

The Hall School, Pre-Commencement Condition 9 – Tree Protection Measures

The condition states :

Prior to the commencement of any works on site, details including a detailed arboricultural method statement, demonstrating how trees to be retained shall be protected during construction work shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. Such details shall follow guidelines and standards set out in BS5837:2012 "Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction". All trees on the site, or parts of trees growing from adjoining sites, unless shown on the permitted drawings as being removed, shall be retained and protected from damage in accordance with the approved protection details. The works shall be carried out under the supervision of the project arboriculturalist.

Reason: To ensure that the development will not have an adverse effect on existing trees and in order to maintain the character and amenity of the area in accordance with the requirements of policies A2 and A3 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

Response :

The School commissioned Barrell Tree Consultancy to undertake an arboricultural assessment and their report dated 26th February 2019 is attached. The tree within the MUGA pitch has a timber seat around it and this will be retained in place, with ply sheets fixed to the bottom of the seating and timber bracing at the top of the 2.4m high ply sheet to protect the tree. Signs will be erected stating 'tree protection boarding must not be removed unless instructed by LIFE Build's Site Manager' – see proposal below:



Prior to works commencing, we will call a meeting on site with the arboriculturalist, to agree the protective measures and to take condition photos before works commence.

Scaffold needs to be erected alongside the Wathen Hall to allow the classroom extension works to be undertaken. There are no low-level branches in the way and the scaffold will be erected with care. As part of their site induction the scaffolder will be advised to read Barrell's report and will be required to sign the document to confirm that they have reviewed it

The 1st F steel beams over the Wathen Hall will be lifted into position using a mobile crane placed in Crossfield Road. A road closure license will be applied for and great care will be taken during the installation. The lifting point of the steels means that there should be no issues with the tree, but rope will be used to help guide the steelwork down, providing sufficient clearance to the tree and thus preventing any damage

We will comply with the timeline / conditions stipulated on page 10 of Barrell's report