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Method Statement Tree Protection

1 Pre Design Survey

- 1.1 Prior to advanced design state, an arboricultural impact analysis was carried out by Raphael Skerrett giving details and recommendations of 15 trees and shrubs within or adjacent to the property. The report is dated 15-08-14. Copy attached.
- 1.2 The above (and attached) report highlights the need for protection of retained trees on site in trees, Trees 001, 012 and 014. See attached appendix A of Skerrett report.
- 1.3 Project designers have been mindful of BS 5837 and the said Skerrett report, design of works allows for compliance with such requirements.

2 Consultations

- 2.1 This method statement is to be submitted to Camden Borough Council Planning Department prior to commencement of building works and their approval in writing received prior to any works starting.
- 2.2 During the construction period Skerrett representatives will visit site and report on (1) tree protection, (2) condition of trees and (3) final landscape scheme.
- 2.3 A photographic record will be taken by client agent (weekly) of all works and site condition especially in relation to trees and site boundaries. Such photos will be made available to consultants.

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3 Risk

3.1 Risk assessments carried out have identified the following:

- 1 Installation of mains underground services to summer house**
- 2 Landscape to other areas of garden**
- 3 Crushing of Tree 001 roots by construction traffic or storage of materials**
- 4 Possible poisoning of Tree 001 by spillage of storage of fuel or chemicals**
- 5 Impact damage/abrasion of bark etc.**
- 6 Broken branches**
- 7 Fire damage**

4 Construction Phase

4.1 The main contractor will ensure that all the following works/actions are carried out.

4.2 A copy of this method statement is to be displayed in a prominent position on site and brought to the attention of all staff and operatives, in particularly ground workers and machine operators.

4.3 A robust timber frame with ply covering (see sketch) is to be erected round retained trees on site. Such barriers are to be painted white with red notice on each side saying "Protect Tree".

4.4 Tree 001 in particular must have special attention to maintaining the barrier in pristine condition

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4.5 Timber stakes (50mm x 50mm x 600mm) are to be driven into ground around Tree 001 at 2cm c/c on line shown in green on Skerrett drawing Appendix 'A'. Red and white barrier tape is to be fixed to stakes which are to be painted and maintained white. The whole of the above is to define tree root spread with noticed saying "No storage of any kind in this area and no mechanical plant".

4.6 Tree protection is to be mentioned at all tool box talks.

4.7 See separate method statement for reduced and made up levels together with excavation and backfill.

5 Reporting

5.1 Site manager to make tree protection a regular weekly entry in site diary.

5.2 Any concerns of the site manager with regard to tree protection must immediately be conveyed to the client's agent.

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