Vitpol Building Services Method Statement – Romney's House

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Tree Protection

The protection shall establish a clearly visible exclusion zone:-

- To protect the tree and branches from physical damage by vehicles and plant
- To protect the roots from damage by ground compaction caused by vehicles, plant or storage of materials
- Ensure that any water runoff from site operations such as concrete or plaster mixing does not encroach into the root area
- Not deprive the tree of light, water or air movement

The proposal is to erect a chestnut pale or other open material fence on 75mm diameter posts to a height of 1.2m around the tree at a distance approximately equal to the spread, terminating the fence at the boundary wall.

No vehicles, plant, materials, site operations or storage of material will be allowed out within the fence. Grass, weeds and vegetation within the fence will be cut at regular intervals.

The falls are such that no site mixing operations will be carried out uphill from the tree and potential escape of runoff is not a problem.

Any landscaping works required within the spread of the tree will be carried out in accordance with the designers requirements. If any pruning, excavation or similar is required we would anticipate that an arboricultural adviser would be consulted by the design team and that the works would be carried out under his supervision.