10.6 Arboricultural Report

BS 5837 Arboricultural Report

& Impact Assessment

at

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1. Introduction

1.1. Instruction

1.1.1. We are instructed by Belsize Architecture to:

- Undertake an Arboricultural Survey at Belsize Architecture and assess all trees potentially within influencing distance of proposed development within the site.
- Plot the trees on a Tree Constraints Plan and record the data in a Tree Data Schedule.
- Provide an overview of the site and any management recommendations.
- Determine if any of the trees are growing within a conservation area or are protected by a tree preservation order.
- Provide guidance for architects or developers to enable them to understand and design within the existing tree constraints.
- Assess the potential impact of the development proposals and provide guidance as to appropriate mitigation measures.
- Produce an Arboricultural Impact Assessment for submission to the local authority once the design has been finalised.
- Produce a Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement specifying how the retained trees shall be protected from inadvertent damage by demolition or construction activity.

1.2. Scope and Purpose of the Report

1.2.1. This report is designed to accompany a planning application for development proposals at the above site. Its purpose is to assist and inform the planning process. It is produced according to the guidance and recommendations within *BS 5837: 2012 - Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction.*

1.2.2. The accompanying Arboricultural Method Statement specifies the principles to be adopted during construction and demolition that will minimise any impacts on trees. However, specific construction activities proposed within Root Protection Areas may need to be agreed in more detail if requested by the local authority at the reserved matters stage (for an outline planning applications) or via planning conditions.

1.3. References

1.3.1. We have liaised with our client and studied topographical surveys and projected ground levels to attain an adequate understanding of the project to enable us to carry out an accurate assessment of the proposals and to specify suitable tree protection measures.

1.4. Survey Details and Findings

1.4.1. A visual ground level inspection of all trees was undertaken on the 20th June 2019 by Joe Taylor. No climbed inspections or specialist decay detection were undertaken. Details of how the survey was undertaken can be found in Appendix 1.

1.4.2. The findings of the survey are presented in The Tree Data Schedule which is provided as a separate document as well as being appended to the end of this document within Appendix 6. The vegetation is further discussed in Section 3.

1.4.3. The Schedule includes scaled tree images based on measurements recorded for stem diameter, crown spread, crown height and overall height. Their purpose is to indicate, at a glance, the relative dimensions of each tree.

1.4.4. A definition of the Retention Categories can be found in Appendix 1. All other terms used within the Tree Data Schedule are defined and explained in Appendix 2. A more detailed description of the survey method is detailed in Appendix 3.

1.5. Drawings

1.5.1. The tree locations shown on the accompanying plans which are reproduced in Appendix 6 are based on a measured plan of the site supplied to Crown Tree Consultancy. This plan had the tree positions already plotted. Where applicable, additional trees have been plotted by us according to measurements taken on site.

1.5.2. The *Tree Constraints Plan* shows the existing layout. For each tree the stem location is indicated and scaled according to its diameter, the canopy is indicated according to measurements taken along the four cardinal points of the compass. Root protection areas (RPAs) are indicated which are calculated according to the guidelines within BS 5837 (2012).

1.5.3. When using the Tree Constraints Plan for design purposes, the RPAs should be amended to reflect actual site conditions. Where the circular RPAs extend beneath roads or existing buildings, that part of the RPA should be ignored and the RPA extended a suitable distance in other directions.

1.5.4. The *Impact Assessment Plan* indicates the tree constraints with the proposals overlaid. Where applicable, this plan shows where works are proposed in Root Protection Areas and which trees are to be pruned or removed. This plan accompanies the Impact Assessment which is to be found in Section 4.

1.5.5. The *Tree Protection Plan* shows the protection measures that are to be installed during the construction phase. This plan forms part of the accompanying Arboricultural Method Statement which is also appended to this report (see Appendix 6).

1.6. Author

1.6.1. This report was compiled by Joe Taylor - FdSc (Arboriculture), M. Arbor A. Details of the author's experience that qualify him to produce such a report are detailed in Appendix 4.

2. Site Overview

2.1. Brief Description

2.1.1. Number 11 Park Village West is a detached, residential property located 105m east of Regent's Park.

2.1.2. The front garden measures approximately 23m by 6m and is predominantly given over to hard surfacing. A planting bed exists to the centre of the front garden, in which a Retention Category A London plane grows (T1). The remaining trees within the front garden grow within planting beds along its boundaries. They include one Retention Category B tree (T3) and several Retention Category C trees.

2.1.3. The larger rear garden measures approximately 22m by 13m and is predominantly given over to pedestrian surfacing and planting beds along its boundaries. One Retention Category B tree (T4) and numerous Retention Category C trees grow within the planting beds.

2.1.4. Adjacent to the rear garden and overhanging the boundary are numerous Retention Category B and Retention Category C trees. The roots of these trees are likely to extend into the site.

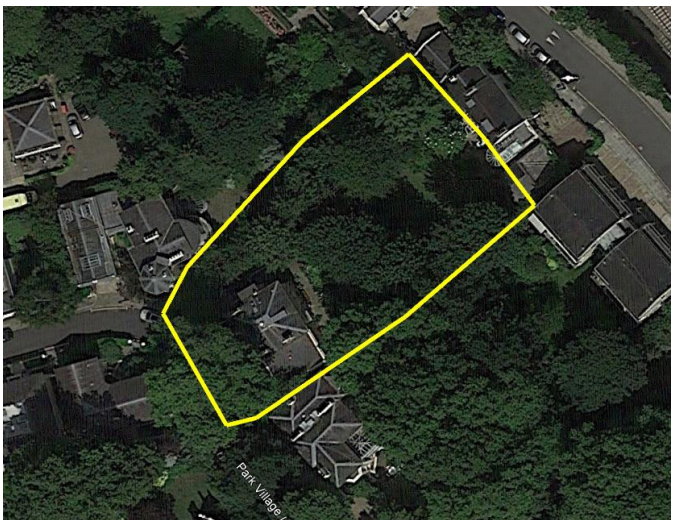
2.1.5. The Tree Constraints Plan and Tree Data Schedule (see Appendix 6) should be referred to for descriptions and locations of all trees.

2.2. Coordinates

2.2.1. The site coordinates are 51°32'4.85"N 0° 8'44.29"W and the altitude is approximately 29m above sea level[1].

2.3. Survey Extent

2.3.1. We surveyed the front and rear gardens along with all trees beyond the curtilage of the property which could potentially be affected by any development within it. The area indicated below[2] shows the extent of the survey.



[1] To access satellite imagery and street views of the site these co-ordinates may be entered into: http://maps.google.co.uk/

[2] Image taken from Google Earth and may not be current

3. Vegetation Overview (independent of proposals)

This section summarises all the recommendations within the Tree Data Schedule regardless of whether trees are to be retained, felled or pruned to facilitate the proposed development. It does not specify works that may be required to facilitate the development proposals. The protection status of the trees is also reported in this section.

3.1. Preliminary Management Recommendations

3.1.1. The following recommendations are made in order to maintain the trees in an acceptable condition:

3.1.2. Within the canopy of T4, a branch has partly torn out and is now hung up within the canopy at circa 6m above ground level. It is recommended that this branch is removed from the canopy to prevent it falling onto the garden below. The canopy of this tree is also very dense and subject to increased biomechanical stress during windy conditions. Consequently, we recommend that its canopy is thinned in order to reduce the 'sail area' of the tree.

3.1.3. T12 is a dead pear which should be removed as it is likely to fall over in the near future.

3.1.4. All other trees were deemed to be in an acceptable condition.

3.2. Work Priority and Future Inspections

3.2.1. The table below suggests a schedule for completing the works recommended in the Tree Data Schedule based on the perceived risk:

Work Priority	Definition	Tree Number
Urgent	As soon as possible	None
Very High	Within 1 Month	None
High	Within 3 Months	T4
Moderate	Within 1 year	T12
Low	Within 3 years	None

3.2.2. The table below suggests a schedule of future inspections based on the condition and location of each tree:

Inspection Frequency (years)	Tree Number
0.5	None
1	T1
1.5	None
3	All other retained trees

3.2.3. The trees should be inspected sooner if there is a noticeable decline in their condition, or following extreme weather events.

3.3. Tree Protection Status – Site Specific

3.3.1. On 19th June 2019, we were informed, by the London Borough of Camden that:

- The site is within Regents Park Conservation Area.
- There are tree preservation orders affecting trees within the site. Trees affected are believed to be T1 (our numbering system).
- We are still awaiting a response regarding the protection status of trees immediately adjacent to the site.

3.4. Tree Protection – General Notes

3.4.1. Heavy fines exist for carrying out unauthorised works to protected trees so we advise that further checks are made before any tree-works are undertaken.

3.4.2. Before undertaking works to trees protected by a tree preservation order, consent needs to be obtained from the local authority which will provide application forms and advice to potential applicants. The removal of dead wood is exempt.

3.4.3. Where the works are proposed for reasons of safety or ill health, a report from a suitably qualified arborist will usually be required. Trees that are dead or imminently dangerous are technically exempt from protection, as are dead branches. If the tree work is not urgently necessary however, at least five working days notice of intention should be given to the local authority. In any case in would be prudent to take photographs before undertaking works without prior consent being granted. Unauthorised works to protected trees may result in a criminal prosecution and a large fine (unlimited).

3.4.4. Where trees are located in a conservation area (but not protected by a TPO), works are not permitted without first giving the local authority 6 weeks' notice of intention. During this time the local authority may elect to create a tree preservation order or to inform the applicant that they have no objection to the proposed works. If the local authority does not respond within 6 weeks, then the intended work may be undertaken. Note: the local authority cannot refuse consent for works to trees within a conservation area; they may only create a tree preservation order if they wish to have further control over what works are undertaken.

3.4.5. Where planning permission is granted and tree works have been approved as part of the planning consent, no further application is required in respect of protected trees and no further notice is required in respect of trees within a conservation area.

3.5. Species Present – Additional Information

3.5.1. The table below contains general information about the tree *species* (rather than the actual tree *specimens*) included in the survey. Its purpose is to assist readers who are unfamiliar with the characteristics of the various species.

Species	Typical Height at Maturity (m)	Typical Canopy Spread at Maturity (m)	General Notes
Cherry	8	10	Many cultivars available, bred for their abundance of spring flowers, edible cherries or ornamental bark (e.g. Tibetan Cherry). Usually white or pink flowering, often in very early spring. Usually with a single bole to around 2.5m and multi-stemmed thereafter. Most varieties have excellent autumn colour.
Elm	25	14	Several species of elm may be found in the UK. The most common being Wych Elm, English Elm and the Narrow-Leafed Elm. Many specimens are likely to be a cross as they freely hybridise. Attractive golden varieties are occasionally seen. The English Elm was once a common feature of the British landscape but has been decimated by Dutch Elm Disease. Visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/El for more info.
Field Maple	12	10	Deciduous tree native to England & Wales, central and southern Europe, Turkey and west Asia to North Africa. Good hedging species as it has a habitat value and responds well to pruning. Visit http://www.pfaf.org/user/Plant.aspx?LatinName=Acer+campestre for more info.
Japanese Maple	10	10	Attractive ornamental and often dainty tree native to China, Korea and Japan. Often multistemmed low down with a shrubby habit. Several cultivars available, all with attractive leaves, especially 'Dissectum'. All cultivars have attractive autumn colour. Visit http://www.pfaf.org/user/Plant.aspx?LatinName=Acer+palmatum for more info.
Leyland Cypress	40	8	Vigorous evergreen tree, cultivated hybrid between Nootka Cypress and Monterey Cypress. Widely planted and widely hated. Excellent hedging species unless it is undermanaged in which case it forms a giant, dense wall of foliage. Very hardy. Tolerates most conditions. Size may be managed by regular trimming. Golden forms available. (The details of the specific cultivar surveyed are not listed here.) Visit http://www.pfaf.org/user/Plant.aspx?LatinName=Cupressocyparis+leylandii for more info.
Lime	25	12	Very common street tree. Several species exist; the one most often found in woods is 'common lime' which produces a mass of suckers at the stem base, making it very cheap to propagate. Limes have non-symmetrical heart shaped leaves which are much loved by aphids (hence the sticky honeydew on cars parked beneath). Limes are tolerant of heavy pruning and are often managed as pollards. Old limes tend to support a lot of small dead branches. Visit http://www.pfaf.org/user/Plant.aspx?LatinName=Tilia+x+europaea for more info.
London Plane	30	20	Deciduous tree arisen in cultivation probably as a cross between the Oriental Plane and the American Buttonwood. Has attractive bark which peels off in small plates leaving a multicoloured flecked pattern. Very common as a street tree, especially throughout London where it dominates the streetscape. Often managed as a pollard in order to constrain its large size to more manageable proportions, especially where there are clay soils and adjacent buildings. Somewhat susceptible to the decay fungus Innonotus hispidus. Visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Platanus for more info.
Magnolia	7	8	Small tree or large shrub, favoured for its large, ornamental flowers. About 80 species and numerous cultivars are available, both deciduous and evergreen. Leaves always untoothed and sometimes very large. Large silky flower buds and berries dangling from unusual 'knobbly cucumber' fruits.

3.5.2. The figures quoted regarding typical height and canopy spread should be treated as approximate. Actual heights and spreads vary according to several environmental factors such as soil conditions, climate and presence of competing vegetation. The figures quoted are not the maximum dimensions that the species may attain.

4. Arboricultural Impact Assessment

4.1. Overview

4.1.1. It is proposed to extend the existing lower ground floor, and install a new basement within the same footprint, beneath the existing garage. It is also proposed to construct a new first floor element above a small section of the existing garage. The proposal is indicated on the plans in Appendix 6. The existing layout is indicated in black, the footprint of the proposed lower ground floor layouts is indicated in pale green and the footprint of the proposed first floor layout is indicated in turquoise.

4.1.1. The table below summarises the potential impact on trees due to various activities.

Activity	Trees Potentially Affected
Tree Removal: Retention Category A	None
Tree Removal: Retention Category B	None
Tree Removal: Retention Category C	T2, the 4m tall cotoneaster and the 2m tall tree fern
Tree Removal: Retention Category U	T12
Tree Pruning	None
RPA: Basement and Lower Ground Floor Foundations	T1 and T13
RPA: New Hard Surface	None
RPA: Replace Existing Hard Surface	None
RPA: Underground Services	None Anticipated
RPA: Change of Ground Levels	None
RPA: Soil Compaction	Trees adjacent the construction area (preventable by installing tree protection measures)

4.1.2. Other potentially damaging activities often associated with construction sites include demolition or the careless use of plant machinery, hazardous materials, or fires. All of the above potential impacts are considered in detail throughout this section.

4.1.3. The accompanying Arboricultural Method Statement (duplicated in Appendix 6) specifies the measures proposed to minimise all possible potential risks of damage to the retained trees.

4.2. Tree Removal

4.2.1. All trees to be removed are indicated on the Tree Removal Plan and are listed below:

- **Retention Category A:** It is proposed to retain all Retention Category A trees.
- **Retention Category B:** It is proposed to retain all Retention Category B trees.
- **Retention Category C:** It is proposed to remove the following Retention Category C trees: T2, the 4m tall cotoneaster and the 2m tall tree fern.

  These are all relatively small trees (maximum height 6m). Consequently, they are considered to have a low amenity value. Their removal shall not have a significant impact on the visual amenity of the locality and they are not considered to be a material planning consideration.
- **Retention Category U:** It is proposed to remove the Retention Category U tree T12.

Trees within this category are in such poor condition that they should be removed regardless of development proposals. Consequently the removal of Category U trees is not considered to be a direct impact of the development.

4.2.2. None of the above are protected by a tree preservation order or considered worthy of special protection.

4.2.3. Details specific to each tree can also be found in the Tree Data Schedule.

4.3. Mitigation Planting

4.3.1. The trees/shrubs to be removed are of such low amenity value that no mitigation planting is considered necessary.

4.4. Impact on Tree Canopies

4.4.1. The canopies of all retained trees are located sufficiently far from proposed building works and sufficiently high over access routes throughout the site that they shall not be impacted upon by any construction activity. Consequently no pruning works are required to facilitate construction activity or access throughout the site. Restrictions are placed on activities throughout the site to ensure that no canopies are accidentally damaged – see the accompanying Arboricultural Method Statement

4.5. Impact on Tree Roots

4.5.1. **Basement and Lower Ground Floor Foundations:**

4.5.2. The foundations for the new basement and lower ground floor will extend into to the theoretical Root Protection Areas of T1 and T13. However, only a small portion of each Root Protection Area shall be affected (see the Impact Assessment Plan) so the potential impact is considered to be relatively negligible. In addition, where excavation is proposed within the Root Protection Area of T1, little rooting activity is anticipated. This is due to the decreased availability of oxygen and water beneath the existing garage, resulting in inhospitable rooting conditions.

4.5.3. In order to ensure that the basement does not impact on more than of the RPAs of T1 and T13 than is absolutely necessary, is it proposed to install the basement in a manner that does not disturb any of the soils beyond the footprint of the basement. This may be done via contiguous piling, sheet piling, pinning or any similar method which restricts excavation to the basement footprint.

4.5.4. **New Surfaces:**

4.5.5. No new surfaces are proposed within the Root Protection Areas of any trees.

4.5.6. **Underground Services:**

4.5.7. No underground services should be installed through any Root Protection Area without consulting the project arborist and if necessary, gaining approval from the local authority.

4.5.8. **Changes in Ground Levels:**

4.5.9. Other than the proposed excavation for the basement and lower ground floor, no further ground level changes are proposed over Root Protection Areas.

4.5.10. **Soil Compaction:**

4.5.11. The majority of tree roots lie within the upper soil horizons. This is because the availability of oxygen decreases with depth and roots need to breathe to stay alive. In addition, nutrients are more readily available in the form of organic matter close to the soil surface.

4.5.12. Healthy soils contain about 25% air space between solid particles. Increased loading of the soils caused by construction activity causes air to be squeezed out as the soil becomes compacted preventing roots from breathing. Even an increase in pedestrian activity may cause some soil compaction.

4.5.13. It is important therefore that ground compaction and soil disturbance over Root Protection Areas should be avoided during the construction phase. This may be done by installing protective fencing and ground protection measures as recommended within the accompanying Arboricultural Method Statement. These measures should be approved and conditioned by the local authority.

4.6. Demolition Activities

4.6.1. The tree protection measures specified within the accompanying Arboricultural Method Statement should be installed prior to the commencement of all demolition activities (including soil stripping) to prevent any detrimental impact on tree health. Where this is not practicable, demolition of structures within Construction Exclusion Zones shall be undertaken very early on in the demolition phase and the protective barriers installed immediately thereafter.

4.7. Hazardous Materials

4.7.1. All hazardous materials (including cement and petrochemical products) will need to be controlled according to COSHH regulations in order to ensure there is no detrimental impact on tree health. Provision shall need to be made to ensure that cement and cement run-off are contained outside of all Root Protection Areas.

4.8. Cabins and Site Facilities

4.8.1. Consideration should be given to the location of any site welfare facilities in terms of potential impact on trees. Where it is proposed to install cabins or site facilities in Root Protection Areas, the project arborist should be consulted and approval obtained from the local authority.

4.9. Boundary Treatments

4.9.1. We are not aware of any changes are proposed to the existing boundary features that might impact on trees.

4.10. Impact of Retained Trees on the Development

4.10.1. Adequate space has been allowed between all retained trees and the proposal. Consequently the proposal shall not result in increased pressure to remove or prune any of the retained trees.

4.11. Summary

4.11.1. In order to facilitate the development, it is proposed to remove one Retention Category C tree and one Retention Category U tree which are located internally to the site. These are all small trees and/or are hidden from public vantage points. Consequently the impact of tree removal on local amenity shall be minimal.

4.11.2. No pruning works are required to facilitate the proposal.

4.11.3. No hard surfacing is proposed in RPAs.

4.11.4. Foundations for the lower ground floors are proposed within the Root Protection Area of T1 and T13. However, the small extent of RPA affected coupled with the sympathetic foundation design shall ensure no detrimental impact on trees.

4.11.5. A suitable load spreading surface shall need to be maintained throughout the Restricted Activity Zones A.

4.11.6. Tree protection measures are specified throughout the accompanying Arboricultural Method Statement that will ensure no negative impact on retained trees due to construction activity.

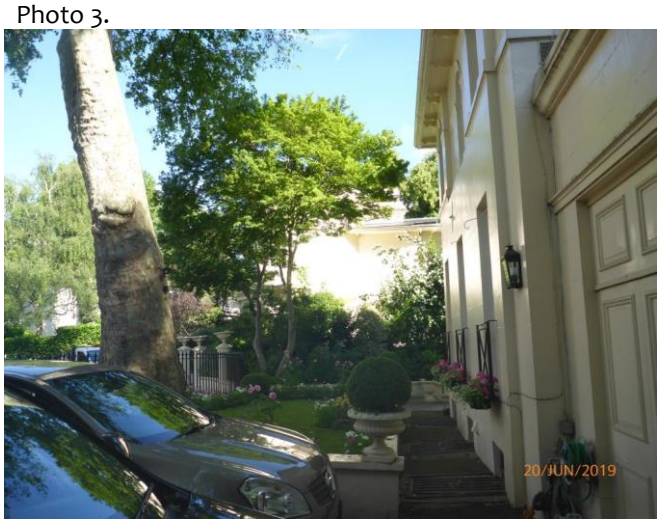
5. Photographs

Refer to the Tree Constraints Plan for photo locations

Photo 1.

Photo 2.

Photo 3.



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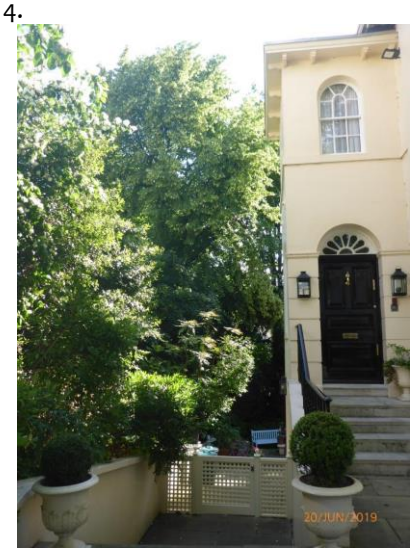

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Appendix 1: BS 5837: 2012 – Guidance Notes

This Standard prescribes the principles to be applied to achieve a satisfactory juxtaposition of trees and structures. It sets out to assist those concerned with trees in relation to design, demolition and construction to form balanced judgements.

It acknowledges the positive contribution trees may offer to a site, as well as the negative aspects of retaining inappropriate trees. It addresses the negative impacts that construction activity may have upon trees and offers mitigation strategies to minimise these impacts.

The Standard suggests a three stage approach to ensure best practice is followed when developing close to trees:

A1.1 Stage 1: Survey Details and Notes

A ground level visual survey was undertaken. No climbed inspections or specialist decay detection were undertaken. Only trees with a stem diameter over 75mm, which lie within the site boundary or relatively close to it, were included.

Where applicable, trees with significant defects have been highlighted and appropriate remedial works have been recommended. However, this report should not be seen as a substitute for a full *Safety Survey* or *Management Plan* which are specifically designed to minimise risk and liability associated with responsibility for trees.

Wherever practicable dimensions were obtained using diameter tapes, logger's tapes, distometers and clinometers. Where obstacles prevent accurate measurement, dimensions are estimated. Trees on privately owned third party are surveyed from the best available vantage point and observations relating to the condition of these trees should be treated accordingly. All height measurements should be regarded as approximate.

Data is recorded for each tree and is presented in a Tree Data Schedule. Each tree is allocated a ***Retention Category*** according to its size, amenity value, condition and safe useful life expectancy. The categories are allocated independently of development proposals. Our interpretation of the Retention Categories is explained below:

A1.1.1 Retention Categories

A Category: Trees of high quality and amenity value. Usually, mature trees with a significant life expectancy which would enhance any development. Retention of these trees is strongly encouraged.

B Category: Trees of moderate quality and amenity value. Usually these are maturing trees or younger trees with exceptional form. Retention of these trees is desirable though the removal of occasional specimens may be acceptable.

C Category: Trees of low quality or small specimens with a relatively low amenity value. These trees are not considered to be a material planning constraint and their removal will generally be seen as acceptable in order to facilitate development.

U Category: Trees of such low quality that their removal is recommended regardless of development proposals.

Occasionally trees are borderline and do not fall neatly into one of the categories A, B or C. In such cases we apply a superscript (**+/-**) such that:

C^{+} Indicates borderline C/B, though Category C is deemed to be most appropriate.

B- Indicates borderline C/B, though Category B is deemed to be most appropriate.

The British Standard suggests that each of the A, B and C categories may be further subdivided (A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B3 etc) such that subcategory 1 denotes mainly arboricultural values, subcategory 2 denotes mainly landscape values and subcategory 3 denotes mainly cultural values (including conservation). Multiple subcategories may be used.

Our experience suggests that these subdivisions lack clarity and can be confusing. Within this report subcategories are **not** denoted. Where appropriate, the use of phrases such as '*Part of a formal group*', or '*Has a high ecological value*', or '*Offers good screening to the site*' are incorporated into the observation section of the Tree Data Schedule. We believe this conveys all relevant landscape and cultural information without any confusion.

Tree Constraints Plan (TCP). This indicates the position, crown spread, Retention Category and Root Protection Area of each tree. It is used to inform where development may proceed without causing damage to trees.

Root Protection Area (RPA). This is the area around each tree likely to contain the majority of roots. It should ideally remain undisturbed to avoid a detrimental impact on tree health. For single stemmed trees It is calculated according to the formula "radius of RPA" = "12 x stem diameter". Where a tree has more than one stem, the equivalent-single-stem diameter is usually recorded. This is calculated by adding the squares of the stems and then finding the square root of this total. The radius of the Root Protection Area is then calculated by multiplying the equivalent-stem-diameter by 12.

Shade Constraints. The previous Standard (BS 5837 2005) suggested that shade constraints should be indicated on the TCP. This are denoted as a circle-segment drawn northwest to due east with a radius equal to the height of the tree. These do not represent the actual shade pattern which varies through the seasons. Rather, they indicate the area most shaded by the tree throughout the course of the year. Ideally habitable room windows should be located outside of these shade constraints. Where we consider it appropriate, we will include shade constraints information on our Impact Assessment Plan or Proposed Layout Plan.

A1.2 Stage 2: Arboricultural Impact Assessment

After the initial survey and the production of the Tree Constraints Plan, arborists and designers are encouraged to work together to establish a design proposal with minimal impact on the high quality trees. An assessment should be made of all possible impacts including the impact that the trees may have upon the proposal. The arborist may recommend mitigation strategies to minimise these impacts and help achieve a more harmonious juxtaposition between buildings and trees.

A1.3 Stage 3: Arboricultural Method Statement

This type of report specifies the measures necessary to protect trees against damage from construction activity. The Method Statement should be written in a manner that it may be conditioned and enforced by the local authority upon granting of planning permission. The site manager should be familiar with all aspects of the Method Statement and should ensure that all persons working on the site are aware of those aspects which appertain to their work. This includes service installation engineers and operators of plant machinery.

Appendix 2: Explanation of Tree Data & Glossary

This section explains the terms used in the **Tree Data Schedule** (see Section 3 and Appendix 6).

A2.1 General Observations

Numbering System: Each item of vegetation has its own unique number prefixed by a letter such that T1=Tree 1, G2=Group 2, H3=Hedge 3 and W4=Woodland 4, S5=Shrub 5.

Age Categories:

Young	Usually less than 10 years old.
Semi-Mature	Significant future growth to be expected, both in height and crown spread (typically below 30% of life expectancy).
Early-Mature	Full height almost attained. Significant growth may be expected in terms of crown spread (typically 30-60% of life expectancy).
Mature	Full height attained. Crown spread will increase but growth increments will be slight (typically 60% or more of life expectancy).
Veteran	A level of maturity whereby significant management may be required in order to keep the tree in a safe condition.
Over Mature	As for veteran except management is not considered worthwhile.

Species: Common names and Latin names are given.

Height: Measured from ground level to the top of the crown.

Stem Diameter: Taken at 1.5m above ground level where possible. On multi-stemmed trees this measurement may be taken at ground level, though usually an indication of the number of stems and average diameter is given, e.g. 3 x 30cm.

Crown Height: Measured from ground level to the height at which the main crown begins. Where the crown is unbalanced it is measured on the side deemed to be most relevant. This is usually the side facing the area of anticipated development.

Tree Diagram: This scaled drawing is computer generated based on measurements taken for stem diameter, crown height and spread, and overall height. It is designed to help the reader rapidly assess the data. It is not an accurate representation of the form of the tree.

Crown Spread: Measured N, E, S & W, taken from the centre of the stem and usually rounded up to the nearest metre.

Observations: If a tree's position is considered to be relevant it will be commented upon (e.g. overhanging a children's play area). Tree form and pruning history are also recorded along with an account of any significant defects. Defects and descriptive terms are dealt with in more detail at the end of this section.

Recommendations: Usually based on any defects observed and intended to ensure that the tree is in an acceptable condition.

Priority Scale: Depending upon the threat posed by the tree, and the likelihood of failure, recommendations should be carried out according to the following priority scale:

Urgent	To be carried out as soon as possible.
Very High	To be carried out within 1 month.
High	To be carried out within 3 months.
Moderate	To be carried out within 1 year.
Low	To be carried out within 3 years.

Inspection Frequency: An interval of 6 months, 1 year, 1.5 years or 3 years is allocated before the next inspection is due. Wherever practical, consideration should be given to seasonal changes so that deciduous trees are not always surveyed in winter when they have no leaves, or in summer when leaves may obscure branches within the upper crown.

Vigour: An indication of growth rate and the tree's ability to cope with stresses:

High	Having above average vigour.
Moderate	Having average vigour.
Low	Having below average vigour.
Very Low	Tree is struggling to survive and may be dying.

Physiological Condition:

Good	Healthy and with no symptoms of significant disease.
Fair	Disease present or vigour is impaired.
Poor	Significant disease present or vigour is extremely low.
Very Poor	Tree is dying.

Structural Condition:

Good	Having no significant structural defects.
Fair	Some defects observed though no high priority works are required.
Poor	Significant defects found. Tree requires monitoring or remedial works.
Very Poor	Major defects which will usually require significant remedial works or tree removal.

Amenity Value:

Very High	Exceptional specimen, observable by a large number of people.
High	Attractive specimen, observable by a significant number of people.
Moderate	One of the above factors is not applicable.
Low	Unattractive specimen or largely hidden from view.

Life Expectancy: The estimated number of years before the tree may require removal. Classified as (<10), (10 – 20), (20 – 40), or (40+).

Retention Category: These are explained in detail in Appendix 1.

A2.2 Evaluation of Defects

Cavities, wounds, deadwood etc are all evaluated as follows:

Major	Such that structural integrity is, or will become, compromised and the tree is, or will inevitably become, hazardous.
Significant	A defect that may over time become a major defect, though not necessarily so. This will depend on the vigour of the tree and its ability to deal with decay etc.
Minor	A defect that is not likely to compromise the tree's structural integrity.

General Glossary

Adaptive growth	**In tree biomechanics, the process whereby wood formation is influenced both in quantity and quality by the action of gravitational forces and mechanical stresses on the cambial zone.**
Aerobic	**Conditions in which oxygen is freely available, or to biomechanical processes that depend on the presence of oxygen.**
Anaerobic	**A condition marked by the absence of oxygen; Generally such areas are unsuitable for normal life and growth of plant tissues. These sites tend to be populated by bacteria capable of surviving low oxygen conditions often associated with Slime Flux.**
Arboriculture	**The culture and management of trees as groups and individuals primarily for amenity and other non-forestry purposes.**
Arborist	**A person possessing the technical competence through experience and related training to provide management of trees or other woody plants in a landscape setting. Generally involved with the development or management of trees for visual amenity or land management rather than the growth of trees for product or profit.**
Barrier zone	**A layer within an annual increment of wood which contains abnormal xylem cells, laid down by the cambium in response to wounding or other trauma.**
Body language	**In trees, the outward display of growth responses and or deformation in response to mechanical stress.**
Bole	**Or Trunk, the main stem of a tree below its first major branch.**
Bracket	**A type of fruiting body produced by various fungal species, plate like to hoof like in shape and often a one sided attachment to the wood or bark.**
Branch bark ridge	**A ridged area located at the union of a branch to a trunk or stem.**
Branch Collar	**Trunk tissue that forms around the base of a branch between the main stem and the branch, or between a main branch and a lateral branch. As a branch decreases in vigour or begins to die, the collar usually becomes more pronounced and completely encircles the branch.**
Brown Rot	**Form of decay where cellulose is degraded, while lignin is only modified.**
Buttress Root	**Roots that emerge from the base of the tree stem, normally large and well developed that rapidly reduce in diameter to create the Root Plate this offers structural support for the tree. Buttress roots divide rapidly forming the connection between the stem and the transport roots.**
Cabling Bracing	**Installing cables within the crown of a tree to prevent collapse.**
Callus	**Undifferentiated cells often formed at the edges of recent injuries. This tissue quickly becomes differentiated, forming cells of the type characteristic of that position on the tree (e.g. forming wood, bark, roots, etc.) see wound response tissue.**
Cambium	**A thin layer of actively growing and dividing cells, located between the xylem (sapwood) and bark of a plant; the part responsible for radial growth of a tree stem or branch.**
Canopy	**The topmost layer of twigs and foliage in a woodland, tree or group of trees.**
Canker	**A localised area of dead bark and cambium on a stem or branch, caused by fungal or bacterial organisms, characterised by woundwood development on the periphery. This may be annual or perennial.**
Cavity	**An open and exposed area of wood, where the bark is missing and internal wood has been decayed and dissolved.**
Chlorotic	**Also Chlorosis. A condition of the plant marked by yellowing of normally green foliage, often indicating nutrient deficiency or plant dysfunction.**
Clinometer	**Devices that measures vertical angles, and provides direct height measurements of objects by triangulation.**
Co-dominant stems/trunk	**Are forked branches or trunks of nearly the same size in diameter and lacking a normal branch union.**
Compacted soils	**Soils in which the air-space (oxygen space) has been reduced or eliminated, reducing water infiltration and percolation, reducing root presence and inhibiting new root development.**
Compartmentalisation	**The physiological process that creates the chemical and mechanical boundaries that act to limit the spread of disease and decay organisms.**
Compression Failure	**Localized buckling of fibres and other longitudinal elements produced by compression of wood along the grain; compression failures sometimes develop in standing trees.**
Compression Strength	**The ability of a material or structure to resist failure when subjected to compressive loading; measurable in trees using special drilling devices**
Compression Wood	**Abnormal wood formed on the lower side of branches and curved stems, with physical properties different from normal wood.**
Conservation Area	**In Great Britain, designated areas of architectural or historical interest, in which there are special procedures for planning applications. Additionally tree works cannot generally be undertaken without prior notification (Currently 6 weeks) to the relevant local planning authority. See also Tree Preservation Orders.**
Core Sample	**A sample of wood extracted from a trunk or branch, using an increment borer tool. The resulting core can be analysed for characteristics of growth, wood strength, structure, decay, and for species identification.**
Crotch	**The union of two or more branches; the auxiliary zone between branches.**
Crown	**The upper canopy of a tree, including upper trunk, scaffold branches, secondary branches, stems and leaves.**
Crown lifting / raising	**Crown Lift The removal of the lowest branches, usually to a given height. It allows more residual light and greater clearance underneath for vehicles etc.**
Crown reduction	**The reduction of a tree's height or spread while preserving its natural shape.**
Crown thinning	**The removal of some of the density of a tree's crown, usually 5-25% allowing more light through its canopy and reducing wind resistance.**
Deadwood (noun)	**Deadwood is often present within the crown or on the stems of trees. It may be an indication of ill health, however, it may also indicate natural growth processes. If a target is present beneath the tree, deadwood may fall and cause injury or damage and should be removed, otherwise deadwood can remain intact for conservation purposes (insects, fungi, birds etc.).**
Deadwood (verb)	**The removal of dead branches from a tree's canopy, usually of a specified size (in diameter).**
Decay	**Progressive deterioration of organic tissues, usually caused by fungal or bacterial organisms, resulting in loss of cell structure, strength, and function. In wood, the loss of structural strength.**
Decay Detection	**The assessment of decay within a tree has been traditionally difficult, but recent advances have made it possible to achieve accurate representations of the internal section of a tree in both 2D and 3D, removing doubt over the condition of the tree and allowing accurate management decisions.**
Defect	**In relation to tree hazards, any feature of a tree which detracts from the uniform distribution of mechanical stress, or which makes the tree mechanically unsuited to its environment.**
Defoliation	**The losing of plants foliage.**
Dieback	**Progressive death of buds, twigs and branch tissues, on individual limbs resulting in Deadwood, or throughout the canopy,**

	extreme cases can result in Stag Heading.
Dripline	A projected line on the ground that corresponds to the spread of branches in the canopy; the farthest spread of branches.
Epicormic shoots	Fast growing, weakly attached shoots/branches that often grow as a response to stress factors upon a tree or branch removal.
Failure	In connection with tree hazards, a partial or total fracture within the wood tissue or loss of cohesion between roots and soil. (In total failure affected parts will snap or tear away completely, Partial failure there is a crack or deformation, which results in an altered distribution of mechanical stress.
Feeder Roots	Fine fibrous Water and nutrient absorbing roots located in the outer root system.
Flush-Cut	In trees and shrubs, a pruning cut close to the parent stem, which removes the branch bark ridge.
Foliage	The live leaves or needles of the tree; the plant part primarily responsible for photosynthesis.
Formative pruning	The trimming of a tree to remove weaknesses and irregularities which may lead to problems. The formative pruning operation is aimed at reducing the potential for future weaknesses or problems within the tree's crown.
Gall	An abnormal, disorganized growth of plant tissues, caused by parasitic or infectious organisms such as insects, fungi, bacteria, or viruses.
Girdling	In woody plants, any form of damage that destroys the bark and / or the Cambium all the way around the stem, branch or root, normally resulting in death of the damaged section.
Girdling Root	In woody plants, a root that grows across the buttress, or across other roots, eventually causing constriction of the radial growth.
Growth Increment	The incremental growth added as new annual ring develops each season over existing wood. This is seen as (growth) rings in cross-sections of wood.
Hazard beam	An upwardly curved branch in which strong internal stresses may occur without the compensatory formation of extra wood (longitudinal splitting may occur in some cases).
Heartwood	Inner non functioning tissues that provide structural support to trunk.
Heave	In relation to shrinkable clay soils, expansion due to rewetting of a volume of soil previously subjected to the removal or water by plant / trees following felling or root severance. Also in relation to root growth, the lifting of pavements and other structures by radial expansion. Also in relation to tree stability, the lifting of one side of a wind rocked root plate.
Herbicide	A chemical compound that causes the death of a plant.
Included Bark	Bark that becomes embedded in a crotch between branch and trunk or between co-dominant stems, usually found in narrow or tight crotches, and causes a weak structure.
Increment Borer	A tool that cuts and extracts a narrow cylinder of wood from a tree for analysis of the wood tissue and growth increments.
Leader	The primary terminal shoot or trunk of a tree.
Limb	A large lateral branch growing from the main trunk or from another larger branch.
Lion Tailing	Often the result of poor pruning practices; the main leader or branches are largely devoid of side branches, growth is restricted to the end of branches and is likely to suffer damage through end loading.
Lopping	In trees, a general term that related to the removal of branches from a tree.
Monitoring	Due to the relative life span of trees in relation to our own, long-term monitoring provides a valuable insight to the health of trees, identifying decline and or stabilisation and or improvement.
Mulch	A material laid over the root system of a tree to help conserve moisture within the soil. Additionally it may help control the development of weeds close to the tree.
Mycelium	A mass of growing filaments (hyphae) formed by fungi.
Mycorrhizae	The symbiotic relationship between roots and certain beneficial fungi. Mycorrhizae are the combined root / fungal growth.
Occluding tissue	The general tern of wood, cambium and bark that develop around the site of a wound on a woody plant
Pathogen	A microorganism that causes diseases within another organism.
Phloem	The principle conductive tissue that the products of Photosynthesis are transported around the plant
Photosynthesis	The process were light energy is used to create energy (Carbohydrate) for use within the plant.
Pollard	A term for a pollarded tree.
Pollard head	The swollen section of branch / stem that forms behind the pollarding cut.
Pollarding	The complete or partial removal of the crown of a young tree so as to encourage the development of numerous branches either for amenity or historically as fodder, repeated management is required cyclically to maintain the feature
Prune or Pruning	Selective removal of woody plant parts of any size, using saws, Loppers, Secateurs, or other pruning tools.
Reaction Wood	Wood with distinctive anatomical characteristics, formed in parts of leaning or crooked stems and in branches to provide additional strength / support. In hardwoods, tension wood usually forms. In conifers, compression wood is usually found.
Reaction Zone	A zone normally darker than surrounding wood that denoted the boundary often a defensive one between functional sapwood and dysfunctional or decaying wood.
Re-grading	The raising or lowering of a soil profile from its original grade.
Remedial pruning	The removal of old stubs, deadwood, epicormic growth, rubbing or crossing branches and other unwanted items from the tree's crown.
Resistograph	Invasive decay detection technique whereby the resistance offered by the timber to a spinning probe is measured and plotted.
Rib	In tree body language, a long narrow, axial protuberance which often over lays a crack.
Ring Barking	Artificial Girdling of the stem, to result in the death of a tree. May be used in habitat creation were the retention of dead standing trees is required.
Rod Bracing / Bolting	Traditionally, this has relied upon the Installation of steel rods or bolts through the stems or limbs, to reduce twisting or splitting of the wood. The installation of such features does require legal interpretation.
Root Barriers	Both Buildings and services can benefit from the installation of root barriers to protect a soil volume from the ingress of roots.
Root Collar	The basal area of the tree; transition zone from trunk to root. Also sometimes called trunk flare.
Root Plate	The primary support area for the tree; an area of the root system close to the base that structurally anchors the tree to the soil.
Root Rot	Either a general term for decay within the wood of the lower stem / buttress roots, or a disease in which the fine roots are killed.
Root System	The portion of the tree containing the root organs, including buttress roots, transport roots, and fine absorbing roots; all underground parts of the tree.
Root Zone	The area and volume of soil around the tree in which roots are expected. May extend to three or more times the branch spread of the tree, or several times the height of the tree.
Sail Area	That area or the tree subjected to wind load.

Sapwood	**Xylem wood tissue, usually light in colour, representing the outer growth rings of the wood. Usually living, reactive wood tissue, in a healthy tree. See heartwood**
Scaffold limbs / scaffold Branches	**The branches that from the main network framework of the crown of a tree.**
Senescent	**A decline in growth and vigour due to age or stress factors.**
Shrub	**A woody plat that branches at or close to the ground level and so does not have a single stem.**
Slime Flux	**Relating to a toxic condition from the spreading of bacteria or their products from a source of infection; characterized by malodorous gases, or salt deposits upon the bark. If these products enter the sap stream, localised vessel necrosis can result, usually associated with anaerobic conditions.**
Soft Rot	**A kind of wood decay, were a fungi degrades cellulose within the cell wall, without causing overall degradation.**
Soil Compaction	**The compression of soil, causing a reduction of pore space and an increase in the density of the soil. Air is squeezed out and nutrients become locked. Tree roots cannot grow in compacted soil.**
Sonic Decay Detection	**Non invasive method whereby sound waves are passed through the tree and the speed is measured. Slow speeds indicate decay and a tomography picture representing the inner stem is produced.**
Stag Heading	**In a tree, a state of dieback were dead branches protrude beyond the current living crown.**
Stress	**In plant physiology, conditions were one or more physiological functions Are not working within normal parameters.**
Stump Grinding	**The removal of a tree stump using a specialist grinding machine.**
Subsidence	**In relation to vegetation, the removal of water by plant growth resulting in localised shrinkage in the soil volume.**
Sucker	**Same as sprout.**
Suppressed	**Trees which are dominated by surrounding vegetation and whose crown development is restricted from above.**
Systemic	**Affecting the whole plant or organism. A systemic compound is carried throughout the entire plant to all parts through the vascular system.**
Target	**Any person or object within reach of a falling tree or part of a tree that may be injured or damaged.**
Target Pruning	**The pruning of a branch were the wound affects only branch material, often result in a target shaped wound.**
Tension Wood	**Reaction wood typically formed on the upper side of limbs or curved stems; characterized by lack of cell wall lignifications (higher ratios of cellulose to lignin).**
Tight Union / Tight Crotch	**Also, narrow crotch. A crotch with a narrow angle between branches, often having included bark.**
Tomography	**The comparison of sound or stress waves through the tree allows the creation of a 2D or 3D representation of the internal structure of a stem or branch section and highlights areas of damage. Virtually non-injurious.**
Topography	**The configuration of surface features, including the vertical and horizontal relationships of the ground and other features.**
Topping	**Cutting large limbs back severely, without regard to form or habit of the tree. Cuts are usually made between lateral branch nodes. This practice is extremely injurious to trees, and promotes decay and structural weakness within the crown.**
Tree	**A woody plant that typically has a single stem, at maturity has a height of a least 4 metres and a stem diameter at breast height of at least 75mm.**
Tree Preservation Order	**In Great Britain, an order made by the local planning authority, were consent must be gained before undertaking all but exempt works to a tree.**
Trunk Flare	**The basal area of the trunk that flares or widens, and merges with the main roots. See root collar**
Veteran Tree	**Veteran trees are often found in large parks or estates and commonly affected by extensive decay or have been subject to extensive works. These trees are retained for historical importance and often pose greater risk than normal, which is generally justified. They need careful management and often propping or bracing to support them, some require fencing to limit access.**
Vigour	**Active, healthy growth of plants: ability to respond to stress factors.**
Visual Tree Assessment (VTA)	**An assessment of the mechanical condition of trees based upon their 'body language'. Trees are dynamic and respond to faults / decay / environmental factors in various ways, these responses can be indicative of structural integrity.**
Wetwood	**An infection caused by bacteria living inside the plant tissues. The bacteria ferment the plant fluids, resulting in death of nearby cells, and often causing exudations of fluid from the bark, often referred to as a Slime Flux.**
White Rot	**A kind if wood decay were a fungi attacks the lignin within the wood matrix**
Wind loading	**Forces placed upon tree canopy, branches, trunk and roots of a tree under windy conditions.**
Wind Throw	**The failure of a tree due to wind loading.**
Witches Broom	**A deformed or unusual growth of twigs from adventitious buds, caused by insects, disease, or dieback of twigs and buds.**
Wood	**Secondary Xylem; the main structural support and water conducting tissue of trees and shrubs.**
Wound Response Tissue	**Also Occluding Tissue, Wound Wood or Callus. Differentiated wood tissue that grows around the margins of a wound or injury.**
Wound Wood	**Wood with atypical features, formed in the vicinity of a wound and a term to describe the occluding tissues around a wound**
Xylem	**Plant tissues with special function of translocation of water and dissolved nutrients.**

Appendix 3: Survey Methodology

Ground level visual surveys are carried out using the *Visual Tree Assessment* technique described by Mattheck and Broeler (1994) and endorsed by the Arboricultural Association (LANTRA Professional Tree Inspection course, 2007).

Structural condition is assessed by inspecting the stem and scaffold branches from all angles looking for weak branch junctions or symptoms of decay. Particular attention is paid to the stem-base. Cavities are explored using a metal probe in order to assess the extent of any decay. If this is not possible further inspection is recommended in the form of a climbed inspection or using specialist decay detection equipment.

The physiological condition is assessed by inspecting the stem, branches and foliage for symptoms of disease. The overall vigour of the tree is also taken into account.

Where significant defects are observed, recommendations are made according to a scale of priority in order to reduce the likelihood of structural failure. The position of the tree and its potential targets are taken into account.

Measurements are obtained using a diameter tape, clinometer, distometer and loggers tape. Where this is not practical measurements are estimated.

Some trees are surveyed as groups, though this is usually avoided close to areas likely to be developed.

Finally, a *Retention Category* is allocated as described in Appendix 1.1.1.

Appendix 4: Author's Qualifications

Qualifications & Experience of Ivan Button N.C.H. (Arb), FDSc (Arb), BSc (Hons), P.G.C.E., M. Arbor. A.

Between 1983 and 1995 Ivan worked primarily within the construction industry and received training in a broad range of practical building skills and general construction principles. During this time he obtained a BSc (Hons) at Leeds University followed by a P.G.C.E at The University of Wales.

In 1995, Ivan obtained a NCH (Arboriculture) at the University of Lincoln and became a member of the Arboricultural Association. He then worked for an Arboricultural Consultancy for one year before establishing a tree surgery and landscaping business in 1998. In 2005 Ivan commenced full time employment with a leading Arboricultural Association approved consultancy and soon adopted a senior role responsible for five consultants.

He obtained a FDSc in arboriculture at the University of Lancashire, which he passed with distinction and is now a Director and Principal Consultant of Crown Consultants Ltd. He is accredited as a LANTRA *Professional Tree Inspector*. A qualification produced in association with the Arboricultural Association and generally recognised as appropriate for all levels of tree inspection.

He is a member of the Consulting Arborist Society and is listed within their areas of professional expertise for QTRA and as an expert witness.

Ivan is a professional member of the Arboricultural Association and the International Society of Arboriculture and is a licensed Quantified Tree Risk Assessment user.

Ivan has undertaken professional expert witness training and has been registered as a Sweet and Maxwell Checked Expert Witness since 2008.

Throughout 2009 acted as the principal Tree Officer for Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council.

Ivan has produced several hundred Arboricultural Reports for the purposes of Development, Safety, Management, Mortgage, Subsidence, Mitigation and Litigation.

Qualifications & Experience of Emma Hoyle FDSc (Arboriculture), ED (Forestry & Arboriculture), M. Arbor. A.

Emma is a qualified Arboricultural Consultant educated to Level 5 in Arboriculture at Askham Bryan College and is a professional member of the Arboricultural Association. She has worked for Crown Consultants since 2015 and has since written numerous reports relating to all aspects of arboriculture including; planning and development, vegetation related subsidence, tree preservation orders and tree risk assessment. Emma regularly attends seminars and events in order to keep abreast with current knowledge and best practise in Arboriculture.

Prior to becoming an arboricultural consultant, Emma worked for two reputable tree surgery firms from 2008 and became an NPTC Qualified tree surgeon after completing a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture at Askham Bryan College. Emma also has experience in other areas of arboriculture such as forest clearance, tree planting, tree maintenance and landscaping.

Qualifications & Experience of Joe Taylor - MArborA, FdSc (Arboriculture)

Joe began his career in Arboriculture as a tree surgeon/climber. During his time as a tree surgeon, Joe has achieved City & Guilds NPTC qualifications in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross Cutting, Tree Climbing and Rescue, Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood-chipper and Supporting Colleagues Undertaking Tree Related Operations.

Joe obtained a Foundation Degree in Arboriculture at Askham Bryan College in 2015 which he passed with merit. Joe is a professional member of the Arboricultural Association, the International Society of Arboriculture and the Royal Forestry Society and regularly attends industry related seminars in order to keep abreast of industry best practice.

Studying at Askham Bryan College reinforced Joe's passion for trees and drove his enthusiasm to learn more. Learning how trees interact with their surrounding environment and their importance within our urban and rural landscapes highlighted an interest in pursuing a career in consultancy.

Since working for Crown Consultants Joe has undertaken numerous surveys and produced numerous reports for the purpose of planning (BS 5837), tree condition surveys, subsidence risk assessments, root surveys and decay detection investigations.

Appendix 5: Further Information

Building Near Trees – General

National Joint Utilities Group publication # 10 (1995), *Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Services in Proximity to Trees. Downloadable at www.njug.demon.co.uk/pdf/NJUG%20Publication10.pdf*

NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2., *Trees and Buildings.*

Horticulture LINK project 212. (*University of Cambridge,* 2004), *Controlling Water Use of Trees to Alleviate Subsidence Risk.*

Tree Planting and aftercare

See www.trees.org.uk/leaflets.php# for downloadable leaflets on selecting a garden tree, planting, aftercare and veteran tree management.

British Standards

BS 5837: 2012. Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations.
Bs 3998: 2010. Recommendations for Tree Work.
BS 3936: 1992. Nursery Stock. Part 1: Specification for Trees and Shrubs.
BS 3936: 1992. Nursery Stock. Part 10: Specification for Groundcover Plants.
BS 4043: 1989. Transplanting Root-balled Trees.
BS 8004: 1986. Foundations.
BS 8103: 1995. Structural design of Low-Rise Buildings.
BS 8206: 1992. Lighting for Buildings.
BS 8545:2014. Trees: From nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations
BS 3882: 2007. Topsoil.
BS 4428: 1989. General Landscaping Operations (excluding hard surfaces).

Permission to do Works to Protected Trees / Tree Law

Forestry Commission (Edinburgh, 2003), *Tree Felling – Getting Permission*. Country Services Division - Forestry Commission. Downloadable at www.forestry.gov.uk/website/pdf.nsf/pdf/wgsfell.pdf/$FILE/wgsfell.pdf

Transport and the Regions (Department of the Environment, 2000), *Tree Preservation Orders, A Guide to the Law and Good Practice*. Downloadable at www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/tposguide

C. Mynors, *The Law of Trees, Forests and Hedgerows* (Sweet and Maxwell, London, 2002)

Communities and Local Government website with numerous downloadable documents, from: http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/treeshighhedges/

Lighting Levels

P.J. Littlefair, *B.R.E. 209: Site layout planning for daylight and sunlight A guide to good practice.* B.R.E. Bookshop, London.

British Standards Institution. Code of practice for day lighting. *British Standard* BS 8206: Part 2 (1992).

Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers. *Applications manual: Window Design* (London, 1987).

NBA Tectonics. A study of passive solar housing estate layout. *ETSU Report* S-1126. Harwell, Energy Technology Support Unit (1988).

I.P. Duncan; D. Hawkes, Passive solar design in non-domestic buildings. *ETSU Report* S-1110. Harwell, Energy Technology.

P. J. Littlefair, Measuring Daylight, *BRE Information Paper 23/93 f3.50.* (Advises on measuring daylight under the real sky or an artificial sky, allowing for the changing nature of sky light).

High Hedges

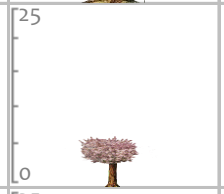
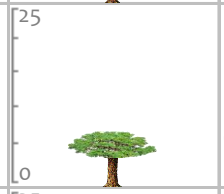
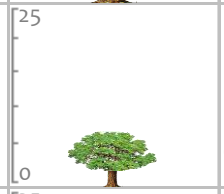
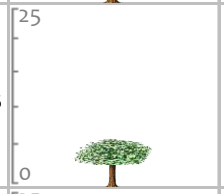
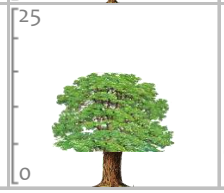
Communities and Local Government website with numerous downloadable documents, from: http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/treeshighhedges/

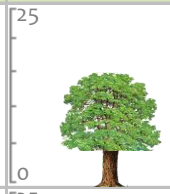
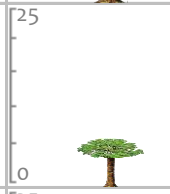
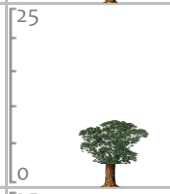
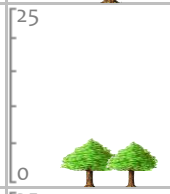
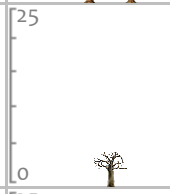
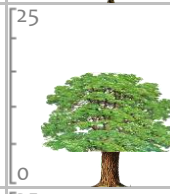
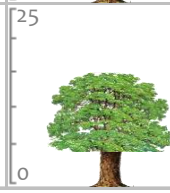
Tree Specific Websites

www.crowntrees.co.uk	Crown Consultants site containing useful information
www.trees.org.uk	Arboricultural Association
www.rfs.co.uk	Royal Forestry Society of England, Wales and N. Ireland
www.treehelp.Info	The Tree Advice Trust
www.woodland-trust.org.uk	The Woodland Trust
www.treecouncil.org.uk	The Tree Council

Appendix 6: Tree Data Schedule and Site Plan(s)

The Tree Data Schedule and any drawings accompanying this report follow this page. They are also provided as separate documents for ease of printing and screen viewing.

Reference (G = Group, H = Hedge)	Age & Species	Height (m)	Crown Ht (m)	Diameter (cm)	Crown Spread (m) N / W / E / S	Scaled Tree Diagram (m)	Notes	Recommendations (Independent of any development proposals)		Vigour / Physiological Condition / Structural Condition	Amenity Value / Life Expectancy (yrs) / Retention Category
								Priority	Inspect Freq (yrs)		
T1	Mature **London Plane** Platanus x hispanica.	25	8	106	N 8, W 11.5, E 10, S 8		Form: Twin-stemmed at 5m with a well-formed crown. History: Multiple pruning wounds due to crown thinning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.**	No action required.	n/a / 1	Moderate / Good / Good	High / 40+ / **A**
T2	Early-Mature **Cherry** Prunus sp.	6	3	23 @ Base	N 4, W 4.5, E 2, S 6		Form: Multi-stemmed at 1m with an unbalanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.**	No action required.	n/a / 3	Moderate / Good / Fair	Low / 20-40 / **C**
T3	Mature **Japanese Maple** Acer japonicum.	6	3.5	30	N 3, W 4, E 4, S 3		Form: Twin-stemmed at ground level with a balanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.** Other: Recorded stem diameter is equivalent for 2 stems (20cm, 22cm).	No action required.	n/a / 3	Moderate / Good / Fair	Moderate / 20-40 / **B -**
T4	Mature **Lime** Tilia sp.	12	4	76	N 6, W 6, E 5, S 6		Form: Twin-stemmed at 5m with a balanced crown. History: Occasional pruning wounds due to crown reduction. **Defects: Snapped branch hung up at circa 6m above ground level.** Other: Dense canopy.	Remove snapped branch and crown thin.	High / 3	Moderate / Good / Fair	Low / 40+ / **B +**
T5	Early-Mature **Field Maple** Acer campestre.	6	2	25	N 3, W 5, E 3, S 3		Position: Situated on third party land. Form: Single stemmed and vertical with a slightly unbalanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.** Other: Limited inspection, dimensions estimated.	No action required.	n/a / 3	Moderate / Good / Fair	Low / 20-40 / **C**
T6	Early-Mature **Magnolia** Magnolia sp.	5	3	16	N 1.5, W 2, E 3.5, S 4		Form: Single stemmed with a slight lean and an unbalanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.**	No action required.	n/a / 3	Moderate / Good / Fair	Low / 20-40 / **C**
T7	Mature **Sycamore** Acer pseudoplatanus.	15	5	65 @ Base	N 6, W 5, E 4, S 5		Position: Situated on third party land. Form: Twin-stemmed at 3.5m with a balanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.** Other: Limited inspection, dimensions estimated.	No action required.	n/a / 3	Moderate / Good / Fair	Low / 40+ / **B**

Reference (G = Group, H = Hedge)	Age & Species	Height (m)	Crown Ht (m)	Diameter (cm)	Crown Spread (m) N / W / E / S	Scaled Tree Diagram (m)	Notes	Recommendations (Independent of any development proposals)		Vigour / Physiological Condition / Structural Condition	Amenity Value / Life Expectancy (yrs) / Retention Category
								Priority	Inspect Freq (yrs)		
T8	Mature **Sycamore** Acer pseudoplatanus.	15	5	50	N 5, W 2.5, E 5, S 4		Position: Situated on third party land. Form: Single stemmed and vertical with an unbalanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.** Other: Limited inspection, dimensions estimated.	No action required.	n/a / 3	Moderate / Good / Fair	Low / 40+ / **B**
T9	Mature **Japanese Maple** Acer japonicum.	5	3.5	18	N 0.5, W 3, E 3, S 4		Form: Twin-stemmed at ground level with an unbalanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.** Other: Recorded stem diameter is equivalent for 2 stems (10cm, 15cm).	No action required.	n/a / 3	Moderate / Good / Fair	Low / 20-40 / **C**
T10	Early-Mature **Elm** Ulmus sp.	8	3	30	N 2, W 2, E 4, S 5		Position: Situated on third party land. Form: Single stemmed with a slight lean and an unbalanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.** Other: Limited inspection, dimensions estimated.	No action required.	n/a / 3	Moderate / Good / Fair	Moderate / 20-40 / **B**
G11	Semi-Mature **Leyland Cypress** X Cupressocyparis leylandii.	av 5	av 1.5	av 15	N av 2, W 2, E 2, S 2 each		Position: Situated on third party land. Form: Five close growing specimens. History: No evidence of significant pruning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.** Other: Limited inspection, dimensions estimated.	No action required.	n/a / 3	High / Good / Good	Low / 40+ / **C**
T12	**Dead** **Pear** Pyrus sp.	3	2	15	N 0.5, W 1, E 1, S 2.5		Form: Dead tree.	Remove.	Moderate / N/A	Dead / **Dead** / **Dead**	Dead / Dead / **U**
T13	Mature **Sycamore** Acer pseudoplatanus.	15	5	60 @ Base	N 6, W 5, E 6, S 6.5		Position: Situated on third party land. Form: Multi-stemmed specimen. History: No evidence of significant pruning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.** Other: Limited inspection, dimensions estimated.	No action required.	n/a / 3	Moderate / Good / Fair	Low / 40+ / **B**
T14	Mature **Sycamore** Acer pseudoplatanus.	15	5	70	N 7, W 4, E 4, S 6.5		Position: Situated on third party land. Form: Single stemmed and vertical with a balanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. **Defects: No significant defects observed.** Other: Limited inspection, dimensions estimated.	No action required.	n/a / 3	Moderate / Good / Fair	Low / 40+ / **B**

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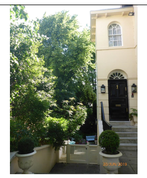

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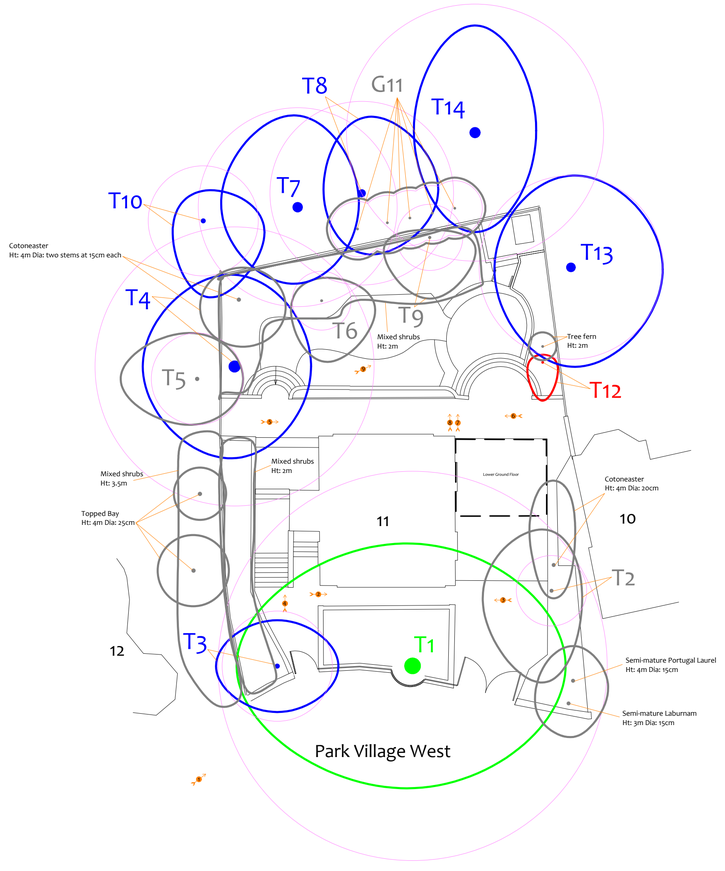

Tree Constraints Plan

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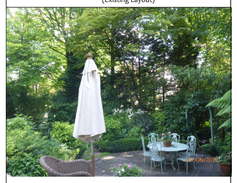

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Excerpts from the Arboricultural Impact Assessment

Overview

It is proposed to extend the existing lower ground floor, and install a new basement within the same footprint, beneath the existing garage. It is also proposed to construct a new first floor element above a small section of the existing garage. The proposal is indicated on the plans in Appendix 6. The existing layout is indicated in black, the footprint of the proposed lower ground floor layouts is indicated in pale green and the footprint of the proposed first floor layout is indicated in turquoise.

The table below summarises the potential impact on trees due to various activities.

Activity	Trees Potentially Affected
Tree Removal: Retention Category A	None
Tree Removal: Retention Category B	None
Tree Removal: Retention Category C	T2, the 4m tall cotoneaster and the 2m tall tree fern
Tree Removal: Retention Category U	T12
Tree Pruning	None
RPA: Basement and Lower Ground Floor Foundations	T1 and T13
RPA: New Hard Surface	None
RPA: Replace Existing Hard Surface	None
RPA: Underground Services	None Anticipated
RPA: Change of Ground Levels	None
RPA: Soil Compaction	Trees adjacent the construction area (preventable by installing tree protection measures)

Other potentially damaging activities often associated with construction sites include demolition or the careless use of plant machinery, hazardous materials, or fires. All of the above potential impacts are considered in detail throughout this section.

The accompanying Arboricultural Method Statement (duplicated in Appendix 6) specifies the measures proposed to minimise all possible potential risks of damage to the retained trees.

Tree Removal

All trees to be removed are indicated on the Tree Removal Plan and are listed below:

- **Retention Category A:** It is proposed to retain all Retention Category A trees.
- **Retention Category B:** It is proposed to retain all Retention Category B trees.
- **Retention Category C:** It is proposed to remove the following Retention Category C trees: T2, the 4m tall cotoneaster and the 2m tall tree fern.

  These are all relatively small trees (maximum height 6m). Consequently, they are considered to have a low amenity value. Their removal shall not have a significant impact on the visual amenity of the locality and they are not considered to be a material planning consideration.
- **Retention Category U:** It is proposed to remove the Retention Category U tree T12.

  Trees within this category are in such poor condition that they should be removed regardless of development proposals. Consequently the removal of Category U trees is not considered to be a direct impact of the development.

None of the above are protected by a tree preservation order or considered worthy of special protection.

Details specific to each tree can also be found in the Tree Data Schedule.

Mitigation Planting

The trees/shrubs to be removed are of such low amenity value that no mitigation planting is considered necessary.

Impact on Tree Canopies

The canopies of all retained trees are located sufficiently far from proposed building works and sufficiently high over access routes throughout the site that they shall not be impacted upon by any construction activity. Consequently no pruning works are required to facilitate construction activity or access throughout the site. Restrictions are placed on activities throughout the site to ensure that no canopies are accidentally damaged – see the accompanying Arboricultural Method Statement

Impact on Tree Roots

Basement and Lower Ground Floor Foundations:

The foundations for the new basement and lower ground floor will extend into to the theoretical Root Protection Areas of T1 and T13. However, only a small portion of each Root Protection Area shall be affected (see the Impact Assessment Plan) so the potential impact is considered to be relatively negligible. In addition, where excavation is proposed within the Root Protection Area of T1, little rooting activity is anticipated. This is due to the decreased availability of oxygen and water beneath the existing garage, resulting in inhospitable rooting conditions.

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New Surfaces:

No new surfaces are proposed within the Root Protection Areas of any trees.

Underground Services:

No underground services should be installed through any Root Protection Area without consulting the project arborist and if necessary, gaining approval from the local authority.

Changes in Ground Levels:

Other than the proposed excavation for the basement and lower ground floor, no further ground level changes are proposed over Root Protection Areas.

Summary

In order to facilitate the development, it is proposed to remove one Retention Category C tree and one Retention Category U tree which are located internally to the site. These are all small trees and/or are hidden from public vantage points. Consequently the impact of tree removal on local amenity shall be minimal.

No pruning works are required to facilitate the proposal.

No hard surfacing is proposed in RPAs.

Foundations for the lower ground floors are proposed within the Root Protection Area of T1 and T13. However, the small extent of RPA affected coupled with the sympathetic foundation design shall ensure no detrimental impact on trees.

A suitable load spreading surface shall need to be maintained throughout the Restricted Activity Zones A.

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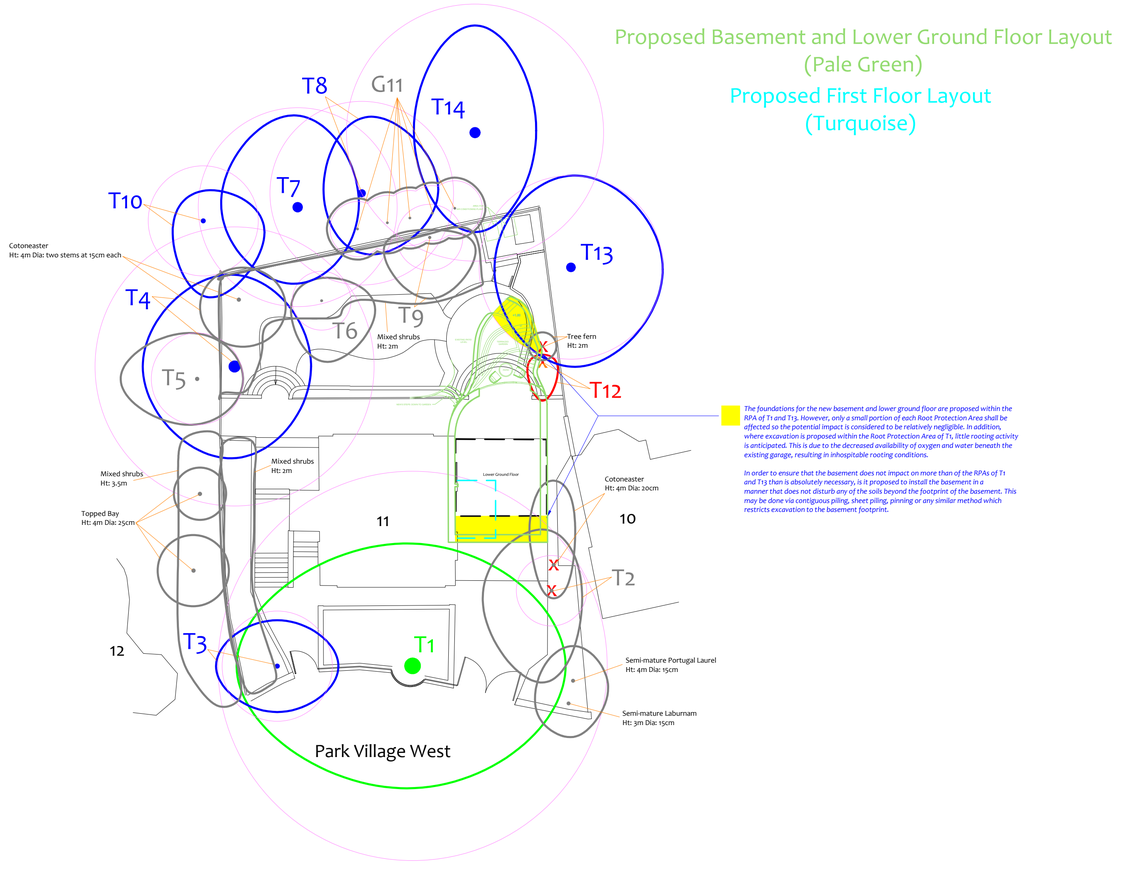

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Arboricultural Method Statement

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Tree Protection Barriers

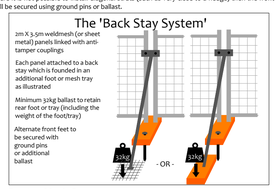
The purpose of tree protection barriers is to keep construction activity away from Restricted Activity Zones or Construction Exclusion Zones. They should be appropriate to the nature and proximity of activity within the site. The barriers should be erected prior to the commencement of all activity including demolition, soil stripping and delivery of materials and demolition (except where existing structures require demolition to enable the barriers to be installed). Barrier systems are specified below and should be installed according to the legend on the Tree Protection Plan.

The Back-Stay System

This system may be installed where indicated by a solid or dashed purple line on the Tree Protection Plan. It is more practical over existing hard surfaces or where the fencing needs to be moved to enable permitted activities within a Restricted Activity Zone. This system should be able to withstand occasional knocks by machinery and should not be relocated except with the consent of the site manager and the approval of the local authority.

Within this system, weldmesh fencing panels (minimum height 2m) are affixed into rubber or concrete feet and clipped together with anti-tamper couplers. Two couplers should be used, spaced at least 1m apart. Alternate panels should be attached to a diagonal back stay connected to an additional foot or baseplate secured with ground pins or additional ballast. Where ground pins are not used, the total weight of the foot/plate plus ballast should total not less than 32kg.

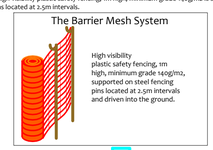
Where it is not possible to install diagonal struts (such as very close to a hedge) then the front feet shall be secured using ground pins or ballast.



The Barrier-Mesh System

Where indicated by a thick red line (solid or dashed) on the Tree Protection Plan, it shall be acceptable to install a less robust system than those specified above. This is because of the nature of construction activity or its distance from tree protection areas. The purpose of such a system shall be to demarcate the protection zone. It is not intended that such fencing will withstand knocks by construction machinery.

In this system, high visibility plastic safety fencing, 1m high, minimum grade 140g/m2 is supported on steel fencing pins located at 2.5m intervals.



Stem Protection – Timber Boxing

Where indicated by a turquoise square on the Tree Protection Plan, it shall be necessary to install robust plywood boxing to protect a tree stem, The plywood boxing specification is indicated in the diagram opposite. The actual size of the plywood boxing shall be determined by the extent of the root flare at the base of each stem. The box shall be large enough to avoid contact with any part of the tree that it surrounds. No fixings shall be attached to any part of the tree. Instead, it shall be free standing or attached to the ground or adjacent structures (e.g. walls or fences). It shall be made firm enough to withstand occasional knocks from any plant machinery that may be operate in its vicinity.

Stem Protection – Cloth and Chestnut Paling Wrap

Where indicated by a turquoise star on the Tree Protection Plan, it is proposed to protect a tree stem using sturdy cloth and chestnut paling double wrapped around the stem and. Other tree protection barriers, such as those specified above, are not considered appropriate due to the proximity of the tree stem to proposed activity.

The tree stem and any low limbs shall be protected from ground level to a height of 2.5m by wrapping them at least three times with a sturdy material such as hessian cloth or similar. Around this, chestnut paling shall be wrapped at least twice around and secured.

The wrappings shall be secured using string, wire or plastic cable clips. They shall not be secured by driving nails or tacks into the tree stem or bark.

Restrictions in Specific Zones

Restricted Activity Zone A

Within this zone trees roots are likely to be present where access will be required to facilitate construction. The following restrictions shall apply:

- No vehicles or plant machinery shall park or operate unless a suitable load spreading surface is in place. The load spreading surface shall be installed and/or maintained as specified under the heading ***Ground Protection Measures***. This shall remain in place throughout the entire construction phase or until any new permanent hard surfacing is installed. Any pedestrian activity other than very occasional shall also require a suitable load spreading surface.
- Removal of existing structures such as, walls, steps and hard surfaces (where applicable) shall be undertaken using hand tools or a mechanical excavator operating from outside the Restricted Activity Zone and carefully marshalled by the project arborist.
- No excavation shall occur beneath any existing hard surfacing and its sub-base or beneath the foundations of any structure such as wall, steps or patio.
- No further excavation shall occur in this zone without consulting the project arborist and obtaining approval from the local authority.
- Existing ground levels shall be retained undisturbed or raised by no more than 150mm. Ground levels may only be raised using granular topsoil (not rich in clay) or where new surfacing is proposed.
- No new permanent or temporary structures shall be erected other than those shown on the planning application documents unless approved by the local authority.
- Underground services shall not be installed in this area without prior consultation with the project arborist and a methodology agreed and approved by the local authority.
- If roots are encountered in excess of 25mm diameter, they shall be retained wherever possible and protected with damp sacking during times that they are unearthed. Any roots in excess of 50mm that need to be severed shall be pruned with secateurs.
- Storage of materials and spoil shall be avoided unless it has been agreed with the project arborist that the ground protection measures are adequate to ensure no soil compaction or contamination occurs. All hazardous materials (including non-essential cement products) shall be forbidden.
- No fires shall be permitted.

Restricted Activity Zone B

Within this zone it is proposed to excavate for the basement. Either contiguous piling (or sheet piling) shall be installed along the edge of the basement, or an alternative method shall be adopted which does not disturb soils beyond the footprint of the basement (e.g. pinning). A typical method of pinning would be to excavate to a specified depth (e.g. 1m), install shuttering and then cast the concrete basement walls. Then to excavate short sections beneath this wall and cast deeper concrete. Then to excavate in between these deeper sections and infill with concrete. In this manner excavation may continue to any specified depth without disturbing soils beyond the footprint of the build.

The specific method adopted will vary between contractors. However, the following restrictions will apply and must be adhered to:

- No excavation or ground disturbance shall occur beyond the footprint of the basement.
- Where a small excavator is used, it shall operate from within the footprint of the basement.
- The excavator or piling rig shall be marshalled to ensure no contact is made with any tree canopy.
- The project arborist shall oversee the initial stages of excavation or piling.

General Restrictions - Throughout the Site

Preparatory Works

No demolition, removal of surfaces, or soil stripping shall commence until the protective fencing and ground protection measures are installed to the satisfaction of the local authority.

Fires

No fires shall be permitted beneath any tree canopy or within 5m of any tree stem, branch or foliage. No fires shall be permitted within any Construction Exclusion Zone or Restricted Activity Zone. No fires shall be permitted in the vicinity of any exposed tree roots.

Canopy Protection

In order to protect tree canopies the following restrictions shall apply throughout the site:

- No machinery in excess of 3m shall pass beneath the canopy of any tree without being carefully marshalled in order to ensure that no branches are damaged.
- If materials require installation or delivery beneath tree canopies, this shall be done without the use of overhead cranes.
- If materials are to be installed or delivered close to tree canopies (but not beneath them) and a crane is required, they shall be carefully marshalled in order to ensure that branches are not accidentally damaged.

Storage of Spoil and Materials

Storage of materials and spoil shall be avoided in any Construction Exclusion Zones and Restricted Activity Zones unless it has been agreed with the project arborist that the ground protection measures are adequate to ensure no soil compaction or contamination occurs. All hazardous materials (including non-essential cement products) shall be forbidden.

Notices

Suitable weather-proof notices should be displayed to identify tree protection zones. They should state the purpose of the fencing and that it should not be moved, or traversed, other than by authorised personnel.

Removal of Tree Protection Barriers

Removal of protective fencing or ground protection measures shall be done after all major construction work is complete and their removal has been approved by the appointed arborist.

Ground Protection Measures

Within Restricted Activity Zones, soils containing roots may be subject to compaction due to general construction activity (including pedestrian activity and use of plant machinery). In order to minimise compaction, it is proposed to ensure that a suitable load-spreading surface is in place at all times.

Any existing hard surfacing may be retained and reinforced (where applicable and adequate), otherwise suitable new ground protection measures shall be installed. The ground protection shall need to be able to adequately spread the load of construction traffic. Where existing hard surfacing is to be retained, it shall not be necessary to install additional ground protection measures. However, the hard surfacing must be firm enough to spread the load of any traffic passing overhead.

Where only pedestrian traffic will occur, the ground protection measures may be as simple as timber boards, or scaffold planks installed directly onto a geotextile fabric on the ground. The ground should first be made even by raking, or by adding a few centimetres of sand or woodchip. Alternatively the boards may be supported by a scaffold framework. The scaffold may be founded on poles driven into the ground and/or onto blocks (to raise the scaffold) with additional couplings to make the framework secure.

Where only light vehicles are to operate (e.g. barrows, trolleys or occasional cars), thick wooden boards or scaffold planks should also suffice, though at least 150m of compressible woodchip will need to be installed first to help spread the load. Sturdier systems are specified below:

Where cars will regularly park or heavier vehicles/plant machinery will occasionally operate, sturdier ground protection measures will be required such as metal road plates, or purpose built synthetic road mats over a compression resistant layer such as 150mm of woodchip or 100mm of a 3D cellular confinement system in-filled with 7–40mm angular gravel (e.g. CellwebTM).

A temporary concrete slab may also be considered as a suitable load spreading platform. Where a pile driver needs to operate, a concrete slab may be the preferred option.

Where existing structures need to be removed, this shall be done with temporary ground protection measures in place to enable this to be achieved without compacting soils.

The ground protection measures shall be installed and approved before commencement of demolition and construction activity and before the arrival of plant machinery or materials. They shall remain in place until all heavy construction activity is complete or until they are due to be replaced with a new hard surface.

Construction Exclusion Zones

Within Construction Exclusion Zones the following restrictions shall apply:

- Tree Protection Barriers shall be erected and maintained throughout the entire project as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan and under the header -*Tree Protection Barriers*.
- These shall remain in place at all times except when authorised landscaping works are being undertaken. At such times, all restrictions that apply to the *Restricted Activity Zone* shall apply. Furthermore, the project arborist shall be informed prior to any works being undertaken in these zones.
- No construction activity or excavation shall occur unless agreed otherwise by the project arborist and local authority.
- No vehicles or plant machinery shall be driven or parked.
- No tree works, other than those specified in this report shall be undertaken.
- No alterations of ground levels or conditions shall occur.
- No chemicals or cement washings permitted.
- No temporary structures shall be installed.
- No spoil shall be stored.
- No fires shall be permitted.
- All hazardous materials (including non-essential cement products) shall be forbidden.
- Removal of hard surfaces, structures or turf shall be done using hand operated tools only and supervised by the project arborist.

Tree Works Specification

The following table specifies the tree works which will be required prior to the commencement of construction activity:

Tree Reference	Action Required	Notes
T2, the 4m tall cotoneaster and the 2m tall tree fern	Remove.	Stumps of trees within the RPAs of retained trees shall be removed with a stump grinder NOT a mechanical excavator.

General Restrictions - Throughout the Site (Continued)

Hazardous Materials

Any mixing of cement based materials shall take place outside the Construction Exclusion Zones and Restricted Activity Zones. Where cement is to be mixed at considerable distances from trees and water run-off cannot enter Root Protection Areas, then no further special measures are required. Otherwise, provision shall be made to ensure that the mixing area is contained so that no water run-off enters the Root Protection Area of any trees (see diagram for example). Mixers and barrows shall be cleaned within this area.

All other chemicals hazardous to tree health, including petrol and diesel, shall be stored in suitable containers as specified by current COSHH Regulations, and kept away from Root Protection Areas.

Underground Services

No underground services (including soak-aways) shall be located in any part of the Construction Exclusion Zones or Restricted Activity Zones unless done so in a manner detailed in a specific Method Statement and approved by the local authority.

Site Hoarding

If site hoarding shall be installed over the Root Protection Area of any tree, the following restrictions shall apply:

- Ground levels shall be maintained as existing.
- Post holes shall not exceed 300mm x 300mm.
- No post hole shall be excavated within 1.5m of any tree stem.
- Post holes shall be excavated using hand tools or by a post-hole auger attached to plant machinery sited outside of Root Protection Areas.
- Roots in excess of 25mm shall be retained wherever possible.
- Roots in excess of 10mm shall be pruned with sharp secateurs.
- Pruning shall be minimal and only undertaken where absolutely necessary to facilitate the site hoarding. It shall be undertaken by a reputable tree surgeon working to BS 3998 (2010).

Site hoarding may be installed in place of the specified tree protection measures subject to the approval of the local authority with regard to its location and specification.

Siting of Cabins

Cabins shall be located outside of Construction Exclusion Zones and Restricted Activity Zones unless agreed otherwise by the project arborist. Where this is being considered, the project arborist shall be consulted and specific tree protection measures agreed. The following general restrictions will apply:

- All services to and from site cabins shall be installed above ground through any Root Protection Areas.
- No excavation shall occur within Root Protection Areas to enable cabins to be installed.
- The cabins shall be founded on a suitable load spreading surface.

Use of Heavy Plant

All machinery operatives are to be made aware of any Construction Exclusion Zones and Restricted Activity Zones that apply to this site.

All machinery operatives are to respect these zones and ensure that no damage occurs to trees due to the careless use of machinery.

Mechanical excavators should have tracks rather than wheels to help spread their load. They should be carefully marshalled when working close to tree canopies.

Scaffolding

If scaffolding is required in areas containing ground protection measures, the protective boards shall need to remain in-situ and be strengthened and stabilised to bear the weight of scaffold poles.

Prior to the installation of any scaffolding within 0.5m of any tree branches, the project arborist shall be consulted to specify any pruning works that may be required.

Tree Data

Tree Ref.	Species	Height (m)	Root Protection Area		
			Radius (m)	m²	Square (m)
T1	London Plane	25	12.7	508	22.5
T2	Cherry	6	2.3	17	4.1
T3	Japanese Maple	6	3.6	41	6.4
T4	Lime	12	9.1	261	16.2
T5	Field Maple	6	3.0	28	5.3
T6	Magnolia	5	1.9	12	3.4
T7	Sycamore	15	6.5	133	11.5
T8	Sycamore	15	6.0	113	10.6
T9	Japanese Maple	5	2.2	15	3.8
T10	Elm	8	3.6	41	6.4
G11	Leyland Cypress	5	1.8	10	3.2
T12	Pear	3	1.8	10	3.2
T13	Sycamore	15	6.0	113	10.6
T14	Sycamore	15	8.4	222	14.9

Tree Protection Plan

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BS 5837 Root Protection Area (radius = 12xstem diameter)

Root Protection Area needing amendment due to site conditions, e.g. presence of exising road or building.

Root Protection Area having been amended to account for for site conditions

T1 = Tree No 1 G2 = Group No 2 H3 = Hedge No 3

Tree Retention Categories
Stems & canopies shown

Category A tree	Trees of high quality with an estimated life expectancy of 40+ years. Usually large trees with significant presence or smaller trees with excellent form. Retention of these trees is highly desirable.
Category B tree	Trees of moderate quality with a life expectancy of 20+ years. Usually maturing trees, or younger trees with good form. Retention of these trees is desirable though less than Category A trees
Category C tree	Unremarkable trees of low quality and merit. Individual specimens are not considered to be a material planning consideration.
Category U tree	Trees unsuitable for retention due to their very poor condition.

Drawing No:	CCL 10347 / TPP Rev: 1
Title:	Tree Protection Plan (Existing Layout with Proposals Overlaid)
Site:	11 Park Village West NW1 4AE
Scale: 1:100	Paper Size: A1

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Site Monitoring Schedule

Inspection	Site Attendees	Comments
Pre- Start Desk-top To occur prior to any works taking place on the site.	N/A.	Project Manager and Site manager to study this Method Statement & contact the Project Arborist to agree all protection measures.
Pre-Start Meeting After tree works completed & tree protection barriers / ground protection measures installed. Prior to any other activity, inc. demolition & soil stripping.	Site manager, project arborist. Tree Officer invited.	Tree protection fencing locations & specification checked. Additional ground protection measures checked. Further protection measures / restrictions agreed.
All ground disturbance in Restricted Zones & Construction Exclusion Zones Including demolition, soil stripping, removal of hard surfaces, excavation for new surfacing, foundations, service trenches etc.	Site manager, project arborist. Tree Officer invited.	Two week's notice to be given prior to excavation. Excavation to be as specified in this Method Statement. Excavations to be recorded and photographed. Mitigation measures to be employed specified by the project arborist.
Intermediate Inspection and Reporting Throughout the demolition and external construction phase.	Site manager and project arborist.*	Project manager, site manager and project arborist to liaise regarding any issues which may affect trees. To occur at least once per month.
Post-Construction Meeting Post external construction activity but prior to removal of fencing & landscaping operations.	Site manager, project arborist. Tree Officer invited.	Retained trees inspected. Ground conditions assessed and mitigation measures agreed where appropriate. Further landscaping operations and restrictions to be agreed.
Post-Landscaping Meeting After completion of all hard and soft landscaping.	Site manager, project arborist. Tree Officer invited.	Confirm landscaping and mitigation planting is acceptable.

* Where agreed with the L.A. it may be acceptable to supply photographs of the fencing to avoid the necessity for a site visit.

Timing of Operations

Activity within the site shall be phased according to the following chronology

Order	Phase	Activity
1st.	Pre-Construction Phase	Planning conditions relating to trees to be identified and discussed with the Project arborist and site manager.
2nd.		All specified tree removal to be undertaken (see Header -*Tree Works Schedule*).
3rd.		Install the tree protection barriers (fencing and ground protection boards - see Headers -*Tree Protection Barriers* and *Ground Protection Measures*).
4th.		Pre-Commencement site meeting: Tree protection barriers inspected. Additional protection measures to be agreed. Variances to be agreed. Location of underground services to be agreed. Extents of excavation to be agreed. Scaffold restrictions to be agreed. Scope of future inspections / monitoring to be agreed.
5th.		Arboricultural Method Statement to be revised and approved.
		Protection measures confirmed acceptable by the local authority
6th.	Construction Phase	Demolish existing structures and remove existing surfaces where applicable.
7th.		Install new buildings, hard surfaces and services taking into account restricted activities as specified in this Arboricultural Method Statement.
8th.		Site meeting with project arborist. Condition of retained trees to be assessed and mitigation agreed. Ground conditions to be assessed and ground remediation to be agreed.
9th.	Post-Construction Phase	Remove protective barriers (fencing and ground protection measures as applicable).

Site Monitoring Accountability

This table should be completed at the Pre-Start Meeting or earlier

Position	Name	Contact Phone & email	Roles
Project Manager	Insert Details	Insert Details	Liaising with site manager & project arborist regarding any potential issues relating to trees. Oversight of this monitoring schedule. Instructing the project arborist and arranging access. Liaising with local authority regarding discharge of planning conditions and variances to the Arboricultural Method Statement.
Site Manager	Insert Details	Insert Details	Familiarity with Arboricultural Method Statement. Implementation of the tree protection measures. Day-to-day compliance with Tree Protection Measures. Informing the Project Manager of Tree Protection variances & issues affecting trees.
Project Arborist	Crown Tree Consultancy	08000 14 13 30 0203 797 7449 Info@crowntrees.co.uk	Inspect tree works and report to the project manager. Inspect tree protection measures and report to Project Manager. Oversee excavations in RPAs, provide mitigation advice, undertake root pruning. Monthly site monitoring and reporting to the Project Manager on tree protection and variances.
Local Authority	London Borough of Camden	Tree and Landscape Officer 020 7974 4444	Liaising with the project arborist and project manager regarding tree protection issues relating to planning conditions. Advice and assistance with the discharge of planning conditions relating to trees.
Additional Contact	Insert Details	Insert Details	Insert Details
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