

ABORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

PROJECT: Groundcrew install at Flat 146a Fellows Road,
Camden, London, NW3 3JH

PROJECT START DATE: 6th May 2025

PROJECT END DATE: 6th June 2025

MS START DATE: 6th June 2025

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If I believe that the RAMS are inaccurate or can be improved, then I will draw this to the attention of my Line Manager before commencing works.
I shall not commence works if I believe that the working method is unsafe. I sign to confirm that I have read, understood, and will abide by the contents of the RAMS and

Date	Name	Signature	Job Title

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• **Communication**

- Team briefing
- Site induction where necessary
- RAMS briefing
- SOP briefing
- Toolbox talks where necessary

Sequence of Operations:

• *Site [Entering]*

- Park car in designated parking area
- Visit office
- Sign in register (remember to sign out whenever leaving site)
- Attend site induction (as applicable) (ask any questions to clarify your knowledge)
- Read and understand your project specific risk assessment and method statement (ask any questions to clarify knowledge). If you identify areas of the site-specific risk assessment and method statement which you believe could be improved, or items that you feel should be included then ensure that this is communicated to your Line Manager.
- Sign the project specific risk assessment and method statement to confirm your understanding - Deliver tools and equipment as close to the work area as possible to minimise the need for manual handling - Carry out your own assessment of the risks and controls. If you do not believe these to be accurate then do not commence work, report this to your Line Manager immediately

• ***[Check] [Pre-Start] [Services & Obstructions] [overground & underground]***

- Prior to the commencement of works a check must be carried out to identify the potential presence of overground services / obstructions, use CAT4 scanner and mark potential services clearly with line spray.

- ***Overhead Services & Obstructions*** - Carry out a walkover survey to identify the presence of any overhead obstructions - Where overhead obstructions are present ensure that these are adequately protected, for example by using alternative routes, or erecting posts

- **Discovery of Services Obstructions** - If services or obstructions are discovered that have not been planned for within this RAMS then do not start work. Contact the office and request that the RAMS be adjusted to detail the new safe method of working - This should include contacting the service provider for advice - Isolation of the services where possible

Discovery of tree roots

- commence a walkover check for any visual sign of tree roots on the surface area. Carefully mark the area out to avoid damage during the ground screw installation.
- no roots over 20mm in diameter are to be cut during instal.
- No reduction in ground levels at any time.

• **[Construction] Setting Out**

- Setting out to be carried out as per drawings and in accordance with the tree consultant's arboriculture recommendations specific to this site
 - measures such as string lines and ground marking spray paint to be utilised
- lines and levels to be checked before works commence and throughout works

• **Manual [Pilot Hole] [in Ground]**

- Don PPE, eye protection and Face Fitted FFP3 respiratory protection
- Ensure underground service detection has been carried out
- **using 15mm post rods, carefully stake the proposed screw locations to a 1m depth. If tree routes are present, relocate the ground screw position 300mm laterally and re pilot to avoid damaging roots**

• **Ground Screw [Winding In] [Handheld]**

- Do not carry out this task if you do not feel fit to do so. If this is the case, please contact your line manager immediately
 - Don PPE including eye protection, safety footwear. Ensure others in proximity also don PPE
- Carry out pre-use check on turning machine - erect turning machine in position, ensure that it is positioned on firm level ground.
 - Extend turning machine stabiliser arm and ensure that you will have a firm footing to steady the stabiliser arm during operation
- Retrieve screw from storage area. Utilise good manual handling technique and the TILE (Task Individual Load Environment) principal.

Where possible use mechanical assistance to help move the screw into position.

- Place screw into pilot hole
- Attach screw to turning machine
- Steady turning machine using stabiliser arm
- Be alert that you will have to counter act the turning moment of the screw
- Activate turning machine using a slow and steady motion
- Maintain vigilant watch on screen to ensure it is winding in vertically
- Once screw is in final position, detach it from turning machine.
- Repeat the process until all screws are in position visit www.eor.app produced with:
- Repeat the process until all screws are in position
- Use correct manual handling technique and the TILE principal to pack away the turning machine

Relevant Assessments

- [Plant] [Trailers] [Work on Trailers]
- Slips Trips and Falls • [Work Equipment] Hand Tools
- Avoiding Danger from Overhead Services
- [Ppe] Personal Protective Equipment [Use Of] [General]
- [Exposure] Havs [General] • [Work Equipment] Drill [Battery] [The Use Of]
- Young Person [Construction Work] [General]
- [Manual Handling] [General]
- Contact With Overhead or Underground Cables •Coring Holes [2 - 4 Inch Radius] [Using Drill]
- Storage Of Materials •Disposal of Waste Materials G
- [Dust] [Control Of] [Localised]
- Control Of Substances Hazardous to Health
- Avoiding Danger from Underground Services
- Working On Site
- [Welfare] Welfare Facilities [General]
- Driving Company Vehicles [Site Based Workers]
- [Plant] Refuelling •Installation [Ground Screws]

- [Exposure] Noise [General]
- Repetitive Tasks
- [Lone Working] General
- [Loading & Unloading] [Vehicle] [General]

COSHHs:

- Silica Dust
- Line marking Spray Paint
- Diesel •Dust [Wood]
- Petrol

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