Boundary Hedge Trimming Method Statement



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Staff are to strictly adhere to these method statements which are critical to the health & safety of the activity to which they relate.

Any deviation must first be authorised by the site supervisor.

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Hedge Trimming Methods statement

Planned Task/Activity Description:

Hedge cut using standard petrol driven hedge cutter and long handled hedge cutter.

Working Environment & restrictions (confined Spaces)

Check hedge for foreign bodies e.g. bottles or wire before commencing work. Also check for any nesting birds and postpone hedge cutting if any nests are found, (Particularly between 1st March and 31st July) Barrier off working area to protect site operatives.

Care will be taken to avoid damage to the existing chainlink fence.

Number of operatives

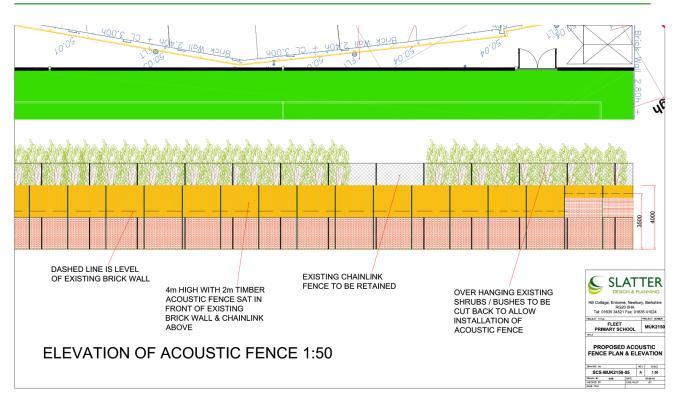
A team of two will be involved which will consist of a Supervisor and an Operative.

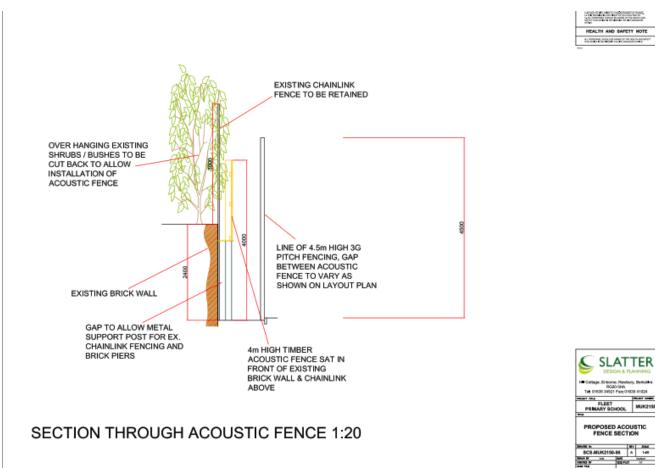
Operational Details

This method statement covers works to the Southern boundary of the play area as shown in the photo below.



The overgrown hedge to the Southern boundary is necessary in order to erect new acoustic fencing as shown below





Only the vegetation currently overhanging the School's boundary and up to the height of the new fence (4.0m from ground level) will be cut back.

Access to this area will be via a tower scaffold erected in accordance with current guidelines and under the supervision of a competent person.

Conditions on site

If new hazards arise on the day either a Site-Specific Risk Assessment or a Personal Site-Specific Risk Assessment will be completed.

Operatives Competence/Training

Supervisor to check that the Operatives are experienced and competent to carry out all task(s) required and training records have been signed before the work commences.

PPE Requirements

Protective footwear, ear protection, eye protection, gloves to be worn at all times whilst hedge cutting plus Hi-Viz clothing.

First Aid Requirements

First Aid Box is always kept on site. A mobile phone is to be used for emergency contact.

Plant & Equipment

Petrol hedge Cutter, Long Handled Hedge Cutter, rakes and container for arisings. Fuel in 5l plastic or 10l metal cans - (2-stroke)

Materials Handling & Storage & Safety Information (COSHH, Fuel etc)

Generic Risk Assessments, Safe Methods of Working, COSHH & Manual Handling Assessments available in Health & Safety Procedures Manual carried on vehicle.

Green Waste

All green waste generated will be returned to an approved disposal site free of contaminants e.g. plastics, glass, paper, tins etc. Via an approved carrier.