Land Rear of Meadow Way, Westergate

Arboricultural Technical Note: 12083.TN.01
Site Audit Records
Date: November 2026

1. Introduction

1.1. Aspect Arboriculture are appointed by Barratt Redrow (Southern Counties) to act as Project Arboriculturist for the above development and to audit works in relation to the approved Arboricultural Method Statement and Tree Protection Strategy (document reference: 12083_AMS.002). The purpose of this note is to report on the findings of the scheme's initial site audit which is required to satisfy Reserved Matters condition no.2 (reproduced below at 1.2).

1.2. *'Before any machinery is introduced to the site or construction work takes place, a brief written report (with supporting photographic evidence) is required from the Arboricultural Consultant representing the site owner(s), confirming and demonstrating that all ground protection and protective fencing has been assessed and is 'Fit for Purpose' as required under British Standard 5837:2012 and been erected and positioned as shown on the Tree Protection Plan, dwg. nos. 12083 TPP_02.'*

2. Site Audit

2.1. Aspect Arboriculture Ltd visited site on the 28th October 2026. The purpose of the audit was to check that tree protection fencing has been erected onsite and to the correct locations and specification. Photographs from the audit are provided within enclosure A.

2.2. In summary, all tree protection barriers have been erected onsite and are set out to the correct positions and specifications. Where specified within the TPP, fencing is supported by driven scaffold tubes and diagonal bracing, and in most cases, captures a slightly wider area than identified within the approved Tree Protection Plan. This will provide the tree stock with a greater level of protection during construction and has enabled newt fencing to be installed behind tree protection barriers in locations which avoid RPAs and where they will be safeguarded.

2.3. There are two minor deviations from the approved TPP. Firstly, the existing agricultural entrance to the southwest of the site has been fenced off owing to a requirement to permit third party access to the property north of the agricultural entrance via an existing field gate. Once construction works are underway within the main part of the site, this access will be temporarily closed to the adjacent owner, and tree protection barriers will be installed to enable proposed hard surfacing to be installed. No construction vehicles will be permitted entry to the south-western agricultural entrance until tree protection barriers have been installed along the route, which will be confirmed in writing with the Council as part of a future audit.

2.4. Secondly, the BS5837:2012 default barrier specification proposed for Leyland group G10 has been substituted for the lighter specification, i.e. herras panels and driven timber posts, as diagonal bracing could not be installed into the hedging. This is considered to be a reasonable adjustment which is fit for purpose and does not reduce the degree of protection offered to group G10.

2.5. In conclusion, tree protection barriers have been installed on site and are considered to be fit for purpose. Barriers will continue to be monitored for the duration of construction and further audit reports will follow as the scheme progresses.

Enclosures:

Enclosure A: Site Photos 28th October 2026

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G4


Looking north from south west corner

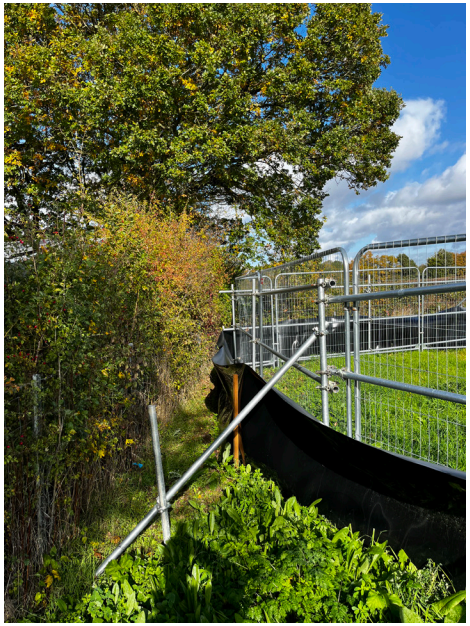

Looking south from north west corner


Southern boundary fence


G10


H1


G3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Looking east from north west corner


South west access from road


South west access track


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