

Arboricultural Method Statement

CROWN
Tree Care Limited
0800 14 13 30

CROWN
Tree Care Limited
0800 14 13 30

Site: 29 South Road, Twickenham, TW2 9NU
Date: 04 / 10 / 2024 **Revision:** 1 **CCL Ref No:** 12021

Author: Joe Taylor
Client: Mr and Mrs J Okereke

Stem Protection – Timber Boxing
Where indicated by a turquoise square on the Tree Protection Plan, it shall be necessary to install robust plywood boxing to protect a tree stem. The plywood boxing specification is indicated in the diagram opposite. The actual size of the plywood boxing shall be determined by the extent of the roof flare at the base of each stem. The box shall be large enough to avoid contact with any part of the tree that surrounds. No fixings shall be attached to any part of the tree. Instead, it shall be free standing or attached to the ground or adjacent structures (e.g. walls or fences). It shall be made firm enough to withstand occasional knocks from any plant machinery that may be operated in its vicinity.

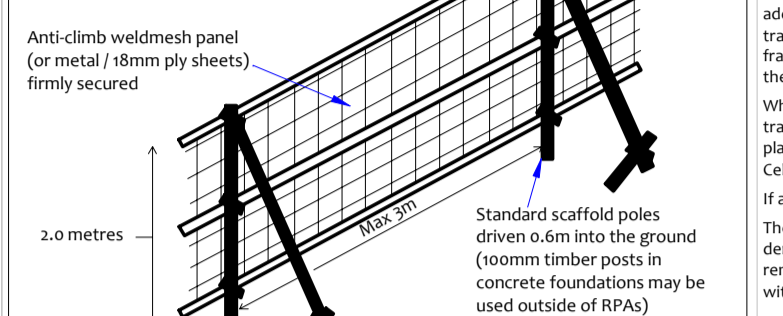
Tree Protection Barriers

The purpose of tree protection barriers is to keep construction activity away from Restricted Activity Zones or Construction Exclusion Zones. They must be appropriate to the nature and proximity of activity within the site. The barriers must be erected prior to the commencement of any 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 are to be installed according to the legend on the Tree Protection Plan.

The In-Ground System

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

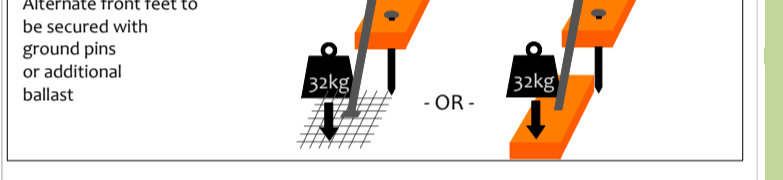
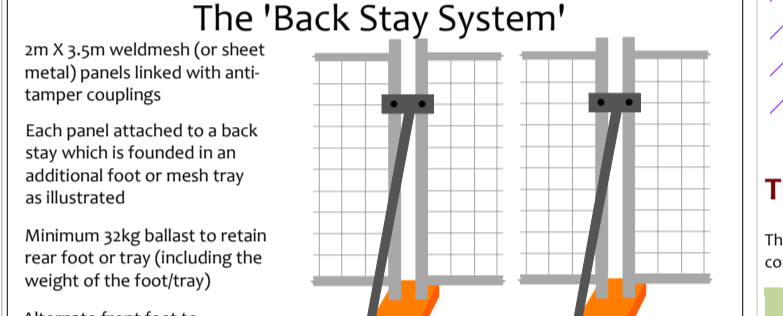
Vertical scaffold poles are driven into the ground, onto which are affixed horizontal scaffold poles and diagonal bracing struts. Wadmesh panels (or similar – e.g. Heras type fencing panels, or 18mm plywood boards) are secured to this scaffold framework using sturdy clips (e.g. standard scaffold clips).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



The 'In-Ground' System

The Back-Stay System
This system will be installed where indicated by a 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 is able to withstand occasional knocks by machinery and must not be relocated except with the consent of the site manager and the approval of the local authority.

Within this system, wadmesh fencing panels (minimum height 2m) are affixed into rubber or concrete feet and clipped together with anti-tamper couplers. Two couplers should be used, spaced at least 2m apart. Alternate panels will be attached to a diagonal back stay connected to an additional foot or bangleplate secured with ground pins or additional ballast. Where ground pins are not used, the total weight of the footplate must not be less than 30kg. Where it is not possible to install diagonal struts (such as very close to a hedge) then the front feet will be secured using ground pins or ballast.



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

Restrictions in Specific Zones

Restricted Activity Zone A

- Within this zone, tree roots are likely to be present where access will be required to facilitate construction. The following restrictions shall apply:
 - No vehicles or plant machinery will park or operate unless a suitable load spreading surface is in place. The load spreading surface will be installed and/or maintained as specified under the heading **Ground Protection Measures**. This will remain in place throughout the entire demolition and construction phase or until any new permanent hard surfacing is installed. Any pedestrian activity (other than very occasional) will also require a suitable load spreading surface.
 - Removal of existing structures such as walls, steps and hard surfaces (where applicable) will be undertaken using hand tools or a mechanical excavator operating from outside the Restricted Activity Zone and carefully marshalled by the project arborist.
 - No excavation will occur in this zone without the consent of the project arborist and obtaining approval from the local authority.
 - Existing ground levels will be retained undisturbed or raised by no more than 150mm. Ground levels may only be raised using granular topsoil (not rich in clay) or where new surfacing is proposed. No raising of ground levels whatsoever will occur within 2.0m of any tree stems.
 - No new permanent or temporary structures will be erected other than those shown on the planning application documents unless approved by the local authority.
 - Underground services will not be installed in this area without prior consultation with the project arborist and a methodology agreed and approved by the local authority.
 - If roots are encountered in excess of 25mm diameter, they will be retained wherever possible and protected with damp sacking during times that they are unearthed. Any roots in excess of 30mm that need to be severed will be pruned with secateurs.
 - Storage of materials and spoil will be avoided unless it has been agreed with the project arborist that the ground protection measures are adequate to ensure no soil compaction or contamination occurs. All hazardous materials (including non-essential cement products) will be forbidden.
 - No fires will be permitted.

In this zone, the following additional restrictions will apply when removing the existing hard surface and replacing it with a new hard surface:

- Hand-operated tools will be used to lift the existing surface if practicable.
- Where this is not practicable, plant machinery may be used. In which case the machinery will operate from outside of the Restricted Activity Zone, or from a load spreading hard surface. The machinery will NOT operate from soft ground within the Restricted Activity Zone.
- Whenever possible, excavation will be limited to the existing surface and its sub-base.
- If a toothed bucket is used, the excavator bucket will be operated such that the teeth are horizontal and do not disturb the ground below the sub-base.
- If engineers determine that deeper excavation is necessary (e.g. inadequate load bearing capacity), this will be undertaken using hand tools only and supervised by the project arborist. No excavation will occur beyond a depth of 300mm below the existing surface.
- Any roots that need to be removed will be neatly pruned using sharp secateurs. The cut will be made perpendicular to the direction of root growth to ensure as small a cut as possible.
- After removal of the hard surface and sub-base, no vehicles or driven machinery will be permitted to enter this zone unless adequate ground protection measures have been installed as specified under the heading **Ground Protection Measures**. In the absence of such ground protection, the area will be adequately fenced off and treated as a Construction Exclusion Zone.
- When operating beneath tree canopies, any mechanical excavator will be carefully marshalled to ensure overhanging branches are not damaged.

When installing a new hard surface over existing areas of soft landscaping, the following restrictions (No-Dig Technique) will apply:

- No other building works will be permitted.
- Prior to the new surface being installed, no vehicles or plant machinery will drive, operate or park until unless ground protection measures are implemented as specified under the heading **Ground Protection Measures**.
- No excavation will occur beyond the removal of turf (50mm maximum), surface vegetation and herbaceous roots.
- Only hand tools will be used to achieve this.
- All tree roots will remain undisturbed.
- A porous surface and sub-base will be utilised to enable the passage of oxygen and air to the soil beneath.
- A 3-dimensional cellular confinement system will be incorporated into the sub-base to improve its load-bearing capacity.
- This may require the finished levels to be raised above the existing levels.

Restricted Activity Zone B

- In this zone foundations are to be installed. To minimise the impact on roots, it is proposed to install an above-ground foundation. The following restrictions will apply:
 - Deep concrete strip foundations will not be acceptable in this area. Instead, an above-ground raft or beam foundation will be installed.
 - No excavation for the raft or beam will occur other than for the removal of any aggregation and scraping of loose topsoil to a maximum depth of 50mm. This will be undertaken using hand tools and overseen by the project arborist.
 - All roots will be retained intact.
 - Piles may be installed to support the beam foundation. In which case, trial pits will be excavated to determine the location of the piles. Trial pits will be 650mm x 650mm and excavated using hand tools to a depth of at least 600mm. Excavation will be undertaken in the presence of the project arborist. Soil will first be loosened with a garden fork to ascertain if large roots are present before the loosened soil is removed with a spade. If roots in excess of 50mm are encountered, they will be retained intact, and the pile will be relocated. Roots in excess of 10mm will be pruned using sharp secateurs. Beyond this depth, piles may be installed using an auger or sifting rig. Pile diameter will not exceed 600mm unless agreed otherwise with the local authority.

Timing of Operations

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

Order	Phase	Activity
1st.		Planning conditions relating to trees to be identified and discussed with the Project Arborist and Site Manager.
2nd.		All specified tree removal and pruning to be undertaken (see Header -Tree Works Schedule).
3rd.	Pre-Construction Phase	Install the tree protection barriers (fencing and ground protection boards - see Headers -Tree Protection Barriers and Ground Protection Measures).
4th.		Pre-Commencement site meeting: Tree protection barriers inspected. Additional protection measures to be agreed. Variances to be agreed. Location of underground services to be agreed. Boundary treatments to be agreed. Extents of excavation to be agreed. Scaffold restrictions to be agreed. Scope of future inspections / monitoring to be agreed.
5th.		Arboricultural Method Statement to be revised and approved (if necessary).
Protection measures confirmed acceptable by the Local Authority		
6th.	Demolition and Construction Phase	Demolish existing structures and remove existing surfaces where applicable.
7th.		Install new buildings, hard surfaces and services taking into account restricted activities as specified in this Arboricultural Method Statement.
8th.		Site meeting with Project Arborist. Landscaping restrictions to be agreed. Condition of retained trees to be assessed and mitigation agreed. Ground conditions to be assessed and ground remediation to be agreed.
9th.	Post-Construction Phase	Remove protective barriers (fencing and ground protection measures as applicable).
10th.		Undertake restricted landscaping operations within Root Protection Areas, including (where applicable) boundary treatments, pedestrian surfaces, decking and any proposed tree planting.

Personnel and Accountability

This table should be completed at the Pre-Start Meeting or earlier.

Position	Name	Contact Phone & email	Roles
Project Manager	Insert Details	Insert Details	Liaising with site manager & project arborist regarding any potential issues relating to trees (including pre-start clarification of the Arboricultural Method Statement). Scheduling of meetings, excavations and inspections (including project arborist and local authority tree officer where applicable). Overseeing this monitoring schedule. Instructing the project arborist and arranging access. Liaising with local authority regarding discharge of planning conditions and variances to the Arboricultural Method Statement. Reporting to the local authority following site inspections and any variation or incidents.
Site Manager	Insert Details	Insert Details	Day to day monitoring of tree protection measures. Induction of all contractors. Reporting to the Project Manager and the Appointed Arborist of any incidents or potential variations to the agreed tree protection measures.
Project Arborist	Crown Tree Consultancy	08000 14 13 30 0203 797 7449 info@crowntrees.co.uk	Liaising with LPA Tree Officer over technical arboricultural matters. Upon instruction the arborist shall inspect the tree protection barriers including ground protection measures and produce a short report for the project manager to submit. Upon instruction the arborist shall attend any specified site visits and inspections and produce a short report for the project manager to submit.
Additional Contact	Insert Details	Insert Details	Insert Details

Site Monitoring Schedule

Inspection	Site Attendees	Comments
Pre-Start Desk top To occur prior to any works taking place on the site.	N/A.	Project Manager and Site Manager to study this Method Statement & contact the Project Arborist to clarify all protection measures.
Pre-Start Meeting After tree works completed & tree protection barriers / ground protection measures installed and prior to any other activity, i.e. demolition & soil stripping.	Project Manager, Site Manager, Project Arborist, relevant contractors, Tree Officer invited.	Tree protection fencing locations a specification checked. Ground protection measures checked. Contractors to be inducted to all relevant aspects of the Arboricultural Method Statement. Responsibilities checked and acknowledged. Adherence to the Arboricultural Method Statement to be discussed and agreed. Two weeks' notice to be given prior to commencement. Excavation to be as specified in this Method Statement. Roots to be retained or pruned as specified in this Method Statement. Mitigation measures to be employed specified by the project arborist. Activities to be recorded and photographed. Report on findings to be provided by the Project Arborist and sent to the local authority by the Project Manager.
Overseeing Excavation in Restricted Activity Zone A Supervision is only required if deeper excavation than the existing hard surface and its sub-base is required.	Site Manager and Project Arborist.	Two weeks' notice to be given prior to commencement. Excavation to be as specified in this Method Statement. Roots to be retained or pruned as specified in this Method Statement. Mitigation measures to be employed specified by the project arborist. Activities to be recorded and photographed. Report on findings to be provided by the Project Arborist and sent to the local authority by the Project Manager.
Overseeing Excavation in Restricted Activity Zone B & D Excavation to be overseen where specified.	Site Manager and Project Arborist.	Two weeks' notice to be given prior to commencement. Excavation to be as specified in this Method Statement. Roots to be retained or pruned as specified in this Method Statement. Mitigation measures to be employed specified by the project arborist. Activities to be recorded and photographed. Report on findings to be provided by the Project Arborist and sent to the local authority by the Project Manager.
Post-Construction Meeting Post external construction activity but prior to removal of fencing & landscaping operations.	Site Manager, Project Arborist, Tree Officer invited.	Retained trees inspected. Ground conditions assessed and mitigation measures agreed where appropriate. Further landscaping operations and restrictions to be agreed.

Tree Data Schedule

This Tree Data Schedule has been created using the survey information collected by Gifford Tree Services (see Gifford Tree Services report dated 19/07/2022).

Reference	Age & Species	Height (m)	Crown HT (m)	Diameter (cm)	W	E	N	S	Physiological Condition	Retention Category	Life Expectancy (yrs)
T1	Mature Atlas Cedar Cedrus atlantica.	20	5	90	7	7	7	7	Moderate	Fair	40+
T2	Mature Sorbus Sorbus sp.	10	2	25	3	3	3	3	Moderate	Poor	10-20
T3	Mature Oak Quercus robur.	18	2.5	100	9	9	9	9	Moderate	Fair	40+
T4	Mature Sorbus Sorbus sp.	10	2.5	80	4	4	4	4	Moderate	Fair	20-40
T5	Mature Norway Maple Acer platanoides.	10	2.5	90	5	5	5	5	Moderate	Fair	40+
T6	Mature Norway Maple Acer platanoides.	14	2.5	35	4	4	4	4	Moderate	Fair	20-40

Tree Protection Plan

CROWN
Arboricultural Consultants
01423 316660

BS 5837 Root Protection Area (Sometimes not included on the Tree Protection Plan to avoid confusion with restricted zones)

T1 = Tree No 1 G2 = Group No 2 H3 = Hedge No 3

Tree Retention Categories Stems & canopies shown	Tree Retention Legend	Tree Retention Legend Description
Category A 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.
Category B tree	[Blue circle]	Trees of moderate quality with a life expectancy of 20+ years. Usually medium trees, or younger trees with good form. Retention of these trees is desirable though less than Category A trees.
Category C tree	[Grey circle]	Unremarkable trees of low quality and form. Individual specimens are not considered to be a material planning consideration.
Category U tree	[Red circle]	Trees unsuitable for retention due to their very poor condition.

