess of 25mm diameter are encountered they are to remain intact and the post hole be relocated to avoid them.
- 4.4. The railing system must permit such flexibility (i.e. where fixed panel widths are used, all post holes must be excavated before committing to the final location).
- 4.5. All post holes will be excavated by hand and kept as narrow as possible (maximum diameter 300mm).
- 4.6. Any roots in excess of 10mm diameter which are severed will be neatly pruned back with secateurs. This will encourage healing and reduce the likelihood of infection.

EXTENTS OF ARBORICULTURAL SUPERVISED EXCAVATION AND BOUNDARY TREATMENTS WITHIN RPAS



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BS 5837: 2012
Retention Category A
Tree, Group or Hedge

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Tree, Group or Hedge

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Tree, Group or Hedge

BS 5837: 2012 Category U
Tree, Group or Hedge

Retained Tree

Root Protection Area (RPA)

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Position Estimated on Site

Redline Site Boundary

Protective Fencing (See TPI Inserts 1 & 2)

Phased Protective Fencing
(See TPI Inserts 1 & 2)

Ground Protection (See TPI Insert 3)

Boundary Treatments within RPA

Arboricultural Supervised Excavation within RPA

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Arboricultural Monitoring Schedule				
Task	Description	Person Responsible	Date	Signed
Work Schedule	Agree timeline of construction works, including key arboricultural works.	Site manager / Arboricultural Consultant		
Inspection of tree works	Ensure that all tree works have been completed in accordance with the Tree Works Schedule and in accordance with BS 3998: 2010 ' <i>Tree work - Recommendations</i> '.	Local Authority Tree Officer / Arboricultural Consultant		
Inspection of tree protection measures	Inspection of protective fencing and ground protection prior to any construction works beginning on site to ensure that it is installed in accordance with the Tree Protection Plan.	Local Authority Tree Officer / Arboricultural Consultant		
Supervised excavation with possible root pruning	Supervision of hand dig / air spade excavation in accordance with the Tree Protection Plan and root pruning as required by consultant.	Local Authority Tree Officer / Arboricultural Consultant		
Hand dig	Excavation by hand of areas shown on the Tree Protection Plan.	Local Authority Tree Officer / Arboricultural Consultant		
Inspection of protective fencing	Ad hoc inspection of protective fencing to ensure continued tree protection during construction.	Local Authority Tree Officer / Arboricultural Consultant		
Inspection of protective fencing	Inspection and sign off of protective fencing upon completion of construction prior to its removal.	Local Authority Tree Officer / Arboricultural Consultant		

Site Attendee Contact Details			
Name	Title	Organisation	Contact Number

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