

BS 5837 Arboricultural Report

Impact Assessment, Method Statement & Planting Scheme



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1. Introduction

1.1. Instruction

1.1.1. We are instructed by Aimee Squires of Savills to:

- Undertake an Arboricultural Survey at 26 Netherhall Gardens and assess all trees potentially within influencing distance of proposed development within the site.
- Plot the trees on a Tree Constraints Plan and record the data in a Tree Data Schedule.
- Provide an overview of the site and any management recommendations.
- Determine if any of the trees are growing within a conservation area or are protected by a tree preservation order.
- Provide guidance for architects or developers to enable them to understand and design within the existing tree constraints.
- Assess the potential impact of the development proposals and provide guidance as to appropriate mitigation measures.
- Produce an Arboricultural Impact Assessment for submission to the local authority once the design has been finalised.
- Produce a Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement specifying how the retained trees shall be protected from inadvertent damage by demolition or construction activity.
- Produce a Planting Scheme specifying what trees and shrubs are proposed as mitigation for tree removal.

1.2. Scope and Purpose of the Report

1.2.1. This report is designed to accompany a planning application for development proposals at the above site. Its purpose is to assist and inform the planning process. It is produced according to the guidance and recommendations within BS 5837: 2012 - *Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction*.

1.2.2. The Method Statement should be viewed as a *Heads of Terms* Method Statement which specifies the general principles to be adopted during construction and demolition. However, specific construction activities proposed within Root Protection Areas may need to be agreed in more detail if requested by the local authority at the reserved matters stage (for an outline planning applications) or via planning conditions.

1.3. References

1.3.1. We have liaised with the project architect throughout the writing of this report in order to attain an adequate understanding of the project to enable us to carry out an accurate assessment of the proposals and to specify suitable tree protection measures.

1.4. Drawings

1.4.1. The tree locations shown on the accompanying plans which are reproduced in Appendix 6 have been plotted according to measurements taken on site.

1.4.2. The *Tree Constraints Plan* shows the existing layout. For each tree the stem location is indicated and scaled according to its diameter, the canopy is indicated according to measurements taken along the four cardinal points of the compass. Root protection



areas (RPAs) are indicated which are calculated according to the guidelines within BS 5837 (2012).

- 1.4.3. Where appropriate, the shapes of the RPAs have been amended to reflect actual site conditions or where trees have been heavily pruned. The 'original' RPAs are indicated as a dashed line whereas the amended RPAs are indicated as a solid line.
- 1.4.4. The *Impact Assessment Plan* indicates the tree constraints with the proposals overlaid. Where applicable, this plan shows where works are proposed in Root Protection Areas and which trees are to be pruned or removed. This plan accompanies the Impact Assessment which is to be found in Section [5](#).
- 1.4.5. The *Tree Protection Plan* shows the protection measures that are to be installed during the construction phase. This plan accompanies the Method Statement which is to be found in Section [6](#).
- 1.4.6. The Proposed *Planting Plan* shows the locations of trees that are to be planted as part of the post-construction planting scheme. This plan accompanies the Planting Schedule which is to be found in Section [11](#).



2. Site Overview

2.1. Coordinates

- 2.1.1. The site coordinates are 51° 33.027'N 0° 10.736'W and the altitude is approximately 74m above sea level. (Co-ordinates may be pasted or typed into the following site: <http://maps.google.co.uk/> where maps, satellite imagery and street views may be accessed).

2.2. Brief Description

- 2.2.1. The survey area encompasses a detached house with gardens to front and rear (the site). The ground levels slope upwards from the road to the house and into the rear garden. Steps lead up to the house from *Netherhall Gardens*. The site is a rectangular plot measuring approximately 40m by 20m.
- 2.2.2. There is only one tree within the front garden (T4) and a group of trees (T6 to T10) that grow within the rear garden. Nearby street trees (T3 and T5) and trees in adjacent gardens (T1 and T2) were also included in our survey.
- 2.2.3. The Tree Constraints Plan and Tree Data Schedule (see Appendix 6) should be referred to for descriptions and locations of all trees.

2.3. Survey Extent

- 2.3.1. Our survey covered the area indicated in Figure 1.



Figure 1 Extent of the survey (image is not current).

- 2.3.2. Photographs of the site are included in Section [11](#).



3. Tree Survey and Data Schedule

This page is largely generic. Tree officers and other persons familiar with arboricultural reports may go straight to the following section and refer to the tree data in Appendix 6.

3.1. Survey Details

- 3.1.1. A ground level survey was undertaken on the 2nd July 2019. The survey was conducted by Emma Hoyle. No climbed inspections or specialist decay detection were undertaken. Only trees with a stem diameter over 75mm were included, which lie within the site boundary or relatively close to it.
- 3.1.2. Where applicable, trees with significant defects have been highlighted and appropriate remedial works have been recommended. However, this report should not be seen as a substitute for a full *Safety Survey* or *Management Plan* which are specifically designed to minimise risk and liability associated with responsibility for trees.
- 3.1.3. Wherever possible, dimensions are obtained using diameter tapes, logger's tapes, distometers and clinometers. Where obstacles prevent accurate measurement, dimensions are estimated. Trees on privately owned third party are surveyed from the best available vantage point and observations relating to the condition of these trees should be treated accordingly. All height measurements should be regarded as approximate.

3.2. Data Schedule

- 3.2.1. The findings of the survey are presented in The Tree Data Schedule which is provided as a separate document as well as being appended to the end of this document within Appendix 6.
- 3.2.2. The Schedule includes scaled tree images based on measurements recorded for stem diameter, crown spread, crown height and overall height. Their purpose is to indicate, at a glance, the relative dimensions of each tree.
- 3.2.3. A definition of the Retention Categories can be found in Appendix 1. All other terms used within the Tree Data Schedule are defined and explained in Appendix 3.

3.3. RPA calculation - Single Stems & Multiple Stems

- 3.3.1. For single stemmed trees, the RPA is calculated according to the following formula:
$$\text{RPA radius} = 12 \times \text{stem diameter (measured at 1.5m above ground level)}$$
- 3.3.2. Where a tree has more than one stem, the equivalent-single-stem diameter is usually recorded. This is calculated by adding the squares of the stems and then finding the square root of this total. The radius of the Root Protection Area is then calculated by multiplying the equivalent-stem-diameter by 12.
- 3.3.3. Occasionally this method is not appropriate (e.g. for coppiced specimens where there are numerous stems). In such cases the diameter at ground level may be recorded or a stem diameter which would provide a suitable Root Protection Area calculation. The form of the tree is recorded in the notes section.



4. Vegetation Overview (independent of proposals)

This section summarises all the recommendations within the Tree Data Schedule regardless of whether trees are to be retained, felled or pruned to facilitate the proposed development. It does not specify works that may be required to facilitate the development proposals. The protection status of the trees is also reported in this section.

4.1. Preliminary Management Recommendations

4.1.1. The following recommendations are made in order to maintain the trees in an acceptable condition:

4.1.2. T1 and T2 could not be fully inspected due to the presence of dense ivy. It is recommended that the ivy is removed so that the trees may be re-inspected to better ascertain their structural condition.

4.1.3. All other trees were deemed to be in an acceptable condition.

4.2. Work Priority and Future Inspections

4.2.1. The table below suggests a schedule for completing the works recommended in the Tree Data Schedule based on the perceived risk:

Work Priority	Definition	Tree Number
Urgent	As soon as possible	None
Very High	Within 1 Month	None
High	Within 3 Months	None
Moderate	Within 1 year	T1, T2
Low	Within 3 years	None

4.2.2. The table below suggests a schedule of future inspections based on the condition and location of each tree:

Inspection Frequency (years)	Tree Number
0.5	None
1	None
1.5	T1, T2, T3, T4, T5
3	T6, T7, T8, T9, T10

4.2.3. The trees should be inspected sooner if there is a noticeable decline in their condition, or following extreme weather events.



4.3. Tree Protection Status – Site Specific

- 4.3.1. On 1st February 2019 we were informed by Chantal of London Borough of Camden that:
- The site is within a Fitzjohn/Netherhall Conservation Area.
 - There is a Tree Preservation Order affecting an Oak tree within the rear garden of either 26 or 28 Netherhall Gardens (Ref no C223A). We believe this could be T1 within our report. The local authority were not able to provide more details though the Order may be viewed upon request at the local authority offices.

4.4. Tree Protection – General Notes

- 4.4.1. Before undertaking works to trees protected by a tree preservation order, consent needs to be obtained from the local authority which will provide application forms and advice to potential applicants. The removal of dead wood is exempt.
- 4.4.2. Where the works are proposed for reasons of safety or ill health, a report from a suitably qualified arborist will usually be required. Trees that are dead, dangerous or dying are technically exempt from protection, though it would be prudent to give the local authority 5 days' notice of intention and take photographs before undertaking works without prior consent being granted. Fines of up to £20,000 per tree exist for unauthorised works to protected trees.
- 4.4.3. Where trees are located in a conservation area, works are not permitted without first giving the local authority 6 weeks' notice of intention. During this time the local authority may elect to create a tree preservation order or to inform the applicant that they have no objection to the proposed works. If the local authority does not respond within 6 weeks, then the intended work may be undertaken.
- 4.4.4. Where planning permission is granted and tree works have been approved as part of the planning consent. No further application is required in respect of protected trees and no further notice is required in respect of trees within a conservation area.

4.5. Species Present – Additional Information

- 4.5.1. The table below contains general information about the tree *species* (rather than the actual tree *specimens*) included in the survey. Its purpose is to assist readers who are unfamiliar with the characteristics of the various species.

Species	Typical Height at Maturity (m)	Typical Canopy Spread at Maturity (m)	General Notes
Cherry	8	10	Many cultivars available, bred for their abundance of spring flowers, edible cherries or ornamental bark (e.g. Tibetan Cherry). Usually white or pink flowering, often in very early spring. Usually with a single bole to around 2.5m and multi-stemmed thereafter. Most varieties have excellent autumn colour.
Holly	16	12	Evergreen tree native across Western Europe. Many cultivars available, often with variegated leaves. Females produce bright red berries. Good wildlife value. Visit http://www.pfaf.org/user/Plant.aspx?LatinName=Ilex+aquifolium for more info.
Lime	25	12	Very common street tree. Several species exist; the one most often found in woods is 'common lime' which produces a mass of suckers at the stem base, making it very cheap to propagate. Limes have non-symmetrical heart shaped leaves which are much loved by aphids (hence the sticky honeydew on cars parked beneath). Limes are tolerant of heavy pruning and are often managed as pollards. Old limes tend to support a lot of small dead branches. Visit http://www.pfaf.org/user/Plant.aspx?LatinName=Tilia+x+europaea for more info.



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Species	Typical Height at Maturity (m)	Typical Canopy Spread at Maturity (m)	General Notes
Oak	22	18	Deciduous, long lived tree native and common throughout Europe with very durable timber. Excellent habitat tree - provides food and shelter for thousands of native species. Can be very attractive as a mature open grown specimen though not particularly ornamental, having no autumn colour or showy flowers. Responds well to pruning. Visit http://www.pfaf.org/user/Plant.aspx?LatinName=Quercus+robur for more info.
Silver Maple	30	20	Deciduous tree native to N. E. America. Cut leaved version is regularly planted. Outstanding autumn colour. Irregular, airy domed crown, often with weeping outer branches.
Yew	14	12	Evergreen species native throughout Europe. Commonly planted in churchyards. Once revered by ancient Britons and though to be the inspiration for our Christmas tree. Capable of remarkable regeneration and extreme longevity. Poisonous foliage and seeds. Slow growing. Visit http://www.pfaf.org/user/Plant.aspx?LatinName=Taxus+baccata for more info.

- 4.5.2. The figures quoted regarding typical height and canopy spread should be treated as approximate. Actual heights and spreads vary according to several environmental factors such as soil conditions, climate and presence of competing vegetation. The figures quoted are not the maximum dimensions that the species may attain.



5. Arboricultural Impact Assessment

5.1. Overview

5.1.1. It is proposed to demolish part of the existing dwelling and construct a new side extension comprising four flats as indicated on the plans in Appendix 6. The existing layout is indicated in black, the footprint of the ground floor layout is indicated in pale green and the footprint of the basement layout is indicated in pink.

5.1.1. The table below summarises the potential impact on trees due to various activities.

Activity	Trees Potentially Affected
Tree Removal: Retention Category A	None
Tree Removal: Retention Category B	None
Tree Removal: Retention Category C	T6, T7, T8, T9, T10
Tree Removal: Retention Category U	None
Tree Pruning	None
RPA: Building Foundations	None
RPA: New Surfaces	None
RPA: Underground Services	None Anticipated
RPA: Change of Ground Levels	None
RPA: Soil Compaction	Trees adjacent the construction area (preventable by installing tree protection measures)

5.1.2. Other potentially damaging activities often associated with construction sites include demolition or the careless use of plant machinery, hazardous materials, or fires.

5.1.3. All of the above potential impacts are considered in detail throughout this section. Section 6 specifies the measures proposed to minimise all possible potential risks of damage to the retained trees.

5.2. Tree Removal

5.2.1. All trees to be removed are indicated on the Impact Assessment Plan and listed below:

- **Retention Category A:** It is proposed to retain all Retention Category A trees.
- **Retention Category B:** It is proposed to retain all Retention Category B trees.
- **Retention Category C:** It is proposed to remove the following Retention Category C trees: T6, T7, T8, T9 and T10. These trees are located within, or close to, the footprint of the proposal. Consequently, their retention is not practical.

These are relatively small trees (maximum height 7.5m). They are located within a rear garden and are barely visible from public vantage points. The trees grow within a dense group of shrubs and the two larger trees, T6 and T8, are both limes that have been previously topped at approximately 3m above ground level. Consequently, they are all considered to have a low amenity value. Their removal shall not have a significant impact on the visual amenity of the locality and they are not considered to be a material planning consideration.

- **Retention Category U:** Our survey did not identify any Retention Category U trees.

5.2.2. Details specific to each tree can also be found in the Tree Data Schedule.



5.3. Mitigation Planting

- 5.3.1. It is proposed to plant two new mixed native hedges in order to ensure screening is maintained around the property. A mixed native hedge is to be planted at the front of the site to provide screening around the proposed refuse store and a second mixed native hedge, including Holly to maximise biodiversity, shall be planted adjacent to the south-eastern boundary of the property to ensure screening is maintained between the site and the adjacent residential property. It is also proposed to plant a Box hedge at the front of the site opposite the bicycle store.
- 5.3.2. In addition to the above, two new trees are to be planted within the rear garden and one new tree is to be planted within a planting bed at the front of the site. Tree species to be planted include two small-leaved Limes and a Cherry tree.
- 5.3.3. The planting scheme at Section 10 specifies what species are to be planted, where they are to be planted and how they are to be maintained to ensure successful establishment.

5.4. Impact on Tree Canopies

- 5.4.1. The canopies of all retained trees are located sufficiently far from proposed building works and sufficiently high over access routes throughout the site that they shall not be impacted upon by any construction activity. Consequently, no pruning works are required to facilitate construction activity or access throughout the site. Restrictions are placed on activities throughout the site to ensure that no canopies are accidentally damaged – see Section [6.8](#).

5.5. Impact on Tree Roots

5.5.1. Rooting Habits:

- 5.5.2. The Root Protection Areas on the Tree Constraints Plan are drawn as circles. However, for the lime tree, T4, the roots are more likely to be concentrated in the area of soft landscaping surrounding this tree which is enclosed on all sides by a retaining wall. This is because the wall and its foundations shall effectively act as a root barrier. What few roots grow beneath the foundations will find relatively inhospitable rooting conditions so are unlikely to proliferate.
- 5.5.3. The results of a trial excavation within the rear garden are presented in our report dated 28th May 2013. These are summarised below:

Summary of Conclusions

At a distance of 12m from T1, any proposed development would have no impact on the health or vigour of this tree.

At a distance of 9.5m from T1, any proposed development would have negligible impact on the health or vigour of this tree.

At a distance of 7.5m from T1, any proposed development would have some impact on the health and vigour of this tree. The extent of the impact would depend on the length and depth of the foundations. A deep excavation extending from the existing building half way to the rear boundary is not considered likely to result in the death of any foliage, rather the vigour is likely to be reduced for one or two growing seasons whilst the tree establishes a balanced root:shoot ratio.

Excavation closer than 7.5m could have a significant impact on T1 and should be kept to a minimum.

- 5.5.4. The location of the trial trenches are also marked on the accompanying Tree Constraints Plan.



5.5.5. **New Surfaces:**

5.5.6. No new surfaces are proposed within the Root Protection Areas of any trees.

5.5.7. **Underground Services:**

5.5.8. There is ample opportunity for service and drainage provision without the need to pass through the Root Protection Areas of any retained trees. The exact position of services should be agreed and installation engineers should be made aware of the need to keep trenches outside of RPAs.

5.5.9. Due to the potentially major impact of excavating trenches within Root Protection Areas, the locations of all underground services should be approved by the local authority after consultation with an appointed arborist to assess the potential impact on trees.

5.5.10. **Soil Compaction:**

5.5.11. The majority of tree roots lie within the upper soil horizons. This is because the availability of oxygen decreases with depth and roots need to breathe to stay alive. In addition, nutrients are more readily available in the form of organic matter close to the soil surface.

5.5.12. Healthy soils contain about 25% air space between solid particles. Increased loading of the soils caused by construction activity causes air to be squeezed out as the soil becomes compacted preventing roots from breathing. Even an increase in pedestrian activity may cause some soil compaction.



5.5.13. It is important therefore that ground compaction and soil disturbance over Root Protection Areas should be avoided during the construction phase. This may be done by installing protective fencing as recommended within the Arboricultural Method Statement in Section 6. These measures should be approved and conditioned by the local authority.

5.5.14. All Root Protection Areas shall be protected within a Construction Exclusion Zone where all construction activity shall be excluded by protective fencing. This shall ensure no negative impact on the rooting environment due to soil compaction or contamination.

5.6. **Demolition Activities**

5.6.1. The tree protection measures specified within Section 6 should be installed prior to the commencement of all demolition activities (including soil stripping) to prevent any detrimental impact on tree health. Where this is not practicable, demolition of structures within Construction Exclusion Zones shall be undertaken very early on in the demolition phase and the protective barriers installed immediately thereafter.

5.7. **Hazardous Materials**

5.7.1. All hazardous materials (including cement and petrochemical products) will need to be controlled according to COSHH regulations in order to ensure there is no detrimental impact on tree health. Provision shall need to be made to ensure that cement and cement run-off are contained outside of all Root Protection Areas.

5.8. **Cabins and Site Facilities**

5.8.1. Consideration should be given to the location of any site welfare facilities in terms of potential impact on trees. Where it is proposed to install cabins or site facilities in Root



Protection Areas, the appointed arborist should be consulted and approval obtained from the local authority.

5.9. Boundary Treatments

- 5.9.1. Where it is proposed to amend any boundary features over RPAs, the appointed arborist should be consulted and if necessary, approval obtained from the local authority.

5.10. Summary

- 5.10.1. In order to facilitate the development, it is proposed to remove five Retention Category C trees which are located internally to the site. These are all small trees and are mostly hidden from public vantage points. Consequently, the impact of tree removal on local amenity shall be minimal.
- 5.10.2. Two mixed native hedges, a box hedge and three new trees are proposed to be planted as mitigation for tree loss and to ensure screening is maintained around the site.
- 5.10.3. No pruning works are required to facilitate the proposal
- 5.10.4. No foundations are proposed within Root Protection Areas.
- 5.10.5. No hard surfacing is proposed in Root Protection Areas.
- 5.10.6. Tree protection measures are specified throughout Section 6 that will ensure no negative impact on retained trees due to construction activity.
- 5.10.7. Adequate space has been allowed between the proposal and all trees to the rear such that no future pressure to overly-prune or remove these trees shall occur as a consequence of the proposal.



6. Method Statement

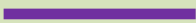

Section A: Introduction and Overview

6.1. Definition of Terms

- 6.1.1. Some terms used within the Arboricultural Method Statement have very specific meanings. These are defined below:
- 6.1.2. **Root Protection Area (RPA).** This is a theoretical area of ground around a tree where the roots are likely to proliferate. Ground disturbance in this area should be minimised in order to avoid significant impact on tree health. RPAs are indicated on all plans accompanying this report as a pink line.
- 6.1.3. **Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ).** These zones are created to protect roots and canopies from inadvertent damage by construction activity – see Section 6.7. -*Construction Exclusion Zones*. They are usually fenced off by protective barriers throughout the entire construction phase. No works are permitted in these zones other than minor landscaping works which do not require a change in ground level. Where practicable the entire Root Protection Area and the area beneath the tree canopy shall be treated as a Construction Exclusion Zone. These zones are hatched purple on the Tree Protection Plan.
- 6.1.4. **Restricted Activity Zone (RAZ).** It is not always possible to create a Construction Exclusion Zone over the entire RPA. This is because access may be required or some works may be proposed within the RPA. In such circumstances a Restricted Activity Zone is created where limitations are placed on construction activity. Ground protection measures may be specified or the Restricted Activity Zone may be fenced off throughout part of the construction phase. See the legend on the Tree Protection Plan to identify these zones.

6.2. Tree Protection Barriers - Overview

- 6.2.1. The Tree Protection Plan indicates the location of all proposed tree protection barriers according to the following legend and overview:

Symbol on Tree Protection Plan	Barrier type See Section 9	Location
	In-Ground System or Back-Stay System	Around the Construction Exclusion Zones, as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan.
	Cloth and Chestnut Paling Wrap	T3

- 6.2.2. The barriers shall be installed prior to the commencement of any localised construction activity including soil stripping and delivery of materials. A detailed specification of the barriers can be found in Section 9.

6.3. Planning Status

- 6.3.1. Tree protection measures specified within this report should be agreed with the local authority so that they may be conditioned upon planning consent.
- 6.3.2. The site manager must be familiar with all aspects of this Method Statement and should liaise with the author of this report for clarification, or regarding any unforeseen issues where trees may be impacted upon.



- 6.3.3. A copy of this Method Statement shall be available on-site at all times. All personnel working on the site shall be made aware of any sections appertaining to their work. This includes short term contractors and persons responsible for deliveries and installation of services.

6.4. Overview of Protection Measures

- 6.4.1. Below is a list of potential arboricultural impacts and a summary of the proposed protection measures:

Reference	Comments	Potential Impact	Protection measures
All retained trees	No works proposed in Root Protection Areas.	Compaction and contamination from general construction activity.	Protective fencing installed as specified in Section 9 and Construction Exclusion Zone created where appropriate. No works permitted in Exclusion Zone.

- 6.4.2. The above measures are described in more detail throughout the remainder of this section.

6.5. Timing of Operations

- 6.5.1. Activity within the site shall be phased according to the following chronology:

Order	Phase	Activity
1st.	Pre-Construction Phase	Detailed design submission for approval (see Section 6.6 below). Discharge of any planning conditions relating to trees.
2nd.		Undertake all specified tree removal (see Section 8 -Tree Works Schedule).
3rd.		Install the tree protection barriers (see Tree Protection Plan and Section 9 -Tree Protection Barriers).
Protection measures confirmed acceptable by the local authority		
4th.	Construction Phase	Demolish existing structures and remove existing surfaces where applicable.
5th.		Install new buildings and services taking into account restricted activities as specified in Sections 6.7 onwards
6th.	Post-Construction Phase	Remove protective barriers (fencing and ground protection measures as applicable).
7th.		Undertake restricted landscaping operations within Root Protection Areas, including boundary treatments, pedestrian surfaces and any proposed hedge planting.



6.6. Confirming Detailed Proposals

- 6.6.1. This Method Statement is a *Heads of Terms* method statement. This means that it specifies the general principles to be adopted during proposed development works. Often additional input is required from engineers to confirm the exact locations of services or technical specifications which are beyond the scope of an arborist. This is usually provided at the reserved matters stage (for an outline planning applications) or via planning conditions. The table below highlights where such confirmation is required.

Nature of Activity	Areas Potentially Affected	To be Confirmed
Underground Services	All Root Protection Areas	Exact location of all underground services and trenches. Location of any proposed soak-aways. Method of installation where services pass through RPAs.
Landscaping	All Root Protection Areas	Construction method statement to be supplied by engineers or landscapers. Any specific landscaping proposals requiring approved by the local authority but not considered within this report.

- 6.6.2. The limitations specified within this report need to be considered in detail by building and/or demolition contractors. Any conflicts should be raised at an early stage so that issues may be resolved and agreed with the local authority. This may require the production of a revised Method Statement.



Section B: Restrictions on Activities – Specific Zones

6.7. Construction Exclusion Zones

6.7.1. Within Construction Exclusion Zones (shaded purple on the Tree Protection Plan) the following restrictions shall apply:

- Tree Protection Barriers shall be erected and maintained throughout the entire project as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan and specified in Section [9 -Tree Protection Barriers](#).
- No construction activity whatsoever shall occur.
- No excavation whatsoever shall occur.
- No vehicles or plant machinery shall be driven or parked.
- No tree works, other than those specified in this report shall be undertaken.
- No alterations of ground levels or conditions.
- No chemicals or cement washings permitted.
- No temporary structures shall be installed.
- No spoil shall be stored.
- No fires shall be permitted.
- All hazardous materials (including non-essential cement products) shall be forbidden.

Section C: Restrictions on Activities – Throughout the Site

6.8. Canopy Protection

6.8.1. In order to protect tree canopies the following restrictions shall apply throughout the site:

- No machinery in excess of 4m shall pass beneath the canopy of any tree without being carefully marshalled in order to ensure that no branches are damaged.
- If materials require installation or delivery beneath tree canopies, this shall be done without the use of overhead cranes.
- If materials are to be installed or delivered close to tree canopies (but not beneath them) and a crane is required, they shall be carefully marshalled in order to ensure that branches are not accidentally damaged.

6.9. Site Hoarding

6.9.1. If site hoarding shall be installed over the Root Protection Area of any tree, the following restrictions shall apply:

- Ground levels shall be maintained as existing.
- Post holes shall not exceed 300mm x 300mm.
- No post hole shall be excavated within 1.5m of any tree stem.
- Post holes shall be excavated using hand tools or by a post-hole auger attached to plant machinery sited outside the Root Protection Area(s).
- Roots in excess of 25mm shall be retained wherever possible.
- Roots in excess of 10mm shall be pruned with sharp secateurs.
- Pruning shall be minimal and only undertaken where absolutely necessary to facilitate the site hoarding. It shall be undertaken by a reputable tree surgeon working to BS 3998 (2010).
- Cement products shall be mixed away from Root Protection Areas (see Section [6.18 - Hazardous Materials](#)).



- 6.9.2. Site hoarding may be installed in place of the specified tree protection measures subject to the approval of the local authority with regard to its location and specification.

6.10. Fence Posts or Decking Posts

- 6.10.1. If permanent fencing or decking is to be installed within Root Protection Areas, the following restrictions shall apply:

- All post holes shall be excavated by hand and kept as narrow as possible (maximum diameter 300mm).
- Exploratory post holes shall be dug before committing to post / panel positions. If any roots in excess of 25mm are encountered they are to remain intact and the post hole shall be relocated slightly. The fencing system must permit such flexibility (i.e. where fixed panel widths are used, all post holes must be excavated before committing to the final location).
- Any roots in excess of 10mm which are severed shall be neatly pruned back with secateurs. This will encourage healing and reduce the likelihood of infection.

- 6.10.2. Walls shall be avoided over Root Protection Areas unless their foundations may be spanned over roots using a beam system.

- 6.10.3. Hedges may be planted within Root Protection Areas using hand tools to minimise excavation.

6.11. Demolition and Initial Ground Works

- 6.11.1. No demolition, removal of surfaces, or soil stripping shall commence until the protective fencing and ground protection measures are installed to the satisfaction of the local authority.

6.12. Underground Services

- 6.12.1. No underground services (including soak-aways) shall be located in any part of the *Construction Exclusion Zones* or *Restricted Activity Zones* unless done so in a manner detailed in a specific Method Statement and approved by the local authority.

6.13. Lighting, Bollards, CCTV and associated Cables

- 6.13.1. If any of the above are to be installed close to tree canopies or within Root Protection Areas of retained trees; installation methods shall be detailed in a specific Method Statement and approved by the local authority. Consideration should be given to the following:

- Pruning of branches to enable sufficient clearance for light and views. Branches should be removed to the *branch collar* as per British Standard 3998 (2010).
- Post holes must be excavated by hand or using an appropriate sized auger. No other form of mechanical excavation may be used.
- Wherever possible, cables should be routed in a direction directly away from the tree stem rather than tangentially across the rooting zone. The location of all such cables shall be determined after consultation with the appointed arborist and approval by the local authority.



6.14. Use of Heavy Plant

- 6.14.1. All machinery operatives are to be made aware of any *Construction Exclusion Zones* and *Restricted Activity Zones* that apply to this site (see the Tree Protection Plan and Section [6.7](#) onwards).
- 6.14.2. All machinery operatives are to respect these zones and ensure that no damage occurs to trees due to the careless use of machinery.

6.15. Scaffolding

- 6.15.1. If scaffolding is required in areas containing ground protection measures, the protective boards shall need to remain in-situ and be strengthened and stabilised to bear the weight of scaffold poles.
- 6.15.2. Prior to the installation of any scaffolding within 0.5m of any tree branches, the appointed arborist shall be consulted to specify any pruning works that may be required.

6.16. Siting of Cabins and Storage of Materials

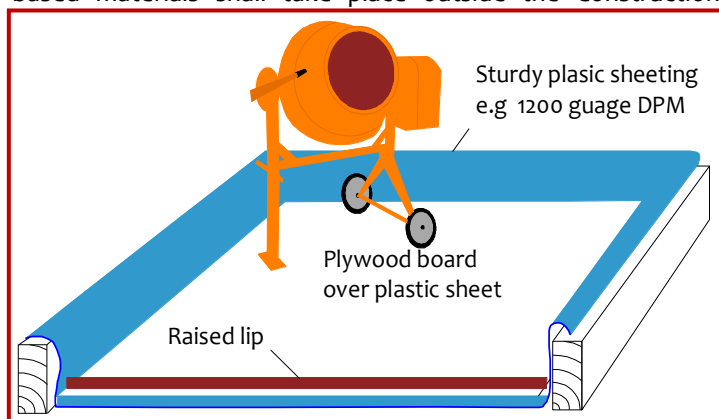
- 6.16.1. Cabins and heavy building materials may be located or stored anywhere outside of *Construction Exclusion Zones* and *Restricted Activity Zones*.
- 6.16.2. Any proposal to install cabins or materials within these zones shall be agreed in writing with the local authority prior to installation.
- 6.16.3. It may be acceptable to locate site cabins such that they act as a tree protection barrier and replace the specified protective fencing. Where this is being considered, written approval must be sought from the local authority.

6.17. Pedestrian Paving

- 6.17.1. If it is proposed to install new pedestrian surfaces over Root Protection Areas, excavation shall be limited to the removal of existing turf/vegetation plus an additional 50mm. Excavation shall be undertaken using hand tools only. Porous materials are preferred but not essential if the new surface covers less than 10% of the Root Protection Area. Paving with a thickness of 50mm bedded on mortar, or sand, bearing directly onto the ground, with a finished surface level with existing ground levels will be acceptable. No retaining kerbs shall be used.

6.18. Hazardous Materials

- 6.18.1. Any mixing of cement based materials shall take place outside the *Construction Exclusion Zones* and *Restricted Activity Zones*. Where cement is to be mixed at considerable distances from trees and water run-off cannot enter Root Protection Areas, then no further special measures are required. Otherwise, provision shall be made to ensure that the mixing





area is contained so that no water run-off enters the Root Protection Area of any trees (see diagram for example). Mixers and barrows shall be cleaned within this area.

- 6.18.2. All other chemicals hazardous to tree health, including petrol and diesel, shall be stored in suitable containers as specified by current COSHH Regulations, and kept away from Root Protection Areas.

6.19. Removal of Tree Protection Barriers

- 6.19.1. This will be done after all major construction work is complete. Vehicular access will not be permitted within the Construction Exclusion Zones.

- 6.19.2. The local authority tree officer shall be made aware that the fencing is to be removed.

6.20. Landscaping

- 6.20.1. No machinery used within landscaping operations shall operate within the Root Protection Areas of retained trees.

- 6.20.2. Ground levels shall not be altered within Root Protection Areas without consultation and approval from the local authority.

6.21. Tree Planting

- 6.21.1. Trees planted in poor soils or compacted soils are unlikely to become established, so prior consideration should be given to rooting conditions. Where compaction or contamination is believed to have occurred expert horticultural or arboricultural advice should be sought.

- 6.21.2. Any new tree planting shall be carried out after completion of all construction activity in the vicinity. Please refer to Section 10 for further details regarding the proposed post-development planting.



7. Site Inspection

7.1. Inspection Schedule

- 7.1.1. In order to ensure that the trees are adequately protected it shall be necessary to confirm that the tree protection barriers are installed correctly and that a suitable load spreading surface is in place over the Restricted Activity Zone. This will be done by the local authority tree officer or a project arborist who will provide the tree officer with a copy of inspection details.
- 7.1.2. The following inspection schedule is suggested though the local authority may specify additional supervision where deemed necessary.

Inspection	Attendees	Comments
Pre- Start To occur prior to any works taking place on the site.	N/A.	Site manager to study this Method Statement & contact the appointed arborist to agree all protection measures.
Pre-Construction Meeting After tree works completed & tree protection barriers / ground protection measures installed. Prior to any other activity, inc. demolition & soil stripping.	Site manager, appointed arborist and/or local authority tree officer. *	Tree protection fencing locations & specification checked. Additional ground protection measures checked. Further protection measures / restrictions agreed.
Intermediate Reporting Throughout the entire project. At least once per month.	N/A.	Site manager to liaise with the appointed arborist regarding any issues which may affect trees. General site photos indicating tree protection measures to be provided monthly.

* Where agreed with the L.A. it may be acceptable to supply photographs of the fencing to avoid the necessity for a site visit.



8. Tree Works Schedule

8.1. Tree Works Specification

- 8.1.1. The following table specifies the tree works which will be required prior to the commencement of construction activity:

Tree Reference	Action Required	Notes
T6, T7, T8, T9, T10	Remove.	Stumps of trees within the RPAs of retained trees shall be removed with a stump grinder NOT a mechanical excavator.

- 8.1.2. **Additional works:** Any recommendations specified in the Tree Data Schedule (but not replicated in the above table) are intended to maintain the tree population in an acceptable condition. They are made for reasons of good arboricultural practice regardless of development proposals. However, they do not form part of this planning application. Where these trees are protected by a tree preservation order or are in a conservation area, consent must be sought from the local authority. Only the works listed in the table above form part of this planning application whereby no additional consent will be required if planning permission is granted.

9. Tree Protection Barriers

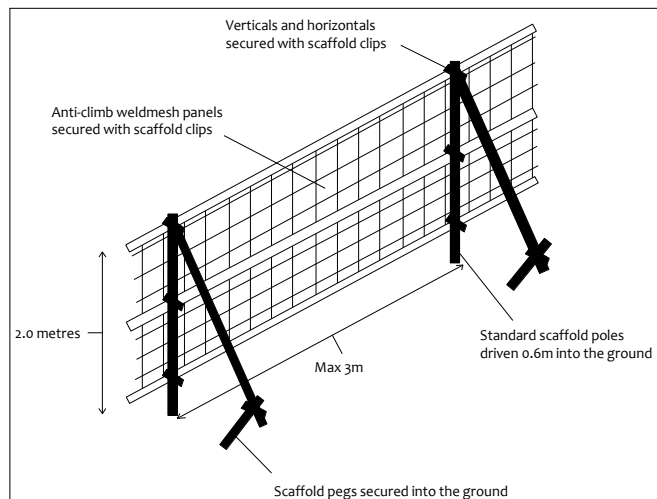
Detailed Specification

- 9.1.1. The purpose of tree protection barriers is to keep construction activity away from *Restricted Activity Zones* or *Construction Exclusion Zones*. They should be appropriate to the nature and proximity of activity within the site. The barriers should be erected prior to the commencement of all activity including demolition, soil stripping and delivery of materials and demolition (except where existing structures require demolition to enable the barriers to be installed). Barrier systems are specified below and should be installed according to the legend on the Tree Protection Plan.

9.2. The In-Ground System

- 9.2.1. This system may be installed where indicated by a solid purple line on the Tree Protection Plan. It should be robust enough to withstand occasional knocks by plant machinery and, once installed, shall remain in place throughout the entire construction phase.

- 9.2.2. Vertical scaffold poles are driven into the ground, onto which are affixed horizontal scaffold poles and diagonal bracing struts. Weldmesh panels (or similar – e.g. Heras type fencing panels, or 18mm+ plywood boards) are secured to this scaffold framework using sturdy clips e.g. standard scaffold clips. The system is illustrated in the diagram to the right and is based on BS 5837 guidelines.



9.3. The Back-Stay System

- 9.3.1. This system may be installed where indicated by a solid or dashed purple line on the Tree Protection Plan. It is more practical over existing hard surfaces or where the fencing needs to be moved to enable permitted activities within a *Restricted Activity Zone*. This system should be able to withstand occasional knocks by machinery and should not be relocated except with the consent of the site manager and the approval of the local authority.

- 9.3.2. Within this system, weldmesh fencing panels (minimum height 2m) are affixed into rubber or concrete feet and clipped together with anti-tamper couplers. Where topography permits, two couplers should be used, spaced at least 1m apart. Alternate panels should be

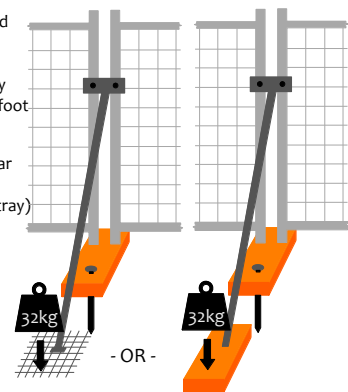
The 'Back Stay System' (an alternative to 'The In-Ground System')

2m X 3.5m weldmesh panels linked with anti-tamper couplings

Each panel attached to a back stay which is founded in an additional foot or mesh tray as illustrated

Minimum 32kg ballast to retain rear foot or tray (including the weight of the foot/tray)

Front feet to be secured with ground pins or additional ballast





attached to a diagonal back stay connected to an additional foot or baseplate secured with ground pins or additional ballast. Where ground pins are not used, the total weight of the foot/plate plus ballast should total not less than 32kg.

9.3.3. Alternatively, timber struts may be used to affix the panels to existing walls using brackets and screws where the fence panels are sufficiently close for this to be effective.

9.3.4. Where it is not possible to install diagonal struts (such as very close to a hedge) then the front feet shall be secured using ground pins or ballast.

9.4. Stem Protection – Cloth and Chestnut Paling Wrap

9.4.1. Where indicated by a turquoise star on the Tree Protection Plan, it is proposed to protect a tree stem using sturdy cloth and chestnut paling double wrapped around the stem and. Other tree protection barriers, such as those specified above, are not considered appropriate due to the proximity of the tree stem to proposed activity.



9.4.2. The tree stem and any low limbs shall be protected from ground level to a height of 2.5m by wrapping them at least three times with a sturdy material such as hessian cloth or similar. Around this, chestnut paling shall be wrapped at least twice around and secured.

9.4.3. The wrappings shall be secured using string, wire or plastic cable clips. They shall not be secured by driving nails or tacks into the tree stem or bark.

9.5. Notices

9.5.1. Suitable weather-proof notices should be displayed to identify tree protection zones. They should state the purpose of the fencing and that it should not be moved, or traversed, other than by authorised personnel.



10. Planting Scheme

10.1. Tree Planting Schedule

- 10.1.1. It is proposed to plant two standard sized trees and one heavy standard tree in the locations indicated on the accompanying Proposed Planting Plan ref CCL/09952/PPP and as specified below:

Ref No	Species	Nº	Size
NT1	Small-leaved Lime Tilia cordata	1	Heavy Standard 12-14 cm girth, 3.6 – 4.25m height
NT2	Cherry 'Accolade' Prunus accolade	1	Standard 8-10cm girth, 2.5-3m height
NT3	Small-leaved Lime Tilia cordata	1	Standard 8-10cm girth, 2.5-3m height

- 10.1.2. We are unaware of any existing underground constraints which shall affect the available rooting volume for new trees.

10.2. Hedge Planting Schedule

- 10.2.1. It is proposed to plant two new mixed native hedges and a box hedge in the locations indicated on the accompanying Proposed Planting Plan ref CCL/09552/PPP and as specified below:

Ref:	Species:	Hedge Length	No:	Size:
NH1	Field Maple, Hazel, Holly & Hawthorn Acer campestre, Corylus avellana, Ilex aquifolium, Crataegus monogyna	10.5m in length. 0.5m spacing, double staggered	42 specimens	Bare root 40-60cm
NH2	Field Maple, Hazel & Hawthorn Acer campestre, Corylus avellana, Crataegus monogyna	15m in length, 0.5m spacing	60 specimens	Bare root 40-60cm
NH3	Box Buxus sempervirens	3m in length 0.2m spacing	16 specimens	Bare root 30-40cm

10.3. Tree and Hedge Planting Specification

- 10.3.1. All stock shall be healthy and conform to BS 3936: 1992. Nursery Stock. Part 1: Specification for Trees and Shrubs. All stock to be materially undamaged, sturdy, vigorous, of balanced shape and without elongated shoots.
- 10.3.2. All species are to be true to type, no substitutes are to be made without the written consent of the Local Planning Authority.



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- 10.3.3. Larger specimens may be planted for more immediate visual impact. However, specimens planted younger are better equipped to adapt to a new environment and often establish better than larger planted trees.
- 10.3.4. **Timing:** All trees and hedges should be planted late October to late March and copiously watered in immediately after planting.
- 10.3.5. **Preparation:** Any ground which has been compacted during construction shall be cultivated to a depth of at least 300mm and the planting areas should be cleared of all weeds.
- 10.3.6. **Hedge Planting:** NH1 and NH2 to be planted in T cut pits, planted in double overlapping rows and spaced approximately 50cm apart. NH3 to be planted in a narrow trench at approximately 20cm apart. Specimens to be planted with stem base at ground level and the planting hole shall be backfilled with the same (or slightly ameliorated) soil material and firmed to prevent air pockets.
- 10.3.7. **Tree Staking:** *Standard* trees shall be single staked at 30 - 50cm above ground level and attached with adjustable and flexible tree ties and spacers. *Heavy Standards* (or larger) shall be double staked at 80 - 1200cm above ground level and attached with adjustable and flexible tree ties and spacers. Stakes shall be driven into the ground such that they avoid the root ball. Stakes to be of tanalised timber with a minimum diameter of 75mm for *Standard* trees and 100mm for *Heavy Standards*.
- 10.3.8. **Soil Amelioration:** Compost or other organic matter may be added to aid establishment if the soils are relatively infertile. However this should not be confined to the planting hole. The vast majority should be dug into the soils immediately adjacent to the planting hole and the mix should always be at least 50% of the excavated site soil.
- 10.3.9. **Protection:** Tree guards (60cm x 50mm, clear recycled PVC) to be affixed around the base of any tree that is not protected by tree shelters. The use of strimmers shall not be permitted due to the risk of bark stripping. Hedging plants to be protected by tree shelters and firmly secured to a deep driven 1m cane. Canes and shelters need to be robustly installed to withstand storms, rabbits and hares and should be regularly checked and repaired / replaced.
- 10.3.10. **Mulching:** Seasoned woodchip or medium grade bark mulch to be installed to a depth of 10cm around each specimen to deter weed competition. A circa 0.5m radial diameter of mulch should be installed around each tree stem which should be periodically topped up.
- 10.3.11. **Hedge Watering:** All planted specimens shall be regularly watered during the first growing season and during prolonged dry spells for at least two further seasons, in accordance with British Standard 8545 (2014). The following is a guide to watering requirements, though in practice these are heavily dependent upon climatic conditions:
- Hedges watered 3 times per month April through to September inclusive. During October, November and March the frequency may be reduced to 2 times per month. During December, January and February the frequency may be reduced to once per month.
 - The entire area beneath the hedges should be watered.
 - After 2 years the hedges should only require watering during periods of extended dry weather.
- 10.3.12. **Tree Watering:** Trees shall be regularly watered during the first growing season and during prolonged dry spells for at least two further seasons, in accordance with British
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Standard 8545 (2014). The following is a guide to watering requirements, though in practice these are heavily dependent upon climatic conditions:

- All trees watered 3 times per month April through to September inclusive. During October, November and March the frequency may be reduced to 2 times per month. During December, January and February the frequency may be reduced to once per month.
- At each watering session heavy standards should receive 20 gallons and standards should receive 15 gallons. This equates to approximately 10 minutes and 7.5 minutes from a domestic hose at moderate pressure.
- The entire area beneath the canopy should be watered.
- After 2 years the trees should only require watering during periods of extended dry weather.

10.3.13. **Replacement:** Any specimens which fail to become established are to be removed and replaced with a new tree of the same species and specification as the original. Planning conditions may apply.

10.4. Long Term Management Plan

10.4.1. **Ties and Stakes:** The tree ties and spacers shall be inspected and adjusted/loosened annually by an appointed arborist. The stakes shall be removed (or loosened) after a period of 3 – 5 years as is deemed fit by the appointed arborist.

10.4.2. **Formative Pruning:** Formative pruning of new trees should be undertaken where appropriate, including progressive crown lifting, leader selection and minimum / maximum heights of crown lifting. If any trees are to be pleached, pollarded or coppiced, this should be well planned and the timing/ regularity of pruning requirements specified.

10.4.3. **Two year Inspection:** After 2 years from the date of planting the appointed arborist shall assess the condition and form of the trees and shall undertake any remedial / formative pruning as required to encourage the trees to develop with good structure and to have good screening value.

10.4.4. **Five year Inspection:** After 5 years from the date of planting the appointed arborist shall assess the condition and form of the trees and shall undertake any remedial / formative pruning as required to encourage the trees to develop with good structure and to have good screening value.

10.4.5. **Ten year inspection:** After 10 years from the date of planting the appointed arborist shall assess the condition and form of the trees and shall undertake any remedial / formative pruning as required to encourage the trees to develop with good structure and to have good screening value.



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11. Photographs

Refer to the Tree Constraints Plan for photo locations

Photo 1.



Photo 2.



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Photo 5.



Photo 6.





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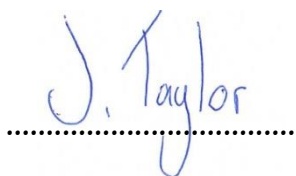
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12. Signature

This report represents a true and factual account of the trees and potential impact of development along with proposed protection measures at

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Appendix 1: BS 5837: 2012 – Guidance Notes

This Standard prescribes the principles to be applied to achieve a satisfactory juxtaposition of trees and structures. It sets out to assist those concerned with trees in relation to design, demolition and construction to form balanced judgements.

It acknowledges the positive contribution trees may offer to a site, as well as the negative aspects of retaining inappropriate trees. It addresses the negative impacts that construction activity may have upon trees and offers mitigation strategies to minimise these impacts.

The Standard suggests a three stage approach to ensure best practice is followed when developing close to trees:

A1.1 Stage 1: Survey of Existing Trees

This identifies the existing trees on and adjacent to the site. Data is recorded for each tree and is presented in a Tree Data Schedule. Each tree is allocated a **Retention Category** according to its size, amenity value, condition and safe useful life expectancy. The categories are allocated independently of development proposals. Our interpretation of the Retention Categories is explained below:

A1.1.1 Retention Categories

A Category: Trees of high quality and amenity value. Usually, mature trees with a significant life expectancy which would enhance any development. Retention of these trees is strongly encouraged.

B Category: Trees of moderate quality and amenity value. Usually these are maturing trees or younger trees with exceptional form. Retention of these trees is desirable though the removal of occasional specimens may be acceptable.

C Category: Trees of low quality or small specimens with a relatively low amenity value. These trees are not considered to be a material planning constraint and their removal will generally be seen as acceptable in order to facilitate development.

U Category: Trees of such low quality that their removal is recommended regardless of development proposals.

A1.1.2 Occasionally trees are borderline and do not fall neatly into one of the categories A, B or C. In such cases we apply a superscript (+/-) such that:

C⁺ Indicates borderline C/B, though Category C is deemed to be most appropriate.

B⁻ Indicates borderline C/B, though Category B is deemed to be most appropriate.

A1.1.3 The British Standard suggests that each of the A, B and C categories may be further subdivided (A1, A2, A3, B1, B2, B3 etc) such that subcategory 1 denotes mainly arboricultural values, subcategory 2 denotes mainly landscape values and subcategory 3 denotes mainly cultural values (including conservation). Multiple subcategories may be used.

Our experience suggests that these subdivisions lack clarity and can be confusing. Within this report subcategories are **not** denoted. Where appropriate, the use of phrases such as 'Part of a formal group', or 'Has a high ecological value', or 'Offers good screening to the site' are incorporated into the observation section of the Tree Data Schedule. We believe this conveys all relevant landscape and cultural information without any confusion.

A1.1.4 **Tree Constraints Plan (TCP).** This indicates the position, crown spread, Retention Category and Root Protection Area of each tree. It is used to inform where development may proceed without causing damage to trees.



A1.1.5 Root Protection Area (RPA). This is the area around each tree likely to contain the majority of roots. It should ideally remain undisturbed to avoid a detrimental impact on tree health. For single stemmed trees It is calculated according to the formula “radius of RPA” = “12 x stem diameter”. For multiple-stemmed trees a more complex formula is used which may occasionally produce an RPA which seems inappropriately large relative to the trees canopy. This shape can then be modified to take into account site factors which influence rooting activity, e.g. foundations, soil type or impermeable surfaces. Where development works are proposed within the RPA they should be undertaken in a sympathetic manner to minimise root disturbance.

A1.1.5 Shade Constraints. The previous Standard (BS 5837 2005) suggested that shade constraints should be indicated on the TCP. This are denoted as a circle-segment drawn northwest to due east with a radius equal to the height of the tree. These do not represent the actual shade pattern which varies through the seasons. Rather, they indicate the area most shaded by the tree throughout the course of the year. Ideally habitable room windows should be located outside of these shade constraints. Where we consider it appropriate, we will include shade constraints information on our Impact Assessment Plan or Proposed Layout Plan.

A1.2 Stage 2: Arboricultural Impact Assessment

After the initial survey and the production of the Tree Constraints Plan, arborists and designers are encouraged to work together to establish a design proposal with minimal impact on the high quality trees. An assessment should be made of all possible impacts including the impact that the trees may have upon the proposal. The arborist may recommend mitigation strategies to minimise these impacts and help achieve a more harmonious juxtaposition between buildings and trees.

A1.3 Stage 3: Arboricultural Method Statement

This type of report specifies the measures necessary to protect trees against damage from construction activity. The Method Statement should be written in a manner that it may be conditioned and enforced by the local authority upon granting of planning permission. The site manager should be familiar with all aspects of the Method Statement and should ensure that all persons working on the site are aware of those aspects which appertain to their work. This includes service installation engineers and operators of plant machinery.



Appendix 2: Explanation of Tree Data & Glossary

This section explains the terms used in the **Tree Data Schedule** (see Section 3 and Appendix 6).

A4.1 General Observations

A4.1.1	Numbering System:	Each item of vegetation has its own unique number prefixed by a letter such that T1=Tree 1, G2=Group 2, H3=Hedge 3 and W4=Woodland 4, S5=Shrub 5.
A4.1.2	Age Categories:	
	Young	Usually less than 10 years old.
	Semi-Mature	Significant future growth to be expected, both in height and crown spread (typically below 30% of life expectancy).
	Early-Mature	Full height almost attained. Significant growth may be expected in terms of crown spread (typically 30-60% of life expectancy).
	Mature	Full height attained. Crown spread will increase but growth increments will be slight (typically 60% or more of life expectancy).
	Veteran	A level of maturity whereby significant management may be required in order to keep the tree in a safe condition.
	Over Mature	As for veteran except management is not considered worthwhile.
A4.1.3	Species:	Common names and Latin names are given.
A4.1.4	Height:	Measured from ground level to the top of the crown.
A4.1.5	Stem Diameter:	Taken at 1.5m above ground level where possible. On multi-stemmed trees this measurement may be taken at ground level, though usually an indication of the number of stems and average diameter is given, e.g. 3 x 30cm.
A4.1.6	Crown Height:	Measured from ground level to the height at which the main crown begins. Where the crown is unbalanced it is measured on the side deemed to be most relevant. This is usually the side facing the area of anticipated development.
A4.1.7	Tree Diagram:	This scaled drawing is computer generated based on measurements taken for stem diameter, crown height and spread, and overall height. It is designed to help the reader rapidly assess the data. It is not an accurate representation of the form of the tree.
A4.1.8	Crown Spread:	Measured N, E, S & W, taken from the centre of the stem and usually rounded up to the nearest metre.
A4.1.9	Observations:	If a tree's position is considered to be relevant it will be commented upon (e.g. overhanging a children's play area). Tree form and pruning history are also recorded along with an account of any significant defects. Defects and descriptive terms are dealt with in more detail at the end of this section.
A4.1.10	Recommendations:	Usually based on any defects observed and intended to ensure that the tree is in an acceptable condition.
A4.1.11	Priority Scale:	Depending upon the threat posed by the tree, and the likelihood of failure, recommendations should be carried out according to the following priority scale:
	Urgent	To be carried out as soon as possible.
	Very High	To be carried out within 1 month.
	High	To be carried out within 3 months.
	Moderate	To be carried out within 1 year.
	Low	To be carried out within 3 years.
A4.1.12	Inspection Frequency:	An interval of 6 months, 1 year, 1.5 years or 3 years is allocated before the next inspection is due. Wherever practical, consideration should be given to seasonal changes so that deciduous trees are not always surveyed in winter when they have no leaves, or in summer when leaves may obscure branches within the upper crown.
A4.1.13	Vigour:	An indication of growth rate and the tree's ability to cope with stresses:
	High	Having above average vigour.
	Moderate	Having average vigour.
	Low	Having below average vigour.
	Very Low	Tree is struggling to survive and may be dying.
A4.1.14	Physiological Condition:	
	Good	Healthy and with no symptoms of significant disease.
	Fair	Disease present or vigour is impaired.
	Poor	Significant disease present or vigour is extremely low.
	Very Poor	Tree is dying.
A4.1.15	Structural Condition:	
	Good	Having no significant structural defects.
	Fair	Some defects observed though no high priority works are required.
	Poor	Significant defects found. Tree requires monitoring or remedial works.
	Very Poor	Major defects which will usually require significant remedial works or tree removal.
A4.1.16	Amenity Value:	
	Very High	Exceptional specimen, observable by a large number of people.
	High	Attractive specimen, observable by a significant number of people.
	Moderate	One of the above factors is not applicable.
	Low	Unattractive specimen or largely hidden from view.
A4.1.17	Life Expectancy:	The estimated number of years before the tree may require removal. Classified as (<10), (10 – 20), (20 – 40), or (40+).
A4.1.18	Retention Category:	These are explained in detail in Appendix 1.

A4.2 Evaluation of Defects

Cavities, wounds, deadwood etc are all evaluated as follows:

Major	Such that structural integrity is, or will become, compromised and the tree is, or will inevitably become, hazardous.
Significant	A defect that may over time become a major defect, though not necessarily so. This will depend on the vigour of the tree and its ability to deal with decay etc.
Minor	A defect that is not likely to compromise the tree's structural integrity.



General Glossary

Adaptive growth	In tree biomechanics, the process whereby wood formation is influenced both in quantity and quality by the action of gravitational forces and mechanical stresses on the cambial zone.
Aerobic	Conditions in which oxygen is freely available, or to biomechanical processes that depend on the presence of oxygen.
Anaerobic	A condition marked by the absence of oxygen; Generally such areas are unsuitable for normal life and growth of plant tissues. These sites tend to be populated by bacteria capable of surviving low oxygen conditions often associated with Slime Flux.
Arboriculture	The culture and management of trees as groups and individuals primarily for amenity and other non-forestry purposes.
Arborist	A person possessing the technical competence through experience and related training to provide management of trees or other woody plants in a landscape setting. Generally involved with the development or management of trees for visual amenity or land management rather than the growth of trees for product or profit.
Barrier zone	A layer within an annual increment of wood which contains abnormal xylem cells, laid down by the cambium in response to wounding or other trauma.
Body language	In trees, the outward display of growth responses and or deformation in response to mechanical stress.
Bole	Or Trunk, the main stem of a tree below its first major branch.
Bracket	A type of fruiting body produced by various fungal species, plate like to hoof like in shape and often a one sided attachment to the wood or bark.
Branch bark ridge	A ridged area located at the union of a branch to a trunk or stem.
Branch Collar	Trunk tissue that forms around the base of a branch between the main stem and the branch, or between a main branch and a lateral branch. As a branch decreases in vigour or begins to die, the collar usually becomes more pronounced and completely encircles the branch.
Brown Rot	Form of decay where cellulose is degraded, while lignin is only modified.
Buttress Root	Roots that emerge from the base of the tree stem, normally large and well developed that rapidly reduce in diameter to create the Root Plate this offers structural support for the tree. Buttress roots divide rapidly forming the connection between the stem and the transport roots.
Cabling Bracing	Installing cables within the crown of a tree to prevent collapse.
Callus	Undifferentiated cells often formed at the edges of recent injuries. This tissue quickly becomes differentiated, forming cells of the type characteristic of that position on the tree (e.g. forming wood, bark, roots, etc.) see wound response tissue.
Cambium	A thin layer of actively growing and dividing cells, located between the xylem (sapwood) and bark of a plant; the part responsible for radial growth of a tree stem or branch.
Canopy	The topmost layer of twigs and foliage in a woodland, tree or group of trees.
Canker	A localised area of dead bark and cambium on a stem or branch, caused by fungal or bacterial organisms, characterised by woundwood development on the periphery. This may be annual or perennial.
Cavity	An open and exposed area of wood, where the bark is missing and internal wood has been decayed and dissolved.
Chlorotic	Also Chlorosis. A condition of the plant marked by yellowing of normally green foliage, often indicating nutrient deficiency or plant dysfunction.
Clinometer	Devices that measures vertical angles, and provides direct height measurements of objects by triangulation.
Co-dominant stems/trunk	Are forked branches or trunks of nearly the same size in diameter and lacking a normal branch union.
Compacted soils	Soils in which the air-space (oxygen space) has been reduced or eliminated, reducing water infiltration and percolation, reducing root presence and inhibiting new root development.
Compartmentalisation	The physiological process that creates the chemical and mechanical boundaries that act to limit the spread of disease and decay organisms.
Compression Failure	Localized buckling of fibres and other longitudinal elements produced by compression of wood along the grain; compression failures sometimes develop in standing trees.
Compression Strength	The ability of a material or structure to resist failure when subjected to compressive loading; measurable in trees using special drilling devices
Compression Wood	Abnormal wood formed on the lower side of branches and curved stems, with physical properties different from normal wood.
Conservation Area	In Great Britain, designated areas of architectural or historical interest, in which there are special procedures for planning applications. Additionally tree works cannot generally be undertaken without prior notification (Currently 6 weeks) to the relevant local planning authority. See also Tree Preservation Orders.
Core Sample	A sample of wood extracted from a trunk or branch, using an increment borer tool. The resulting core can be analysed for characteristics of growth, wood strength, structure, decay, and for species identification.
Crotch	The union of two or more branches; the auxiliary zone between branches.
Crown	The upper canopy of a tree, including the upper trunk, scaffold branches, secondary branches, stems and leaves.
Crown lifting / raising	Crown Lift The removal of the lowest branches, usually to a given height. It allows more residual light and greater clearance underneath for vehicles etc.
Crown reduction	The reduction of a tree's height or spread while preserving its natural shape.
Crown thinning	The removal of some of the density of a tree's crown, usually 5-25% allowing more light through its canopy and reducing wind resistance.
Deadwood (noun)	Deadwood is often present within the crown or on the stems of trees. It may be an indication of ill health, however, it may also indicate natural growth processes. If a target is present beneath the tree, deadwood may fall and cause injury or damage and should be removed, otherwise deadwood can remain intact for conservation purposes (insects, fungi, birds etc.).
Deadwood (verb)	The removal of dead branches from a tree's canopy, usually of a specified size (in diameter).
Decay	Progressive deterioration of organic tissues, usually caused by fungal or bacterial organisms, resulting in loss of cell structure, strength, and function. In wood, the loss of structural strength.
Decay Detection	The assessment of decay within a tree has been traditionally difficult, but recent advances have made it possible to achieve accurate representations of the internal section of a tree in both 2D and 3D, removing doubt over the condition of the tree and allowing accurate management decisions.
Defect	In relation to tree hazards, any feature of a tree which detracts from the uniform distribution of mechanical stress, or which makes the tree mechanically unsuited to its environment.
Defoliation	The losing of plants foliage.
Dieback	Progressive death of buds, twigs and branch tissues, on individual limbs resulting in Deadwood, or throughout the canopy,



	extreme cases can result in Stag Heading.
Dripline	A projected line on the ground that corresponds to the spread of branches in the canopy; the farthest spread of branches.
Epicormic shoots	Fast growing, weakly attached shoots/branches that often grow as a response to stress factors upon a tree or branch removal.
Failure	In connection with tree hazards, a partial or total fracture within the wood tissue or loss of cohesion between roots and soil. (In total failure affected parts will snap or tear away completely, Partial failure there is a crack or deformation, which results in an altered distribution of mechanical stress.
Feeder Roots	Fine fibrous Water and nutrient absorbing roots located in the outer root system.
Flush-Cut	In trees and shrubs, a pruning cut close to the parent stem, which removes the branch bark ridge.
Foliage	The live leaves or needles of the tree; the plant part primarily responsible for photosynthesis.
Formative pruning	The trimming of a tree to remove weaknesses and irregularities which may lead to problems. The formative pruning operation is aimed at reducing the potential for future weaknesses or problems within the tree's crown.
Gall	An abnormal, disorganized growth of plant tissues, caused by parasitic or infectious organisms such as insects, fungi, bacteria, or viruses.
Girdling	In woody plants, any form of damage that destroys the bark and / or the Cambium all the way around the stem, branch or root, normally resulting in death of the damaged section.
Girdling Root	In woody plants, a root that grows across the buttress, or across other roots, eventually causing constriction of the radial growth.
Growth Increment	The incremental growth added as new annual ring develops each season over existing wood. This is seen as (growth) rings in cross-sections of wood.
Hazard beam	An upwardly curved branch in which strong internal stresses may occur without the compensatory formation of extra wood (longitudinal splitting may occur in some cases).
Heartwood	Inner non functioning tissues that provide structural support to trunk.
Heave	In relation to shrinkable clay soils, expansion due to rewetting of a volume of soil previously subjected to the removal or water by plant / trees following felling or root severance. Also in relation to root growth, the lifting of pavements and other structures by radial expansion. Also in relation to tree stability, the lifting of one side of a wind rocked root plate.
Herbicide	A chemical compound that causes the death of a plant.
Included Bark	Bark that becomes embedded in a crotch between branch and trunk or between co-dominant stems, usually found in narrow or tight crotches, and causes a weak structure.
Increment Borer	A tool that cuts and extracts a narrow cylinder of wood from a tree for analysis of the wood tissue and growth increments.
Leader	The primary terminal shoot or trunk of a tree.
Limb	A large lateral branch growing from the main trunk or from another larger branch.
Lion Tailing	Often the result of poor pruning practices; the main leader or branches are largely devoid of side branches, growth is restricted to the end of branches and is likely to suffer damage through end loading.
Lopping	In trees, a general term that related to the removal of branches from a tree.
Monitoring	Due to the relative life span of trees in relation to our own, long-term monitoring provides a valuable insight to the health of trees, identifying decline and or stabilisation and or improvement.
Mulch	A material laid over the root system of a tree to help conserve moisture within the soil. Additionally it may help control the development of weeds close to the tree.
Mycelium	A mass of growing filaments (hyphae) formed by fungi.
Mycorrhizae	The symbiotic relationship between roots and certain beneficial fungi. Mycorrhizae are the combined root / fungal growth.
Occluding tissue	The general term of wood, cambium and bark that develop around the site of a wound on a woody plant
Pathogen	A microorganism that causes diseases within another organism.
Phloem	The principle conductive tissue that the products of Photosynthesis are transported around the plant
Photosynthesis	The process were light energy is used to create energy (Carbohydrate) for use within the plant.
Pollard	A term for a pollarded tree.
Pollard head	The swollen section of branch / stem that forms behind the pollarding cut.
Pollarding	The complete or partial removal of the crown of a young tree so as to encourage the development of numerous branches either for amenity or historically as fodder, repeated management is required cyclically to maintain the feature
Prune or Pruning	Selective removal of woody plant parts of any size, using saws, Loppers, Secateurs, or other pruning tools.
Reaction Wood	Wood with distinctive anatomical characteristics, formed in parts of leaning or crooked stems and in branches to provide additional strength / support. In hardwoods, tension wood usually forms. In conifers, compression wood is usually found.
Reaction Zone	A zone normally darker than surrounding wood that denoted the boundary often a defensive one between functional sapwood and dysfunctional or decaying wood.
Re-grading	The raising or lowering of a soil profile from its original grade.
Remedial pruning	The removal of old stubs, deadwood, epicormic growth, rubbing or crossing branches and other unwanted items from the tree's crown.
Resistograph	Invasive decay detection technique whereby the resistance offered by the timber to a spinning probe is measured and plotted.
Rib	In tree body language, a long narrow, axial protuberance which often over lays a crack.
Ring Barking	Artificial Girdling of the stem, to result in the death of a tree. May be used in habitat creation were the retention of dead standing trees is required.
Rod Bracing / Bolting	Traditionally, this has relied upon the installation of steel rods or bolts through the stems or limbs, to reduce twisting or splitting of the wood. The installation of such features does require legal interpretation.
Root Barriers	Both Buildings and services can benefit from the installation of root barriers to protect a soil volume from the ingress of roots.
Root Collar	The basal area of the tree; transition zone from trunk to root. Also sometimes called trunk flare.
Root Plate	The primary support area for the tree; an area of the root system close to the base that structurally anchors the tree to the soil.
Root Rot	Either a general term for decay within the wood of the lower stem / buttress roots, or a disease in which the fine roots are killed.
Root System	The portion of the tree containing the root organs, including buttress roots, transport roots, and fine absorbing roots; all underground parts of the tree.
Root Zone	The area and volume of soil around the tree in which roots are expected. May extend to three or more times the branch spread of the tree, or several times the height of the tree.
Sail Area	That area or the tree subjected to wind load.



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Sapwood	Xylem wood tissue, usually light in colour, representing the outer growth rings of the wood. Usually living, reactive wood tissue, in a healthy tree. See heartwood
Scaffold limbs / scaffold Branches	The branches that from the main network framework of the crown of a tree.
Senescent	A decline in growth and vigour due to age or stress factors.
Shrub	A woody plant that branches at or close to the ground level and so does not have a single stem.
Slime Flux	Relating to a toxic condition from the spreading of bacteria or their products from a source of infection; characterized by malodorous gases, or salt deposits upon the bark. If these products enter the sap stream, localised vessel necrosis can result, usually associated with anaerobic conditions.
Soft Rot	A kind of wood decay, were a fungi degrades cellulose within the cell wall, without causing overall degradation.
Soil Compaction	The compression of soil, causing a reduction of pore space and an increase in the density of the soil. Air is squeezed out and nutrients become locked. Tree roots cannot grow in compacted soil.
Sonic Decay Detection	Non invasive method whereby sound waves are passed through the tree and the speed is measured. Slow speeds indicate decay and a tomography picture representing the inner stem is produced.
Stag Heading	In a tree, a state of dieback where dead branches protrude beyond the current living crown.
Stress	In plant physiology, conditions where one or more physiological functions are not working within normal parameters.
Stump Grinding	The removal of a tree stump using a specialist grinding machine.
Subsidence	In relation to vegetation, the removal of water by plant growth resulting in localised shrinkage in the soil volume.
Sucker	Same as sprout.
Suppressed	Trees which are dominated by surrounding vegetation and whose crown development is restricted from above.
Systemic	Affecting the whole plant or organism. A systemic compound is carried throughout the entire plant to all parts through the vascular system.
Target	Any person or object within reach of a falling tree or part of a tree that may be injured or damaged.
Target Pruning	The pruning of a branch where the wound affects only branch material, often results in a target shaped wound.
Tension Wood	Reaction wood typically formed on the upper side of limbs or curved stems; characterized by lack of cell wall lignifications (higher ratios of cellulose to lignin).
Tight Union / Tight Crotch	Also, narrow crotch. A crotch with a narrow angle between branches, often having included bark.
Tomography	The comparison of sound or stress waves through the tree allows the creation of a 2D or 3D representation of the internal structure of a stem or branch section and highlights areas of damage. Virtually non-injurious.
Topography	The configuration of surface features, including the vertical and horizontal relationships of the ground and other features.
Topping	Cutting large limbs back severely, without regard to form or habit of the tree. Cuts are usually made between lateral branch nodes. This practice is extremely injurious to trees, and promotes decay and structural weakness within the crown.
Tree	A woody plant that typically has a single stem, at maturity has a height of at least 4 metres and a stem diameter at breast height of at least 75mm.
Tree Preservation Order	In Great Britain, an order made by the local planning authority, where consent must be gained before undertaking all but exempt works to a tree.
Trunk Flare	The basal area of the trunk that flares or widens, and merges with the main roots. See root collar
Veteran Tree	Veteran trees are often found in large parks or estates and commonly affected by extensive decay or have been subject to extensive works. These trees are retained for historical importance and often pose greater risk than normal, which is generally justified. They need careful management and often propping or bracing to support them, some require fencing to limit access.
Vigour	Active, healthy growth of plants: ability to respond to stress factors.
Visual Tree Assessment (VTA)	An assessment of the mechanical condition of trees based upon their 'body language'. Trees are dynamic and respond to faults / decay / environmental factors in various ways, these responses can be indicative of structural integrity.
Wetwood	An infection caused by bacteria living inside the plant tissues. The bacteria ferment the plant fluids, resulting in death of nearby cells, and often causing exudations of fluid from the bark, often referred to as a Slime Flux.
White Rot	A kind of wood decay where a fungi attacks the lignin within the wood matrix
Wind loading	Forces placed upon tree canopy, branches, trunk and roots of a tree under windy conditions.
Wind Throw	The failure of a tree due to wind loading.
Witches Broom	A deformed or unusual growth of twigs from adventitious buds, caused by insects, disease, or dieback of twigs and buds.
Wood	Secondary Xylem; the main structural support and water conducting tissue of trees and shrubs.
Wound Response Tissue	Also Occluding Tissue, Wound Wood or Callus. Differentiated wood tissue that grows around the margins of a wound or injury.
Wound Wood	Wood with atypical features, formed in the vicinity of a wound and a term to describe the occluding tissues around a wound
Xylem	Plant tissues with special function of translocation of water and dissolved nutrients.



Appendix 3: Survey Methodology

- A2.1 Ground level visual surveys are carried out using the *Visual Tree Assessment* technique described by Mattheck and Broeler (1994) and endorsed by the Arboricultural Association (LANTRA Professional Tree Inspection course, 2007).
- A2.2 Structural condition is assessed by inspecting the stem and scaffold branches from all angles looking for weak branch junctions or symptoms of decay. Particular attention is paid to the stem-base. Cavities are explored using a metal probe in order to assess the extent of any decay. If this is not possible further inspection is recommended in the form of a climbed inspection or using specialist decay detection equipment.
- A2.3 The physiological condition is assessed by inspecting the stem, branches and foliage for symptoms of disease. The overall vigour of the tree is also taken into account.
- A2.4 Where significant defects are observed, recommendations are made according to a scale of priority in order to reduce the likelihood of structural failure. The position of the tree and its potential targets are taken into account.
- A2.5 Measurements are obtained using a diameter tape, clinometer, distometer and loggers tape. Where this is not practical measurements are estimated.
- A2.6 Some trees are surveyed as groups, though this is usually avoided close to areas likely to be developed.
- A2.7 Finally, a *Retention Category* is allocated as described in Appendix 1.1.1.

Appendix 4: Author's Qualifications

Qualifications & Experience of Ivan Button N.C.H. (Arb), FDS (Arb), BSc (Hons), P.G.C.E., M. Arbor. A.

Joe began his career in Arboriculture as a tree surgeon/climber. During his time as a tree surgeon, Joe has achieved City & Guilds NPTC qualifications in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross Cutting, Tree Climbing and Rescue, Safe Use of Manually Fed Wood-chipper and Supporting Colleagues Undertaking Tree Related Operations.

Joe obtained a Foundation Degree in Arboriculture at Askham Bryan College in 2015 which he passed with merit. Joe is a professional member of the Arboricultural Association, the International Society of Arboriculture and the Royal Forestry Society and regularly attends industry related seminars in order to keep abreast of industry best practice.

Studying at Askham Bryan College reinforced Joe's passion for trees and drove his enthusiasm to learn more. Learning how trees interact with their surrounding environment and their importance within our urban and rural landscapes highlighted an interest in pursuing a career in consultancy.

Since working for Crown Consultants Joe has undertaken numerous surveys and produced numerous reports for the purpose of planning (BS 5837), tree condition surveys, subsidence risk assessments, root surveys and decay detection investigations.



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Appendix 5: Further Information

Building Near Trees – General

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NHBC Standards Chapter 4.2., *Trees and Buildings*.

Horticulture LINK project 212. (University of Cambridge, 2004), *Controlling Water Use of Trees to Alleviate Subsidence Risk*.

Tree Planting and aftercare

See www.trees.org.uk/leaflets.php# for downloadable leaflets on selecting a garden tree, planting, aftercare and veteran tree management.

British Standards

BS 5837: 2012. Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction – Recommendations.

Bs 3998: 2010. Recommendations for Tree Work.

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High Hedges

Communities and Local Government website with numerous downloadable documents, from:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/treeshighhedges/>

Tree Specific Websites

www.crowntrees.co.uk

Crown Consultants site containing useful information

www.trees.org.uk

Arboricultural Association

www.rfs.co.uk

Royal Forestry Society of England, Wales and N. Ireland

www.treehelp.info

The Tree Advice Trust

www.woodland-trust.org.uk

The Woodland Trust

www.treecouncil.org.uk

The Tree Council



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Appendix 6: Tree Data Schedule and Site Plans

The Tree Data Schedule and any drawings accompanying this report follow this page.
They are also provided as separate documents for ease of printing and screen viewing.

Reference G = Group H = Hedge	Age & Species	Height (m)	Crown Ht (m)	Diameter (cm)	Crown Spread (m) W N E S	Scaled Tree Diagram (m)	Notes	Recommendations (Independent of any development proposals)		Vigour	Amenity Value
								Priority	Inspect Freq (yrs)	Physiological Condition	Life Expectancy (yrs)
										Structural Condition	Retention Category
T1	Mature Oak Quercus robur.	18	9	100	6 6 7 5		Position: Situated on third party land. Form: Twin-stemmed at 3m with a balanced crown. History: Reduced. Defects: No defects observed. Other: Ivy prevented detailed inspection.	Remove ivy and inspect stem for defects.		Moderate	High
								Moderate	1.5	Good	40+ A
T2	Mature Lime Tilia sp.	18	5	68	6 6 4 5		Form: Single stemmed and vertical with a slightly unbalanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. Defects: No defects observed. Other: Ivy prevented detailed inspection.	Remove ivy and inspect stem for defects.		Moderate	Moderate
								Moderate	1.5	Fair	40+ B
T3	Semi-Mature Cherry Prunus sp.	9	4	24	1.5 4 4		Position: Street tree. Form: Single stemmed and vertical with a well-formed crown. History: Multiple pruning wounds due to crown reduction. Defects: Significant bark wound at base (healing).	No action required.		High	Moderate
								n/a	1.5	Good	40+ C +
T4	Early-Mature Lime Tilia sp.	16	4	50	6 5 5 3		Position: Situated within the front garden. Form: Twin-stemmed at ground level with a balanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. Defects: No defects observed. Other: Recorded stem diameter is equivalent for 2 stems (34cm, 37cm).	No action required.		High	High
								n/a	1.5	Fair	40+ B
T5	Early-Mature Silver Maple Acer saccharinum.	19	6	54	5 7 5		Position: Street tree. Form: Single stemmed and vertical with a well-formed crown. History: Occasional pruning wounds due to crown reduction. Defects: No significant defects.	No action required.		High	High
								n/a	1.5	Good	40+ A
T6	Semi-Mature Lime Tilia sp.	6.5	0.5	32	1.5 3 1.5		Position: Situated within the rear garden. Form: Multi-stemmed at ground level with an unbalanced crown. History: Previously topped at 3m. Defects: No significant defects observed. Other: Recorded stem diameter is equivalent for 3 stems (12cm, 14cm, 26cm).	No action required.		Moderate	Low
								n/a	3	Fair	20-40 C
T7	Young Holly Ilex aquifolium.	5	0	10 @ Base	1 1 1.5		Position: Situated within the rear garden. Form: Twin-stemmed at 1m with a balanced crown. History: No evidence of significant pruning. Defects: No significant defects observed.	No action required.		High	Low
								n/a	3	Good	40+ C




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								Priority	Inspect Freq (yrs)	Physiological Condition	Life Expectancy (yrs)
										Structural Condition	Retention Category
T8	Semi-Mature Lime Tilia sp.	7.5	0.5	44	3 2.5 3		Position: Situated within the rear garden. Form: Single stemmed and vertical with a balanced crown. History: Previously topped at 3m. Defects: No significant defects observed.	No action required.		High Good Good	Low 40+ C
	n/a							3			
T9	Young Yew Taxus baccata.	4.5	1	14	1.5 1.5 1.5		Position: Situated within the rear garden. Form: Single stemmed and vertical with a balanced crown. History: Lower foliage lightly trimmed. Defects: No significant defects observed.	No action required.		High Good Good	Low 40+ C
	n/a							3			
T10	Young Holly Ilex aquifolium.	6.5	0.5	10	0.5 0.5 0.5		Position: Situated within the rear garden. Form: Single stemmed and vertical with a balanced crown. History: Lower foliage lightly trimmed. Defects: No significant defects observed.	No action required.		High Good Good	Low 40+ C
	n/a							3			



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

See the accompanying report for more photographs

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Title: Tree Constraints Plan (Existing Layout)

Site: 26 Netherhall Gardens Camden, NW3 5TL

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Tree Retention Categories
Stems & canopies shown

- Category A tree
- Category B tree
- Category C tree
- Category U tree

- Green circle: Trees of high quality with an estimated life expectancy of 40+ years. Usually large trees with significant presence or smaller trees with excellent form. Retention of these trees is highly desirable.
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- Grey circle: Unremarkable trees of low quality and merit. Individual specimens are not considered to be a material planning consideration.
- Red circle: Trees unsuitable for retention due to their very poor condition.

Tree Constraints Plan

BS 5837 Root Protection Area (radius = 12xstem diameter)

Root Protection Area needing amendment due to site conditions, e.g. presence of existing road or building.

Root Protection Area having been amended to account for site conditions

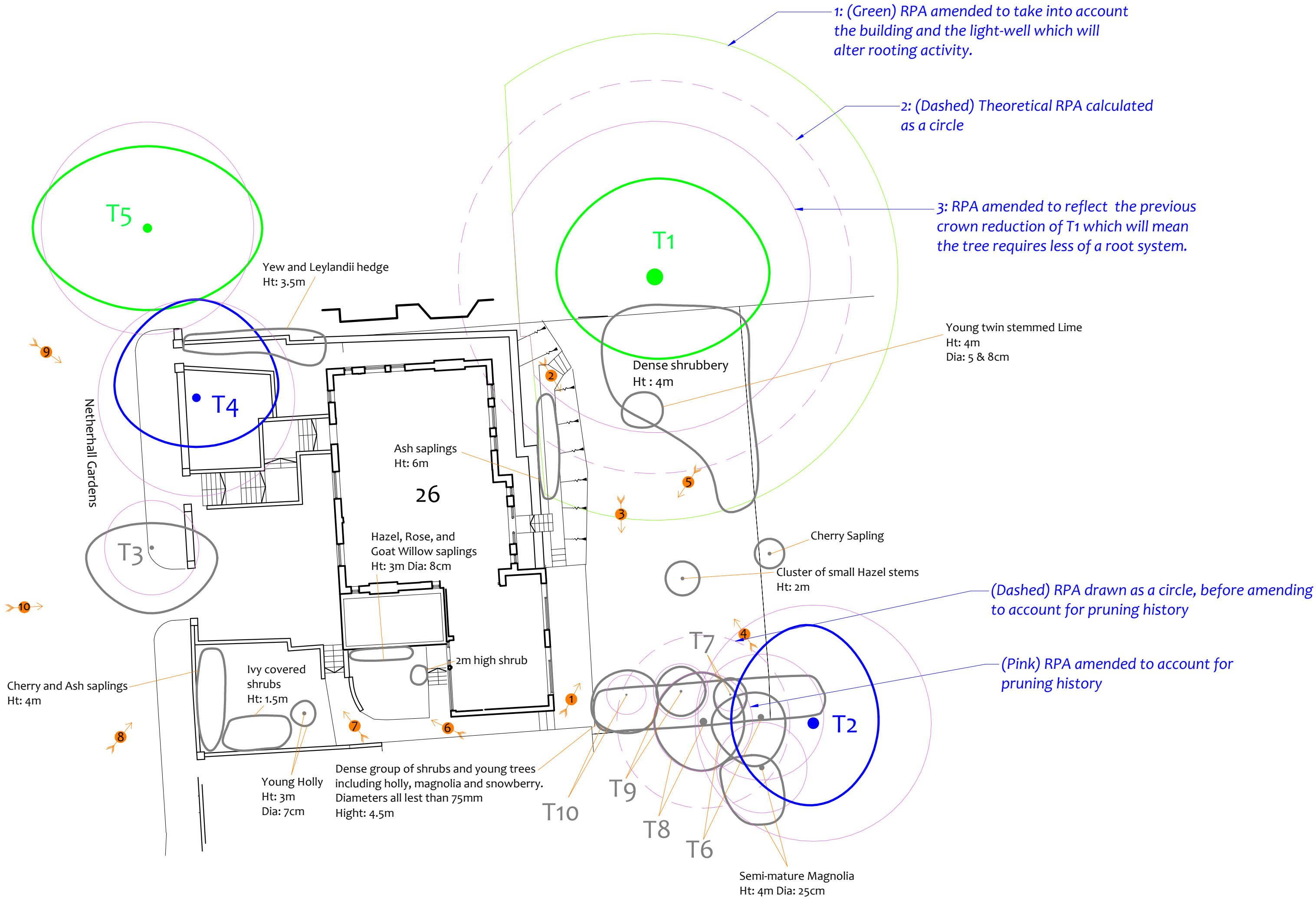
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Photo 1

Tree Ref.	Species	Height (m)	Root Protection Area		
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Tree Constraints Plan

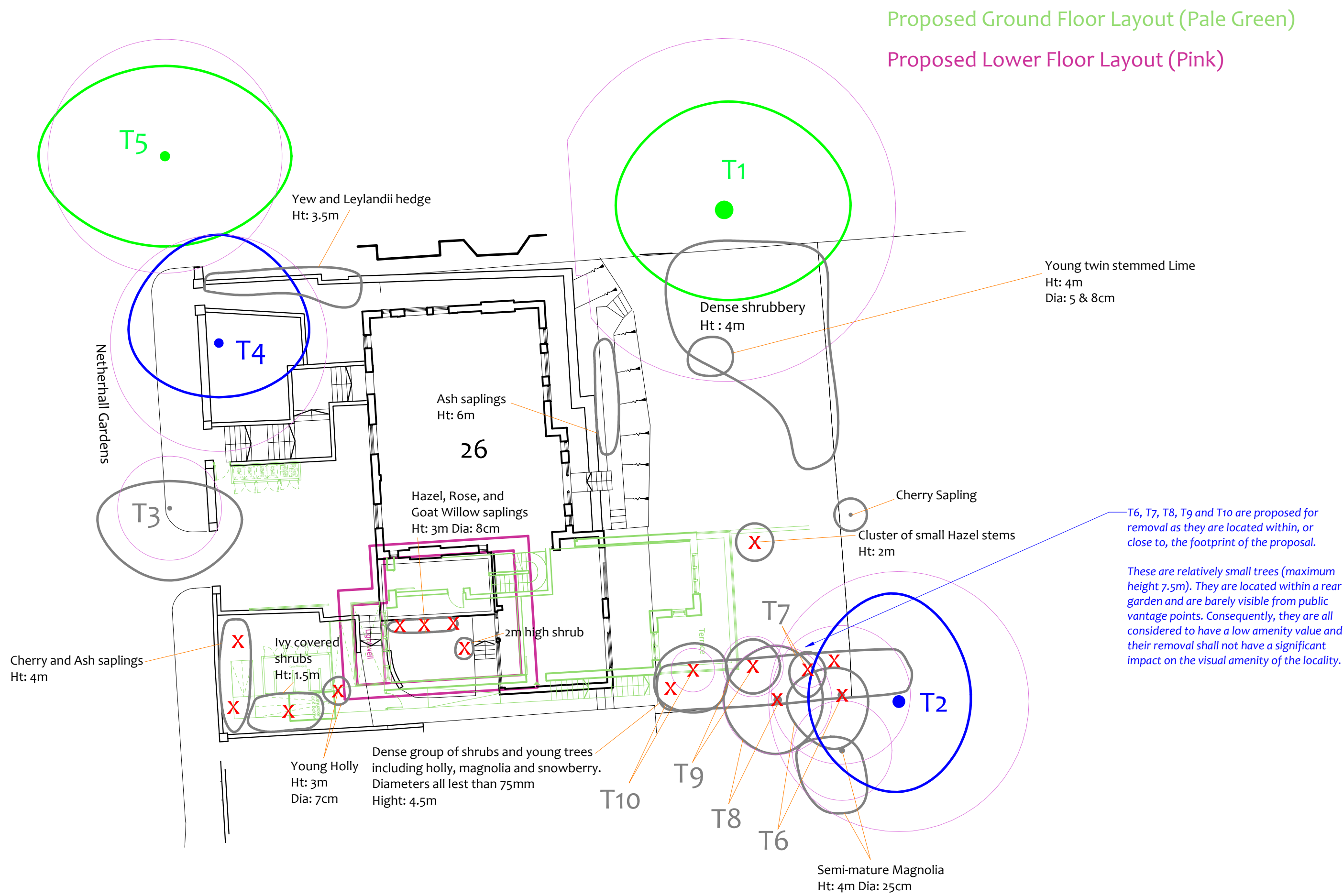
(Existing Layout)





Impact Assessment Plan

(Existing Layout with Proposals Overlaid)



T6, T7, T8, T9 and T10 are proposed for removal as they are located within, or close to, the footprint of the proposal.

These are relatively small trees (maximum height 7.5m). They are located within a rear garden and are barely visible from public vantage points. Consequently, they are all considered to have a low amenity value and their removal shall not have a significant impact on the visual amenity of the locality.




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Site:	26 Netherhall Gardens Camden, NW3 5TL
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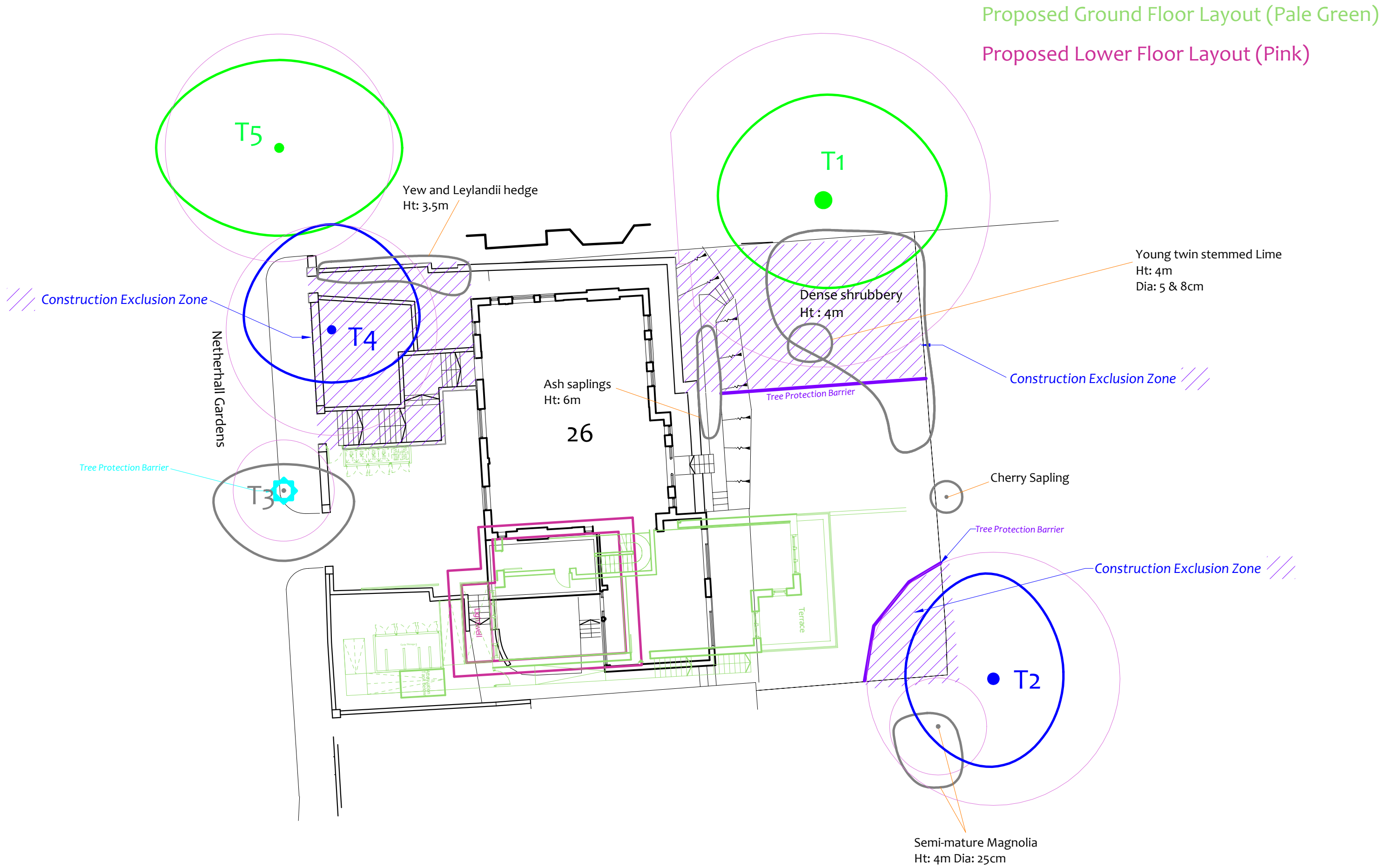
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	Trees unsuitable for retention due to their very poor condition.

Impact Assessment Plan

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	Tree to be removed to facilitate the proposal
	Tree to be removed due to its low quality
	Proposed pruning

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Tree Protection Plan

Tree Protection Barriers:

	Fixed protective barrier: The 'In-Ground System' or the 'Backstay System'. To remain in place for all construction activity		Moveable protective barrier: The 'Backstay System'. To remain in place except when approved works are being undertaken in the Restricted Zone
	Construction Exclusion Zone		Stem protected to a height of 2.5m with thick cloth & wire

The 'Back Stay System'

3m X 3.5m weldmesh (or sheet metal) panels linked with anti-tamper couplings

Each panel attached to a back stay which is founded in an additional foot or mesh tray as illustrated

Minimum 32kg ballast to retain rear foot or tray (including the weight of the foot/tray)

Alternate front feet to be secured with ground pins or additional ballast

The 'In-Ground' System

Verticals and horizontals secured with scaffold clips

Anti-climb weldmesh panel (or metal / 18mm ply sheets) firmly secured

2.0 metres

Standard scaffold poles driven 0.6m into the ground (100mm timber posts in concrete foundations may be used outside of RPAs)

Scaffold pegs secured into the ground

Construction Exclusion Zone

- Within this area the following restrictions shall apply:
- No excavation or land regrading whatsoever.
 - No storage of materials, rubble, soil or spoil.
 - No fires within the exclusion zone or within 10m of any tree canopy.
 - No site cabins or other temporary structures.
 - No discharge of polluted water, cement or chemicals of any kind.
 - No use of any machinery, or passage or parking of vehicles.
 - No tree works without council consent.

Restrictions are detailed within the accompanying Method Statement

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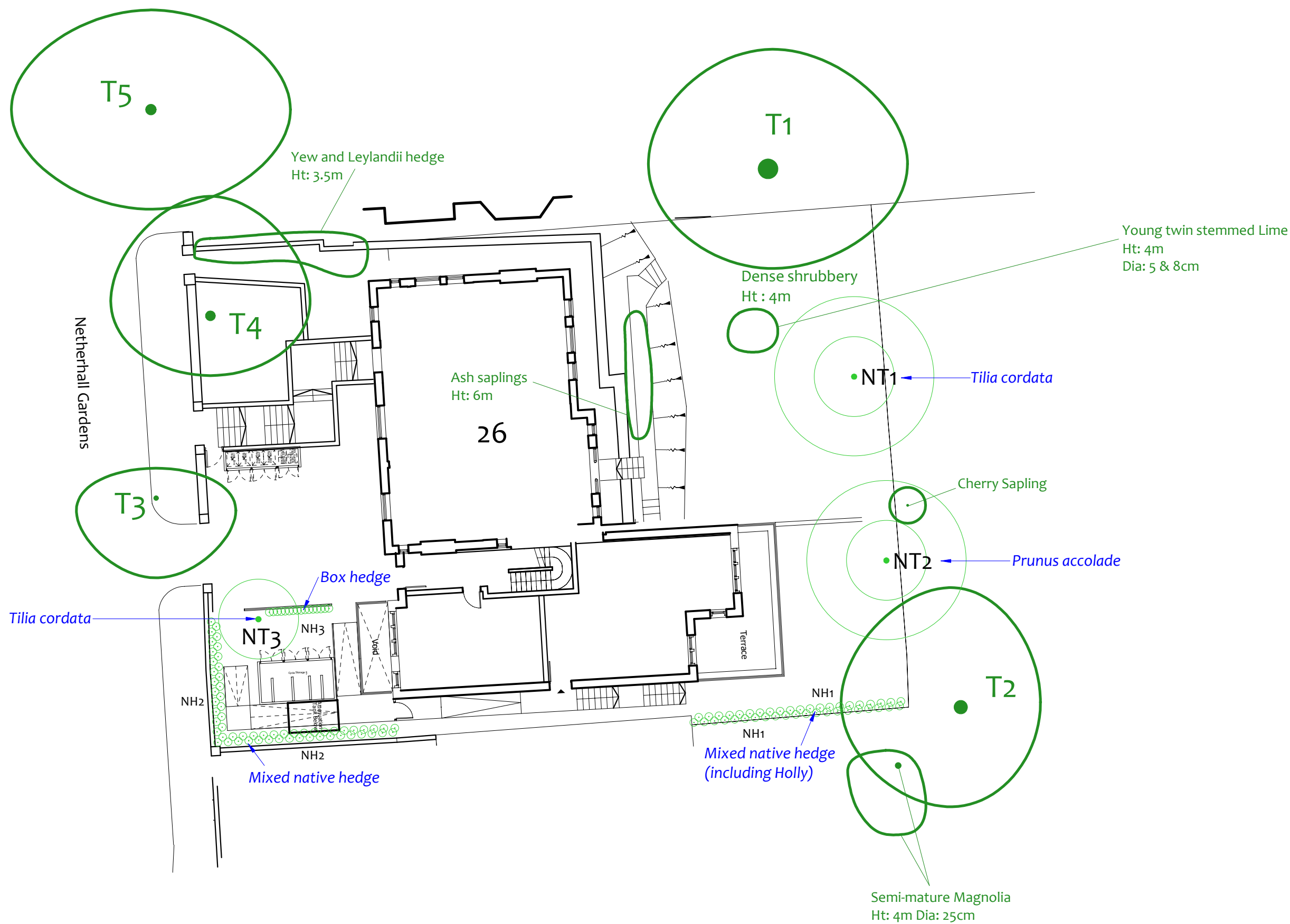
Hedge Planting Schedule:

Ref:	Species:	Hedge Length	No:	Size:
NH1	Field Maple, Hazel, Holly & Hawthorn	Acer campestre, Corylus avellana, Ilex aquifolium, Crataegus monogyna	10.5m in length. 0.5m spacing, double staggered	42 specimens Bare root 40-60cm
NH2	Field Maple, Hazel & Hawthorn	Acer campestre, Corylus avellana, Crataegus monogyna	15m in length, 0.5m spacing	60 specimens Bare root 40-60cm
NH3	Box	Buxus sempervirens	3m in length 0.2m spacing	16 specimens Bare root 30-40cm

Tree Planting Schedule:

Ref No	Species	Nº	Size
NT1	Small-leaved Lime	Tilia cordata	1 Heavy Standard 12-14 cm girth, 3.6 – 4.25m height
NT2	Cherry ‘Accolade’	Prunus accolade	1 Standard 8-10cm girth, 2.5-3m height
NT3	Small-leaved Lime	Tilia cordata	1 Standard 8-10cm girth, 2.5-3m height

We are unaware of any existing underground constraints which shall affect the available rooting volume for new trees.



Proposed Planting Plan

(Tree Planting)

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	Proposed Hedge Planting	Proposed Tree Planting	Existing Trees
NH1	Proposed location of new native hedge reference NH1.	NT1	Proposed new tree reference NT1, showing future canopy at 2m and 4m (radius)
NH2	Proposed location of new native hedge reference NH2.	T1	

Proposed Planting Plan

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