The effect of the CSS produces a composite mattress, with high flexural stiffness and load support capabilities. This will prevent soil rutting and mechanical root damage by confining the porous infill materials within the CCS.



Illustration of Stress Distribution

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- 6. The use of a non-woven Geotextile beneath the cellular mattress acts as a separation/filtration layer. The CCS should be filled with no-fines stone in the 20-40 mm range. This operation will be carried out avoiding the use of heavy machinery within the RPA of retained trees. Once filled, the perforated cellular wall structure provides mechanical interlock for infill materials, increasing the shear strength while allowing lateral drainage and gaseous exchange.
- 7. The system will be used as a permanent base for a wearing course and/or will provide a temporary site access for root protection. The minimum thickness available for CCS material is 75mm and is available up to 300mm thickness; the material required is dependent on the load bearing capacity of the final surface. A S ructural Engineer should design all engineering solutions to surfaces.
- 8. A pre-commencement site meeting with the appointed Demolition and/or Ground Works Contractor, Site Manager, Arboricultural Consultant, LPA Tree Officer and appointed Engineering Consultant, will agree the stages and specification for the installation of the LIS. A qualified Arboricultural Consultant will supervise any works within the RPA's of retained trees.

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Stages for Installation of the LIS (with CCS)

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Stage 1 Erection of Tree Protection Fencing (see Tree Protection Plan).

- Stage 2 Remove existing vegetation by using a specific herbicide (as advised by a specialist) or manual removal with hand tools only. Agreed removal of shrubs, saplings or trees, within the RPAs of retained trees are to be cut to or just below ground level rather than grubbed or ground out, which can damage roots of retained trees.
- Stage 3 Remove existing hard surfaces (paving, tarmac etc.) Machinery operating on existing surfaces or outside the RPAs and tree canopies could, under specialist arboricultural supervision, be used to carefully remove existing wearing surfaces. The sub base of existing surfaces or foundations should be left in situ where possible to avoid unnecessary root disturbance and provide a base for a new LIS).
- Stage 4 Install the non-woven Geotextile directly over soil grade level (levelled where necessary, by the infill of no-fines gravel, washed aggregate or structural soil (min. 20% sand content) and fix in place.
- Stage 5 Lay the CCS over the Geotextile, which is secured open under tension during the infill process with steel staples or wooden pegs.
- Stage 6 Install kerbs and edgings directly on top of existing soil grade level. For light structures, a treated peg and board may be acceptable. For more substantial structures, railway sleepers, haunched concrete with road pins, drilled kerbstones or gabians will be appropriate.
- Stage 7 Fill the CCS ensuring any machinery works only on already filled areas. Typical infill consists of no fines angular granular material 20-40mm, which will remain uncompacted.

Stage 8 Install wearing surface.

Pervious Surfacing Options

Small Block Paving

- Lay a second layer of Geotextile separation fabric over the infill CCS.
- · Lay a sharp sand-bedding layer to recommended depth.
- · Place block paviors as per manufacturer's instructions.

Washed Gravel

- Place second layer of Geotextile separation fabric over the infill CCS.
- Place pea shingle/ gravel aggregate to required depth.



Makeup of Final Surface

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1. All highway works (including highway drainage) subject to adoption shall be constructed in accordance with the DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT MANUAL OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR HIGHWAY WORKS 2002, SPECIFICATION FOR HIGHWAY WORKS with latest additions and amendments where appropriate.











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Example of ground protection, which is best laid over 50mm of a compressible material such as woodchips or sharp sand for optimum tree root protection.



WALK TOP - Ideal for car parks and walk ways.



Ground plates can be useful for dissipating loads, at sensitive construction locations.



DOUBLE LINK JOINERS - lock Ground-Guards into one large working platform.



OSB boarding fixing scaffold Boards below can be very effective ground protection for lighter traffic such as pedestrians, wheel-barrow and occasional passes with light dumper vehicles for example.

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ACS **ACS Consulting** Page 1 **Arboricultural Site Supervision** T: 020 8687 1214 CONSULTING 1 Hyde Park, London Site: H .Applevard **Inspected By:** 15/02/2007 RPC Date of Inspection: Client: Shaun Clark Time of Inspection: 3:30pm Site Agent: **Tree Protective Fencing** Tree protection in correct location Comments/Action No action at this time Agreed Construction Exclusion Zone No debris within construction exclusion zone 4.2007 Effective fencing in position Comments/Action No action at this time Amendments to Documentation Required No amendments required **Comments/Action** Building works outside scope of Method Statement 2007 **Remedial Works** Fencing with signs **General Comments**

Tree protection and on-site supervsion effective and understood.

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