

TREE SOLUTIONS



Arboricultural Method Statement

Bury Road (Oakenrod), Rochdale

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STONEBOND

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SEQUENCE OF OPERATIONS

From commencement of the above development, the following methodology shall be implemented in the manner and sequence described:

1. Tree surgery works
2. Pre-contract site meeting – ‘Toolbox Talk’
3. Erect temporary protective fencing
4. Main construction phase
5. Removal of temporary fencing
6. Landscaping within RPA
7. Arboricultural supervision

General Arboricultural Requirements

1. The Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement shall always be available on site.
2. All site personnel shall be made aware of the tree protection measures before commencing work.
3. Any variation to this Arboricultural Method Statement shall first be agreed with the project Arboricultural Clerk of Works (ACoW) and, where required, approved by the Local Planning Authority.

1. Tree Surgery Works

1. Before the erection of the temporary protective fencing, all tree removal shall be implemented in accordance with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment/Tree Removals Plan, Ref: 26/AIA/ROCH/11 (Rev A) at Appendix 1.
2. All possible efforts must be made to prevent damage to retained trees including potential root incursion or compaction caused by vehicle access.
3. All arboricultural works shall conform to the recommendations of BS 3998 (2010) ‘Recommendations for Tree Work’
4. All operatives shall be equipped with and use personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with current Health & Safety Executive current directives and industry codes of practice.
5. Performance of all arboricultural operations and use of equipment shall be in accordance with current Health & Safety Executive current directives and industry codes of practice
6. Any additional access facilitation pruning required shall be undertaken by qualified tree contractors and conform to the recommendations of BS 3998 (2010) ‘Recommendations for Tree Work’

2. Pre-Contract Site Meeting – ‘Toolbox Talk’

To outline working methods in relation to trees prior to any construction activity on site, a site meeting of the following shall take place:

1. Main Contractor
2. Site Manager
3. Arboricultural Clerk of Works (ACoW)

3. Erect Temporary Tree Protective Fencing

1. Prior to commencement of any construction, preparation, excavation, or material deliveries the main contractor shall erect the temporary protective fencing as detailed in the ‘Tree Protection Specification’ and in the location indicated on the Tree Protection Plan.

4. Main Construction Phase

1. There shall be no storage of construction material, site parking, site accommodation or equipment in any area designated as the Root Protection Area (RPA) and Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ) and enclosed by Temporary Protective Fencing
2. No fuels, oils, cement, bitumen or other potentially toxic materials shall be stored or discharged within 10m of retained trees. No fires will be lit
3. The site agent shall supervise deliveries by self-loading crane, with vehicles positioned in such a manner that retained trees are not at risk of damage

Cement Mixing

- The cement mixer shall be laid on top of an impermeable surface in a position outside the RPA of any trees. The mixer will be kept in this position throughout all development work.

Avoiding Damage to Stems and Branches

- Care shall be taken when planning site operations in proximity to trees to ensure that wide or tall loads or plant with booms, jibs and counterweights can operate without encountering retained trees. Such contact can result in serious injury resulting in safe retention impossible.

On Site Storage of Spoil and Building Materials

- Prior to and during all site construction works no spoil will be stored and no cement mixing will take place within the Root Protection Area of any tree on or adjacent to the site even if proposed site work is to be within the crown spread. Any encroachment within this protected area will only be with the prior agreement of the LPA Arboricultural Officer

5. Remove all Temporary Tree Protective Fencing

1. Tree Protective fencing will only be removed upon completion of all construction work and once all machinery associated with the works has left site.

6. Landscaping within RPA of Trees

1. All soft landscaping works proposed within the RPA of retained trees must be undertaken with extreme care to avoid damage to tree roots, soil structure, and natural drainage functions. The following strict requirements apply:

Prohibited Activities

- No mechanical excavation or rotovating shall be carried out within the RPA under any circumstances. This includes mechanical tilling, trenching, or use of power-driven cultivation equipment.
- No lowering or re-grading of existing soil levels is permitted within the RPA. Soil levels must remain as existing unless specifically approved in writing by the project arboriculturist following a site assessment.
- No heavy plant or tracked machinery shall enter or traverse the RPA unless on pre-approved load-bearing ground protection.

Turfing and Planting

- All turfing, planting, and soil amelioration within the RPA shall be carried out using hand tools only (e.g. spades, forks, trowels).
- When preparing ground for turfing, surface de-compaction (if required) shall be restricted to manual forking to a maximum depth of 100mm, avoiding the severance or tearing of roots greater than 25mm diameter.
- Where topsoil is to be introduced to facilitate turf or planting establishment, this must be spread manually and shall not exceed a depth of 100mm unless otherwise specified and agreed by the project arboriculturist.
- All planting pits within the RPA shall be excavated by hand, ensuring any roots encountered over 25mm diameter are retained and worked around or pruned cleanly under arboricultural supervision.

Oversight and Compliance

- All landscape operatives working within RPAs must be briefed on tree protection measures prior to commencement.
- Any unforeseen root conflicts or constraints encountered must be reported to the project arboriculturist for assessment and further instruction prior to proceeding.

Compliance with the above measures is essential to ensure the continued health and long-term retention of the protected trees.

7. Arboricultural Supervision – (ACoW)

1. The ACoW shall inspect all tree protection measures and key construction operations identified within this AMS. Following each inspection, a brief written record, supported by photographs where appropriate, shall be prepared and retained. Copies shall be provided to the Local Planning Authority if required by the planning condition.

TREE PROTECTIVE FENCING

Installation

Prior to the commencement of any site clearance, demolition or construction works, tree protection fencing shall be erected in the locations shown on the approved Tree Protection Plan (TPP) in accordance with Figure 2 of BS5837:2012. The fencing shall be inspected by the project Arboricultural Clerk of Works (ACoW) and confirmed as compliant before any construction activities commence.

Specification

The fencing shall comprise weldmesh panels securely fixed to a scaffold framework with vertical scaffold poles driven into the ground at a maximum spacing of 3.0m. Freestanding Heras panels mounted on rubber or concrete feet shall not be used.

The site manager shall inspect the fencing regularly and immediately repair any damage or unauthorised breaches.

Signage

Weatherproof signs stating "Protected Trees – Construction Exclusion Zone – No Access" shall be fixed to the fencing at regular intervals.

Duration

The fencing shall remain in position for the duration of the works and shall only be removed following completion of construction and with the agreement of the project arboriculturist.

Construction Exclusion Zone

Unless otherwise approved within this Arboricultural Method Statement or agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority, no operations shall take place within the fenced Construction Exclusion Zone, including:

- Storage of materials, plant or equipment
- Vehicle access or parking
- Excavation or changes to ground levels
- Mixing or washing out cement
- Lighting of fires or disposal of waste

Protective Fencing Detail

The fence types are shown on the Tree Protection Plan with the following colour key: -

1. **Magenta**

2.0M high heavy-duty Heras panels (with extra central support bar) mounted on scaffold poles (driven into the ground) and secured with anti-tamper bolts – as illustrated below.



Appendix 1

Arboricultural Impact Assessment/ Tree Removal Plan (Rev A)



Legend
Rise Protection Area
Modified to Account for
Site Features

Category 1
Crown
Spread
Tree
Number

Root
Protection
Area

Category A
(High Quality)

Category B
(Moderate Quality)

Category C
(Low Quality)

Category D
(Poor Quality)

Category E
(Dead/Dying/In Decline)

NOTE: Treegroup numbers marked
with an * have approximate locations.

Client
Stonebend

Project
Bury Road (Oakwood), Rochdale

Title
Arboricultural Impact Assessment/Tree Removal Plan

Scale
1:250 at A0

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Appendix 2

Tree Protection Plan



Tree Protective Fencing Specification



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



TREE PROTECTION AREA
KEEP OUT!
TREES ENCLOSED BY THIS FENCE ARE PROTECTED BY PLANNING CONSERVATION ORDERS AND THE BREACH OF A CONTRAVENTION OF A TREE PROTECTION ORDER MAY LEAD TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.
ANY INCURSION INTO THE PROTECTED AREA MUST BE WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY.



Legend

Road Protection Area
Modified to Account for
Site Features

Category A (High Quality) Category C (Low Quality)
Category B (Moderate Quality) Category D (Declining/Decline)

2.0m High Hedges (with extra central support
key) measured on scaffold poles (driven in to
the ground) and secured with anti-tamper bolts
as illustrated.

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Appendix 3

Tree Protection Sign



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**(TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990)
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