

Method Statement for Tree Protection

New outdoor structure within the rear garden of:

1 Belsize Studios, Glenilla Road, London NW3 4AT

This document has been prepared to ensure that the existing Ash (T1), Horse Chestnut (T2), and T3 in the neighbouring rear garden are properly protected through the development of the site and continues to represent a visual amenity in the future. It instructs all contractors on methods to avoid damage to the tree.

The Method Statement recommends all development with the Root Protection Area is carried out in accordance with BS 5837:2005 - *Trees in Relation to Construction*.

The contractors involved for the development have agreed to ensure the protection of the tree as advised within this Method Statement and read in conjunction with drawing no. 288.PL.03, which will be provided to all contractors prior to commencement of works.

Roles & Contacts of Parties Involved

- **Landscapers & Groundworkers**
Bamboo Landscaping, Vanni Perin, 07852 513 379
- **Designer of Outbuilding**
Ecospace Ltd, Numan Oguzcan, 020 7703 4004
- **Site Manager of Outbuilding Installation**
Ecospace Ltd, Tony Halliday, 07813 039 352

Order of Works

1. Local authority to approve Method Statement & drawing 288.PL.03
2. Bamboo Landscaping to erect protective fencing
3. Bamboo Landscaping to commence groundworks and gardening preparation
4. Ecospace to deliver and erect timber outbuilding, within an average 10 day period
5. Bamboo Landscaping to remove protective fencing once construction ceases

General Protection to the existing trees

- The recommendations in BS 5837:2005 - *Trees in Relation to Construction* must be complied with at all times.
- No pruning, lopping, felling or severance of roots is to take place without prior consent of the local authority.
- Any works to the existing trees are to be carried out by a fully qualified tree surgeon and in accordance with BS 3998 (1989) *Recommendations for Tree Work*.
- Protective scaffolding/fencing in accordance with Fig 2 within BS 5837:2005 to be erected prior to any other works commencing on site and removed only when all construction works have ceased.
- Under no circumstances must any materials be stored under the canopy of the existing trees and no cement, diesel or oil stored near to them.
- No fires should be lit within 5m of the existing tree.
- No ropes, cables, services, or notice boards shall be fixed to the existing tree.

Protection to Ash (T1), Horse Chestnut (T2) in rear garden and T3 in neighbouring rear garden

- All excavation works for the purposes of constructing will be undertaken by hand-digging within the protective zone of existing trees as defined in BS 5837:2005.
- Existing general garden ground levels to remain,
- The proposed outbuilding foundation (as outlined in drawing: 288.PL.03) has been well considered with main structural components be positioned above ground, achieving the minimum interaction with the ground and tree roots.
- Levels under the tree canopy shall only be raised
- No machinery or powered tools are to be used at any stage of excavation works.
- All tree roots will be exposed and located by hand. Tree roots of 20mm diameter and above found within this zone are to be retained, undamaged.
- Foundations will in turn shift along the building line where required.
- The general finished ground shall not be compacted.
- All outbuilding components man handled into garden.
- Under no circumstances must any building materials be stored under the canopy of the existing tree.