

## ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT: 16 Eldon Grove, London, NW3 5PT

### Method Statement and Procedures for Development Works

**THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED BELOW ARE LISTED IN THE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER THAT THEY MUST COMMENCE. ITEMS 1 AND 2 MUST BE UNDERTAKEN BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY ENTERS THE SITE OR BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY (TO INCLUDE DEMOLITION) COMMENCES.**

#### 1. TREE PROTECTION BARRIERS

It is essential for the future health of the trees to be retained on site, that all development activity is undertaken outside the root protection zone of these trees. The position of the proposed protective fencing for the site is shown on the Tree Protection Plan (TPP) by a pink line. The position of the fence **MUST** be marked out with biodegradable marker paint on site and agreed with appropriate representatives from the LPA and contractor. The fencing **MUST** be erected **prior** to any works in the vicinity of the trees and removed only when all development activity is complete. The protective fencing **MUST** be as that shown in BS 5837 (see Appendix C). The herras panels **MUST** be joined together using a minimum of two anti-tamper couplers which **MUST** be installed so they can only be removed from the inside of the fence. The panels **MUST** supported by stabilizer struts, which **MUST** be installed on the inside and secured to the ground using pins or appropriate weights.

The Fence must be marked with a clear sign reading:

**“Construction Exclusion Zone – No Access”**

#### 2. GROUND PROTECTION – LIGHTWEIGHT ACCESS ONLY

Where any additional ground protection is required, these areas **MUST** be covered with a permeable membrane, with 150mm layer of compressible woodchip overlaying it; an 18mm marine ply boards will then be secured on top of the woodchip to allow a 1.5tonne mini-digger to access the area without causing major compaction or soil erosion.

#### 4. OTHER PROTECTION MEASURES

**SITE HUTS, WELFARE FACILITIES AND STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND CHEMICALS**

All site huts **MUST** be positioned outside of the retained trees RPA's.

### MIXING OF CONCRETE

All mixing of cement / concrete **MUST** be undertaken outside of the RPA of all of the retained trees.

### USE CRANES, RIGS AND BOOMS

Precautionary measures **MUST** be observed to avoid contact of any retained trees when manoeuvring cranes rigs or booms into position.

### INCOMING SERVICES, DRAINAGE AND SOAKAWAYS

New services **MUST** be routed to avoid all RPAs of retained trees on site and within nearby sites. From an assessment of the subject site, undertaken in conjunction with the project architect, there is no reason to assume this isn't possible. Inspection chambers **MUST** be sited outside the RP

**NO** level alterations will occur within the RPA of any tree to be retained.

**NO** fires lit on site within 20 metres of any tree to be retained

**NO** fuels, oils or substances with will be damaging to the tree shall be spilled or poured on site.

**NO** storage of any materials within the root protections zone.

### ON SITE SUPERVISION

Regular site supervision is essential to ensure all potentially damaging activities near to trees are correctly supervised. A pre start meeting will occur to ensure all parties are aware of their responsibilities relating to tree protection on site; this will include a site induction for key personnel.

The key personnel relating to this project are:

| <b>Name</b>  | <b>Position</b>                        | <b>Contact number / email:</b>  |
|--------------|--|---|
| Glen Harding | Retained arboriculturalist             | 07884 056 025<br>Or<br><a href="mailto:info@ghatrees.co.uk">info@ghatrees.co.uk</a> |
| TBC          | Local authority Arboricultural Officer | TBC   |
| TBC          | Site manager                           | TBC   |

