

# Arboricultural Method Statement

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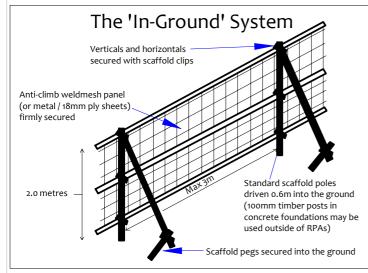
# **Tree Protection Barriers**

The purpose of tree protection barriers is to keep construction activity away from Restricted Activity Zones or Construction Exclusion Zones. They must be appropriate to the nature and proximity of activity within the site. The barriers must 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 are to be installed according to the legend on the Tree Protection Plan.

### The In-Ground System

This system will be installed where indicated by a solid purple line on the Tree Protection Plan. It will be robust enough to withstand occasional knocks by plant machinery and, once installed, will remain in place throughout the entire construction phase.

Vertical scaffold poles are driven into the ground, onto which are affixed horizontal scaffold poles and diagonal bracing struts. Weldmesh panels (or similar – e.g. Heras type fencing panels, or 18mm+ plywood boards) are secured to this scaffold framework using sturdy clips e.g. standard scaffold clips. The system is illustrated in the diagram below and is based on BS 5837 guidelines.



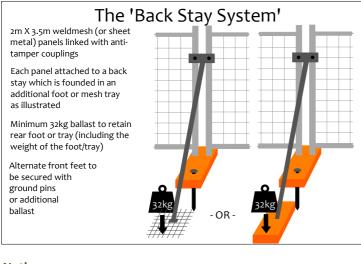
### The Back-Stay System •

This system will be installed where indicated by a 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 is able to withstand occasional knocks by machinery and must not be relocated except with the consent of the site manager and the approval of the local authority.

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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 will 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 must total no less than 32kg.

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



### Notices

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

### **Removal of Tree Protection Barriers**

Removal of protective fencing or ground protection measures will only 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 where engineers consider it adequate to spread the load of construction traffic. Otherwise, it will be reinforced or replaced with adequate ground protection measures.

Unless specified otherwise, ground protection will consist of 24mm OSB boards laid at double thickness and screwed together to prevent slippage. The ground will be made even by raking, and by adding a 100mm of sand or woodchip, wherever vehicular access is proposed. Where only pedestrian traffic will occur, boards or planks may be laid directly onto the ground, laid at double thickness and screwed together to prevent slippage.

If engineers consider OSB boards to be inadequate (e.g. for large plant machinery where the tracks may chew up the timber) sturdier ground protection measures will be installed such as road plates, or 100mm of 7–40mm angular gravel installed in 3D cellular confinement system (e.g. CellwebTM).

If a piling mat is required, specifications will be agreed between engineers and the project arborist.

The ground protection measures will be installed and approved before the 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 apply:

- Tree Protection Barriers will be erected and maintained throughout the entire project as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan and under the header -Tree Protection Barriers.
- These will remain in place at all times except when any authorised landscaping works are being undertaken. At such times, adequate ground protection measures will be installed, and excavation shall be limited to that required for new planting. Furthermore, the project arborist will be consulted prior to any works being undertaken in these zones.
- No construction activity or excavation will occur unless agreed otherwise by the project arborist and local authority.
- No vehicles or plant machinery will be driven or parked.
- No tree works, other than those specified on this document will be undertaken.
- No alterations of ground levels or conditions will occur.
- No chemicals or cement washings will be permitted.
- No temporary structures will be installed.No spoil will be stored.
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  No fires will be permitted.
- All hazardous materials (including non-essential cement products) will be forbidden.

# **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			
Т3	Remove.	n/a			
T13	Prune the canopy overhanging the garden back to the boundary.	Pruning not to exceed the boundary.			



### **Restrictions in Specific Zones**

### **Restricted Activity Zone A**

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

- No vehicles or plant machinery will park or operate unless a suitable load-spreading surface is in place. The load spreading surface will be installed specified under the heading Ground Protection Measures. This will remain in place throughout the entire demolition and construction phase.
  - Removal of any existing surfaces will be lifted and removed using hand tools only.No excavation will occur in this zone without consulting the project arborist and
  - obtaining approval from the local authority.
  - Existing ground levels will remain undisturbed.
  - No new permanent or temporary structures will be erected.
     Underground services will not be installed in this area.
  - Storage of materials and spoil will be avoided in this zone 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) will be forbidden.No fires will be permitted.
  - Vehicles or plant machinery in excess of 2 tonnes will not be permitted in this area.

### **Restricted Activity Zone B**

When installing the new surface over the Root Protection Area of T4, the following restrictions will apply:

- Prior to the new surface being installed, no vehicles or plant machinery will drive, operate or park until unless ground protection measures are implemented as specified under the heading Ground Protection Measures.
- Excavation will be undertaken using hand tools only.
- Excavation depth will be limited to 150mm.
- The new surface and sub-base will be permeable.

### **Timing of Operations**

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

Order	Phase	Activity					
1st.		Planning conditions relating to trees to be identified and discussed with the Project arborist and site manager.					
2nd.		All specified tree removal and pruning 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- Construction Phase	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. Boundary treatments to be agreed. Extents of excavation to be agreed. Scaffold restrictions to be agreed. Exact specification for foundations to be agreed. Exact specification for new surfaces to be agreed. Scope of future inspections / monitoring to be agreed.					
5th.		Arboricultural Method Statement to be revised and approved (if necessary).					
	Protection measur	es confirmed acceptable by the local authority					
6th.	Construction	Demolish existing structures and remove existing surfaces where applicable.					
7th.	Phase	Install new buildings, hard surfaces and services taking into account restricted activities as specified in this Arboricultural Method Statement.					
8th.	h. Site meeting with project arborist. Land restrictions to be agreed. Condition of re be assessed and mitigation agreed. Grou to be assessed and ground remediation						
9th.	Post-	Remove protective barriers (fencing and ground protection measures as applicable).					
10th.	Construction Phase	Undertake restricted landscaping operations within Root Protection Areas, including (where applicable) boundary treatments, pedestrian surfaces and proposed tree planting.					

# **General Restrictions - Throughout the Site**

### **Preparatory Works**

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

#### Fires

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

### **Canopy Protection**

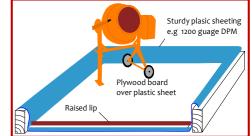
- In order to protect tree canopies the following restrictions will apply throughout the site:
- No machinery in excess of 2m will pass beneath the canopy of any tree without being carefully
  marshalled in order to ensure that no branches are damaged.
- If materials require installation or delivery beneath tree canopies, this will 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 will be carefully marshalled in order to ensure that branches are not
  accidentally damaged.

#### Storage of Spoil and Materials

Storage of materials and spoil will 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) will be forbidden.

#### **Hazardous Materials**

Any mixing of cement based materials will take place the outside 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 will 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 will be cleaned within this area.

All other chemicals hazardous to tree health, including petrol and diesel, will 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) will 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 will apply:

- Ground levels will be maintained as existing.
- Post holes will not exceed 300mm x 300mm.
- No post hole will be excavated within 1.5m of any tree stem.
- Post holes will 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 will be retained wherever possible.
- Roots in excess of 10mm will be pruned with sharp secateurs.
- Pruning will be minimal and only undertaken where absolutely necessary to facilitate the site hoarding. It will 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 will 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 will be consulted, and specific tree protection measures agreed. The following general restrictions will apply:

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

#### Fence Posts or Decking Posts

If permanent fencing or decking is to be installed within Root Protection Areas, the following restrictions will apply:

- All post holes will be excavated by hand and kept as narrow as possible (maximum diameter 300mm).
- Exploratory post holes will be dug before committing to post / panel positions. If any roots in
  excess of 25mm are encountered they are to remain intact and the post hole will be relocated
  slightly. The fencing system must permit such flexibility (i.e. where fixed panel widths are used,
  all post holes must be excavated before committing to the final location).
- Any roots in excess of 10mm which are severed will be neatly pruned back with secateurs. This shall encourage healing and reduce the likelihood of infection.

Walls will be avoided over Root Protection Areas, unless their foundations are spanned over roots using a beam system.

# 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 are completed & tree protection barriers/ground protection measures are installed. Prior to any other activity, inc. demolition & soil stripping.	Site manager, project arborist. Tree Officer invited.	Tree protection fencing locations & specifications checked. Ground protection measures checked. Contractors are to be inducted to all relevant aspects of the Arboricultural Method Statement. Responsibilities checked and acknowledged. Adherence to the Arboricultural Method Statement is to be discussed and agreed. Report on findings to be sent to the local authority tree officer.
Monthly Inspection and Reporting To occur once per calendar month throughout the entirety of the project until the local authority agrees that tree protection measures may be removed.	Site manager and project arborist*	Tree protection fencing locations & specifications checked. Ground protection measures checked. Past month, present and future month – activities and adherence to Arboricultural Method Statement discussed and checked. Report on findings to be sent to the local authority tree officer within 5 working days.
Any other 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.	Two weeks' notice is to be given prior to commencement. Excavation is to be as specified in this Method Statement. Excavations are to be recorded and photographed. Mitigation measures to be employed as specified by the project arborist.
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 upon where appropriate. Further landscaping operations and restrictions to be agreed.

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

# Personnel and 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. Scheduling of meeting, excavations and inspections. Overseeing 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	Day to day monitoring of tree protection measures. Fortnightly supply of site photographs showing all tree protection measures. Induction of all contractors. Reporting to the Appointed Arborist of any incidents or potential variations to the agreed tree protection measures.
Project Arborist	Crown Tree Consultancy	08000 14 13 30 0203 797 7449 S info@crowntrees.co.uk	Liaising with LPA Tree Officer over all arboricultural matters. Initial inspection and signing off of tree protection barriers including ground protection measures. Monthly site visits and inspections. Reporting to the local authority following site inspections and any variation or incidents.
Local Authority	London Borough of Camden	ins Nick Beltails	Receipt of reports from the appointed arborist. Liaising with the appointed arborist to agree suitability of tree protection measures and any variations. Enforcement. Advice and assistance with the discharge of planning conditions relating to trees.
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