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NEW ROAD AND BROOK LANE
RUSTINGTON
WEST SUSSEX**

**ARBORICULTURAL METHOD
STATEMENT**

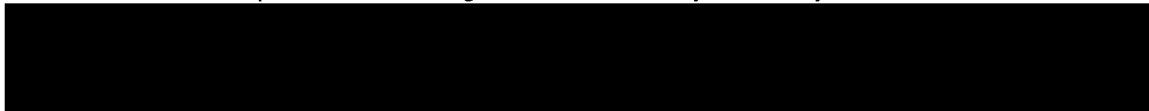
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The findings of this study are based upon the data provided by the client (listed within Table 1.1, Section 1.1). If the development proposals change then this report will require updating to ensure that all aspects are covered within this document and the trees are adequately protected during the development.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROJECT INTRODUCTION

In December 2014 Blue Sky Planning commissioned Middlemarch Environmental Ltd to compile an Arboricultural Method Statement in respect of a proposed development of a site on land adjacent to New Road (A259) and Brook Lane, within the Parish of Rustington within the District of Arun, West Sussex. Since the issue of the Final report further information has been submitted and this has resulted in a Revision of the original document.

Middlemarch Environmental Ltd carried out a Pre-development Arboricultural Survey of the site in June 2014 and the findings of this survey are detailed in Report Number RT-MME-116315.

Middlemarch Environmental Ltd was also commissioned to conduct a Preliminary Ecological Assessment of the site and to prepare a Landscape Proposal for the proposed development on behalf of Blue Sky Planning. The findings of the Preliminary Ecological Assessment are detailed within Middlemarch Environmental Ltd Report RT-MME-117420-01. The Landscape Proposal is shown on Middlemarch Environmental Ltd Drawing Number KL264.001 (dated 2nd December 2014).

It is understood that the proposed development of the site is the construction of new commercial buildings with associated car parking and a soft landscaping scheme.

Table 1.1 details those drawings and documents, in addition to the Middlemarch Environmental Ltd Reports referred to above, that have been considered during the preparation of this document.

Author	Title	Document Reference	Date
Add Architects	Site Plan	1117-P-11	Oct 2014
Capita Symonds	River Flood Extents	Map C1-F	Jan 2008
Environment Agency	Flood Map for Planning	SSD/5271/CW	Nov 2014
Environmental Agency	Risk of Flooding		-
Redwood Partnership	Service Vehicle Track Swept Path	REDW-3167-403	Nov 2014
Add Architects	Survey 11	-	-

Table 1.1: Drawings and Documents Considered

1.2 SITE DESCRIPTION

The site under consideration is an irregular polygonal shaped parcel of land of approximately 2.5 hectares in size including Brook Lane which crosses the western quarter of the site off New Road. The site is located adjacent to, and to the south of, New Road (A259), and directly north of Black Ditch watercourse. The site is centred at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference TQ 0517 0344.

At the time of survey, the site was dominated by unmanaged improved grassland with tall ruderal vegetation and scrub scattered across the site. Plantation trees surrounded the northern boundary and an 'island' of mature trees were growing to the south. The majority of vegetation surveyed was located to the borders of the survey area.

The northern boundary of the survey area is demarcated by New Road (A259), a major trunk road from Littlehampton to Worthing. A spur road off New Road, called Brook Lane, enters the western quarter of the site and leads to Brook Lane Caravan Park. The southern boundary is delineated by Black Ditch watercourse, except for a small parcel of land that has become islanded by Black Ditch and a 2.0 m high chain-link fence, beyond which are railway tracks. The western boundary is defined by a post and rail, barbed-wire fence beyond which is a field of unimproved grassland. The eastern boundary is demarked by a field access entrance and a field of unimproved grassland.

The topography of the site is generally flat with a small embankment feature separating the site from New Road (A259) to the north.

The location of the trees surveyed can be found on Middlemarch Environmental Ltd Drawing Number C117420-02-01 within Section 3 of this report.

1.3 TREE RETENTION AND REMOVAL & PRE-DEVELOPMENT TREE WORKS

A number of trees require removal to achieve the approved development. The trees to be removed are identified on the Tree Protection Plan Drawing Number C117420-03-01 Rev A, Section 3.

Additionally the trees and groups to be removed to achieve the approved development of the site are identified in Table 1.2.

Tree/Group No.	Species	BS5837 Category
2	Ash	B
3	Aspen	C
4	Field Maple	C
5	Oak	C
7	Field Maple	C
8	Field Maple	B
9	Ash	B
10	Field Maple	C
11	Field Maple	C
12	Field Maple	C
13	Field Maple	C
14	Black Poplar	C
17	Field Maple	C
23	Oak	C
24	Field Maple	C
25	Sycamore	B
G1*	Mixed Species	B
G2	Mixed Species	B

Table 1.2: Trees and Groups to be Removed (continues)

Tree/Group No.	Species	BS5837 Category
G3*	Mixed Species	B
G5	Mixed Species	C
G6*	Mixed Species	B
Key: *: Removed in part		

Table 1.2 (cont'd): Trees and Groups to be Removed

Overall sixteen trees, two groups of trees and three groups of trees in part are to be removed to achieve the approved development.

The specific working practices to be adopted during all tree works are specified in Section 2.20.

2. ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

2.1 INTRODUCTION

The following sections of this report detail the specific measures to be adopted to ensure the protection of retained trees during the proposed development.

The site contractor must ensure that they read and understand all of the following sections prior to commencement of any onsite works.

2.2 CONSTRUCTION EXCLUSION ZONE

The Construction Exclusion Zone is the area considered necessary to ensure that the tree roots and canopy are protected from damage during the construction processes. The extent of the exclusion zone is based upon guidance within BS5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations' in particular the diameter of the stem of each tree (when measured at a height of 1.5m from ground level) in combination with the canopy spread of the tree is considered.

The exclusion zones are to be defined on site throughout the course of the development by the use of protective barriers as described below in Section 2.3.

The Construction Exclusion Zones are to be afforded protection at all times. No works that cause compaction of the soil or severance of tree roots, except where undertaken in accordance with the guidance provided within this document, will be undertaken within any exclusion zone.

2.3 PROTECTIVE BARRIERS

The protective barriers will be erected prior to the commencement of any site works e.g. before any materials or machinery are brought on site or the stripping of soil commences. Signs will be installed on the protective barriers to inform site staff of their responsibilities and these will include the headings listed in Appendix 1.

The locations of the protective barriers to be installed are shown on the Tree Protection Plan Drawing Number C117420-03-01 Rev A, within Section 3 of this report.

The protective barriers are to be constructed in accordance with the specification detailed in BS5837:2012 (Figure 2; Appendix 2). Additionally the use of hoarding boards can be used to substitute tree protection barriers. All details of proposed hoarding lines will be submitted as an addendum to this report once they have been finalised. Any variation to the specification of the protective barrier will be agreed with the Local Planning Authority Arboricultural Officer.

The Construction Contractor will inform the Project Arboriculturist when the protective barriers have been installed and the Project Arboriculturist will attend site to confirm that they have been installed in accordance with the Tree Protection Plan. The Local Planning Authority will be notified in writing, with photographic evidence, once this inspection has been undertaken.

Other than works detailed within this method statement or approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority no works, including storage or dumping of materials, shall take place within the Construction Exclusion Zone as defined by the protective barrier.

2.4 GROUND PROTECTION

It will not be necessary to install ground protection upon this site as the proposed development will be constructed outside of the RPA of any of the retained trees.

2.5 PRECAUTIONS IN RESPECT OF TEMPORARY WORKS

Temporary access to the exclusion zones defined by the protective fencing will be required to permit soft landscaping to be carried out. Where this is the case only pedestrian access beyond the line of the protective fencing is to occur and the guidance contained within Section 2.14 is to be followed.

If further temporary access is required to the exclusion zone or the RPA of a retained tree then such access will only be gained after consultation with Project Arboriculturist and/or the Local Planning Authority (see Section 2.17 for contact details).

2.6 ACCESS DETAILS

Construction Vehicles

It is understood that construction traffic will access the site via the existing road network off New Road (A259) and Brook Lane. Tree protection barriers will be installed to protect nearby trees from potential impact damage and to prevent vehicles from accidentally encroaching onto areas of unprotected ground within the RPAs of retained trees.

The location of the construction vehicle access route to the construction site will be submitted to the Local Authority as an addendum to this report once the location has been determined.

Pedestrians

It is understood that pedestrian access to the site will be provided and monitored by the Construction Contractor in agreement with the Local Authority.

Pedestrian access during construction will utilise an internally provided footpath network and will be coordinated by the Construction Contractor nominated for this project.

The location of the pedestrian access route to the construction site will be submitted to the Local Authority as an addendum to this report once the pedestrian routes have been determined.

2.7 CONTRACTORS CAR PARKING

Contractor's car parking is to be provided within the site in locations well away from the retained trees and will be coordinated and located by the Construction Contractor nominated for this project.

No car parking will be provided within the Construction Exclusion Zone.

The location of the contractors' car parking will be submitted to the Local Authority as an addendum to this report once its location has been determined.

2.8 SITE COMPOUND

The location of the site compound has yet to be determined. It is understood that the location of the site compound will be provided and monitored by the Construction Contractor in agreement with the Local Authority.

Should the site compound be located outside of the Construction Exclusion Zone it will not cause harm to retained trees.

The location of the site compound will be submitted to the Local Authority as an addendum to this report once its position has been determined.

2.9 STORAGE SPACE

The location of the site storage space has yet to be determined. It is understood that the location of the site storage space will be provided and monitored by the Construction Contractor in agreement with the Local Authority.

Should the site storage space be located outside of the Construction Exclusion Zone its' establishment will not cause harm to retained trees.

2.10 INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS

The location of existing underground services and proposed connection points were not available at the time of writing this report.

If any underground services are to be installed within the RPA of a retained tree then the Project Arboriculturist will be consulted (see Section 2.17 for contact details). The methodology for the installation, maintenance or removal of any services within a RPA will be in accordance with NJUG Volume 4 'Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Services in Proximity to Trees'. This will include hand dug "broken" trenches to ensure that maximum protection is given to tree roots.

2.11 DEMOLITION, HARD SURFACE REMOVAL & REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES

There are no existing buildings, structures or hard surfaces present on site that require demolition or removal.

2.12 NEW HARD SURFACES

No new hard surfaces are proposed for construction with the RPA of any retained tree.

2.13 SITE GRADIENTS

At the time of writing this report, the client announced that there are plans currently being drawn to determine if any level changes are required. This outstanding information will be provided by Peter Brett Associates and will be submitted to the Local Authority as an addendum to this report.

Subsequently, once the analysis of the impending document has been made, and should any site gradient alterations be required within the RPA of any retained tree, then the Local Planning Authority or Project Arboriculturist will be consulted for advice (see Section 2.17 for contact details).

2.14 CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURES WITHIN THE RPA/CONSTRUCTION EXCLUSION ZONE

The construction of the development has been designed so as not to encroach the retained tree's RPAs and therefore no trees will be affected. It is considered that no specific additional protective measures, other than the erection of tree protection barriers as detailed on the Tree Protection Plan Drawing Number C117420-03-01 Rev A, Section 3, will be required.

Boundary Fences

The exact location of boundary fences is yet to be determined. The following details will be adhered to for any fencing to be undertaken within the Construction Exclusion Zone.

The location of the concrete foundations and centre posts will be carefully considered, to ensure no damage to the adjacent trees. The central fence post locations will not be situated within 1.0 m of the trunks of any retained trees. Excavation for the fence post foundations will occur by hand and with care not to damage any roots that may be present. Special construction techniques may be used where fence posts are likely to sever significant roots (in order to 'bridge' these areas and avoid severance of any significant roots close to trunks).

If any roots are damaged during the excavation of the fence posts then they will be cut using sharp cutting tools such as bypass secateurs or handsaws to leave a clean wound with as small a surface area as possible. No roots over 25 mm in diameter will be cut without advice from the Project Arboriculturist and/or the Local Planning Authority.

Boundary Walls

Should any additional boundary structures be required they will be constructed so as to be outside of the RPA of retained trees and therefore no impact is anticipated.

In order to allow for the construction and positioning of the retaining structures it may be necessary to off-set the Tree Protection Barriers. Their final location is yet to be determined, however, once details have been finalised the Local Planning Authority or Project Arboriculturist will be consulted for advice (see Section 2.17 for contact details).

2.15 SOFT LANDSCAPING

The Proposed Soft Landscaping Plan (KL264.001 date 11/11/14) provided by Middlemarch Environmental Ltd, indicates that a number of additional trees will be planted across the site to mitigate the loss of the existing trees required to be removed in areas away from retained trees.

Tree planting will be carried out using the guidance within British Standard 8545:2014, Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations.

The proposed soft landscaping within the exclusion zones of retained trees will be undertaken by hand. A 500 mm radius from any tree trunk will remain uncovered by turf or other planting to allow penetration of water and air into the soil.

2.16 USE OF HERBICIDES

Any herbicide used during the development works shall be systemic, spot applied, and mixed according to manufacturers' recommendations.

2.17 ON SITE MONITORING REGIME & CONTACT DETAILS

All operations will be monitored by the main contractor. The main contractor will ensure that all works within this document are followed (this will be built into the contract specification).

If any issues arise in relation to the retained trees the Project Arboriculturist will be contacted for advice. The Project Arboriculturist for the development is:

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Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex
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Induction and Personnel Awareness

Details of tree protection and methods of working around trees will be included within site inductions to new members of site staff.

A copy of this document, the preferred Contractors site plan and the related Tree Protection Plan will be kept on site and accessible to all staff and sub-contractors.

Monitoring/Audits

A pre-commencement site meeting will be arranged between the Site Manager, Project Arboriculturist and any other interested party. During this meeting all outstanding items will be finalised and these will be communicated to the Local Planning Authority.

An inspection audit will be undertaken by the Project Arboricultural Consultant once the protective barriers have been installed and a written statement of approval will be provided to the Local Planning Authority.

Feedback will be provided to the Local Planning Authority Arboricultural Officer on completion of this visit. Following on from this inspection, additional audits every 2 months will be carried out of the tree protection and a report provided to the Local Planning Authority.

2.18 USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS

The nominated preferred contractor Site Manager will be responsible for ensuring sub-contractors do not carry out any process or operation that is likely to adversely impact upon any tree on site. Included within the site induction process and subsequent toolbox talks information regarding the protection of trees will be provided.

2.19 CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR SOIL CONTAMINATION

Water will be readily available on site and will be used to flush spilt materials through the soil and avoid contamination to tree roots. At the time of any spillage the main contractor will contact the Project Arboriculturist for advice.

2.20 REMEDIAL TREE WORKS AND TREE REMOVAL

All tree works are to be completed prior to commencement of construction works and installation of the protective barriers. The trees to be removed are detailed in Table 1.2.

Should tree works be carried out between 1st March and 1 September a nesting bird check, carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist, will be carried out prior to any operations being carried out.

All tree works are to be completed by suitably qualified and insured arborist in accordance with BS3998:2010 'Tree Work – Recommendations'.

Where the removal of tree stumps is required and the works will be undertaken within 15 m of any retained tree then they will be ground out using a stump grinder and they will not be removed by winching or mechanical excavation.

2.21 RESPONSIBILITIES

It will be the responsibility of the main contractor to ensure that the planning conditions attached to the full and outline planning consents are adhered to at all times and that a monitoring regime in regards to tree protection is adopted on site.

The main contractor will be responsible for contacting the Local Planning Authority should any issues be raised related to the trees on site.

If pruning works to trees are required at any time then permission must be sought from the Local Planning Authority first and then the works must be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 'Tree Work - Recommendations'.

The main contractor will ensure the build sequence is appropriate to ensure that no damage occurs to the trees during the construction processes. Protective barriers will remain in position until completion of all construction works on the site.

The barriers and signs will be maintained in position at all times and checked on a regular basis by a designated person on site.

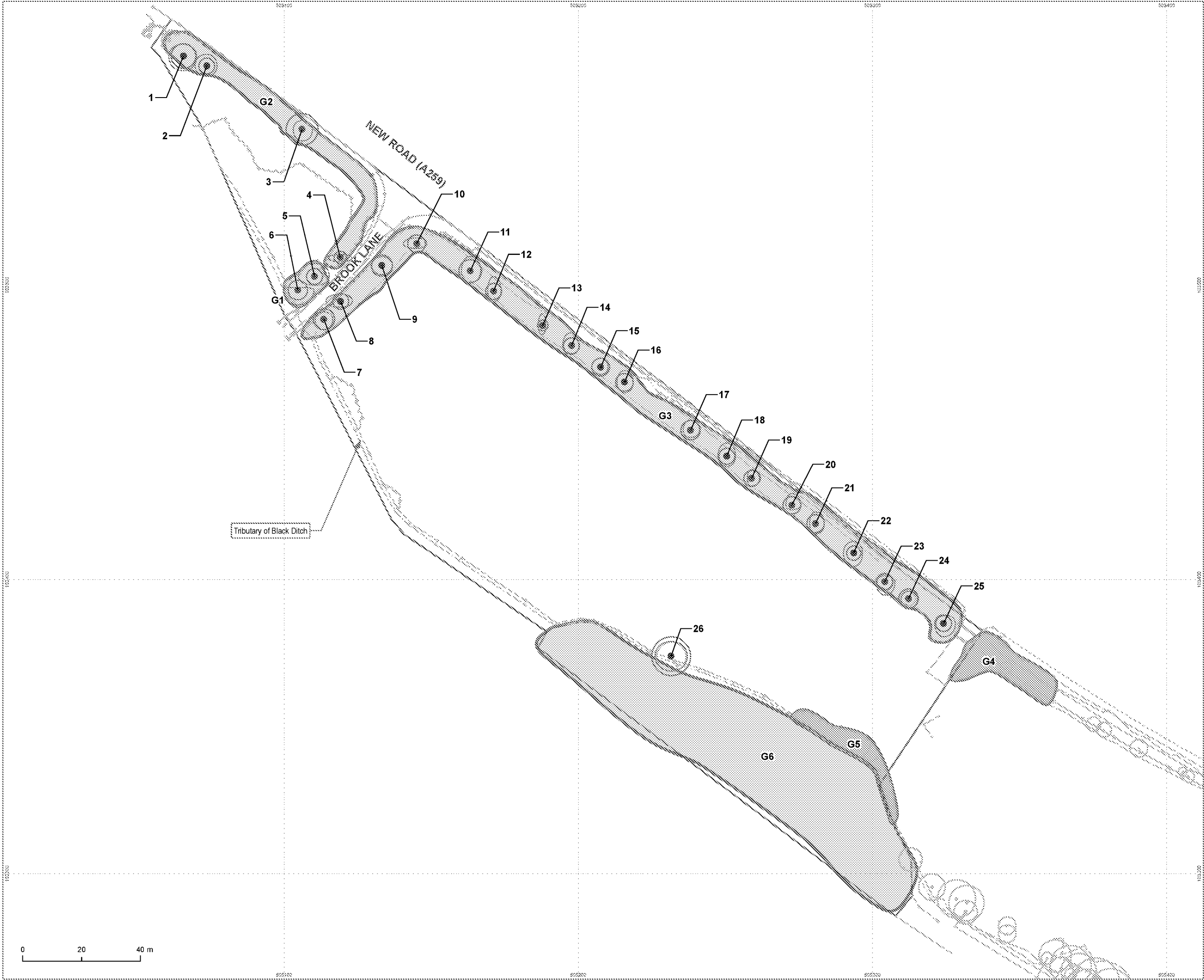
2.22 GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

No materials that are likely to have an adverse effect on tree health such as oil, bitumen or cement will be stored or discharged within 10 m of the trunk of any tree that is to be retained. No fires will be lit within 20 m of the trunk of any tree that is to be retained.

3. DRAWINGS

Drawing C117420-02-01 – Tree Constraints Plan

Drawing C117420-03-01 Rev A –Tree Protection Plan



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Legend

- Category B tree
- Category C tree
- Category B group
- Category C group
- Current canopy extent
- Root Protection Area
- Site boundary

Notes:
Tree positions estimated where not shown on topographical survey.

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Project Land adjacent to New Road and Brook Lane, Rustington, West Sussex

Drawing Tree Constraints Plan

Client Blue Sky Planning

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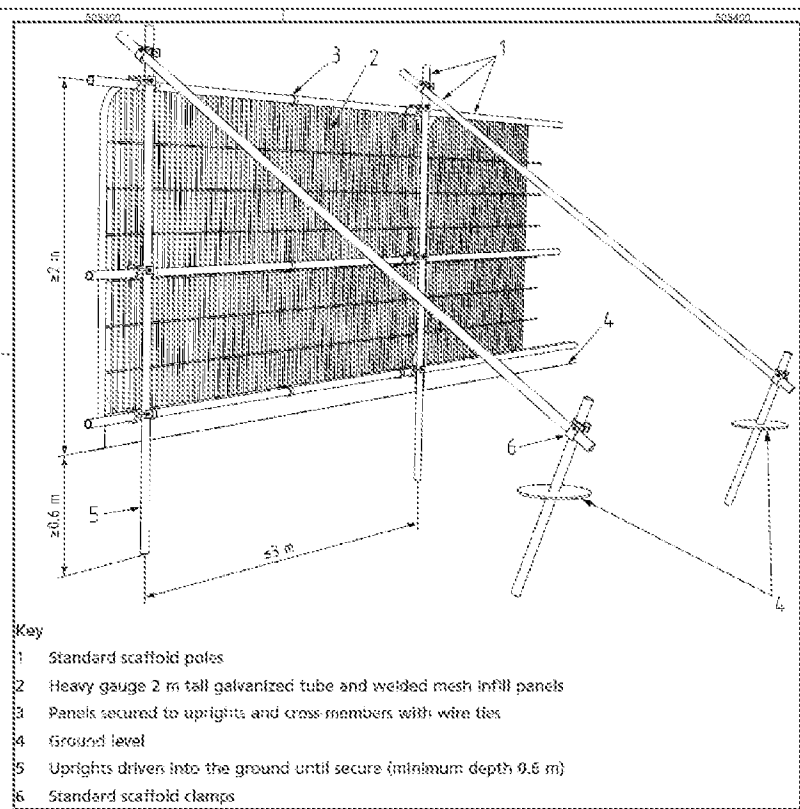
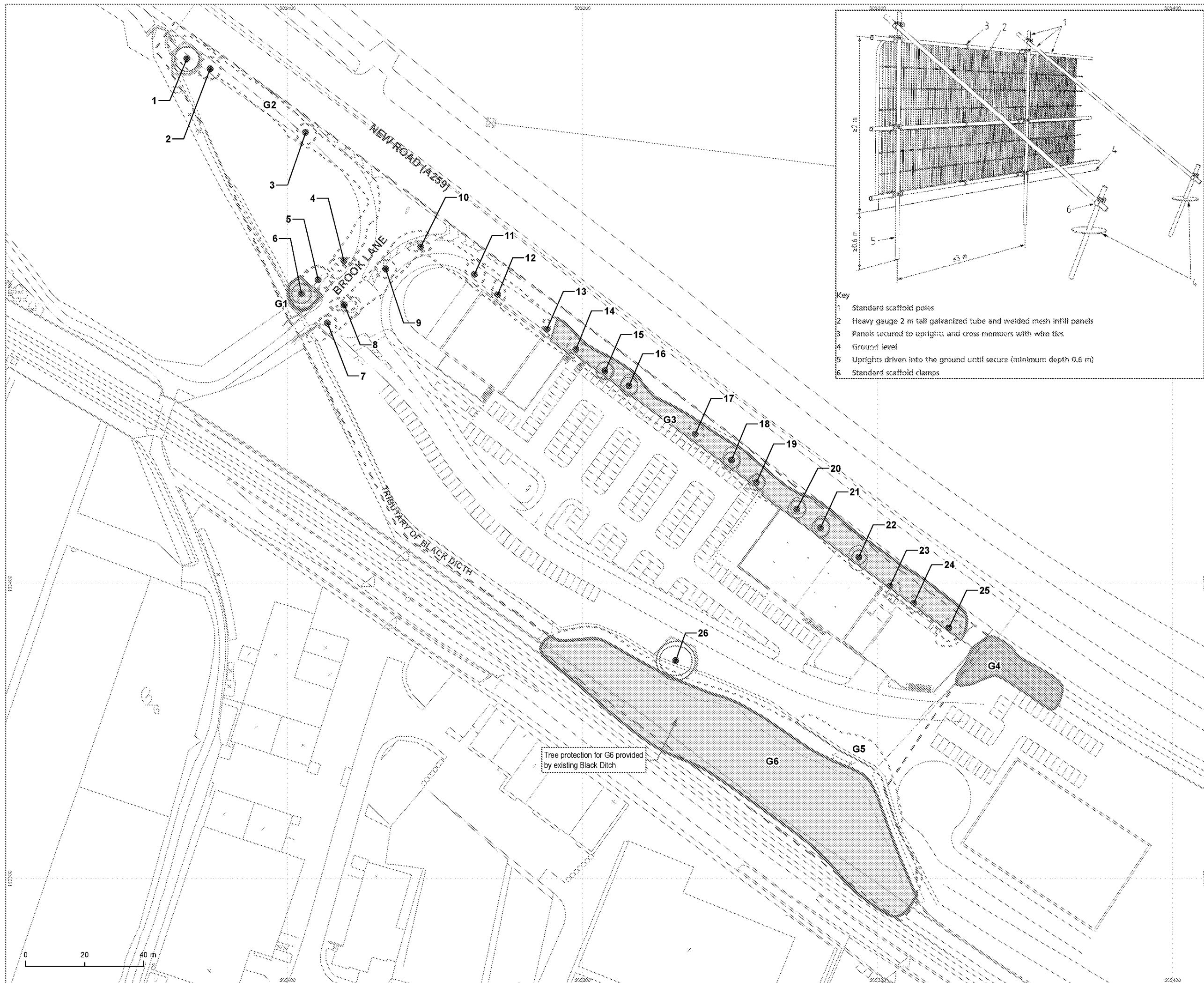
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Legend

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Category B tree

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Category C tree

Category B group

Category B group to be removed

Category C group

Category C group to be removed

Current canopy - tree to be retained

Current canopy - tree to be removed

Root Protection Area

Protective fencing to BS5837(2012) standard

Site boundary

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Land adjacent to New Road and Brook Lane, Rustington, West Sussex

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Tree Protection Plan

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Headings for Protective Barrier Notices and Example Protection Sign

Appendix 2: Details of Protective Barrier

APPENDIX 1

Headings for Protective Barrier Notices

Root Protection Area (RPA) Model Notice

DON'T excavate within this area

DON'T use any form of mechanical plant with this area

DON'T store materials, plant or equipment within this area

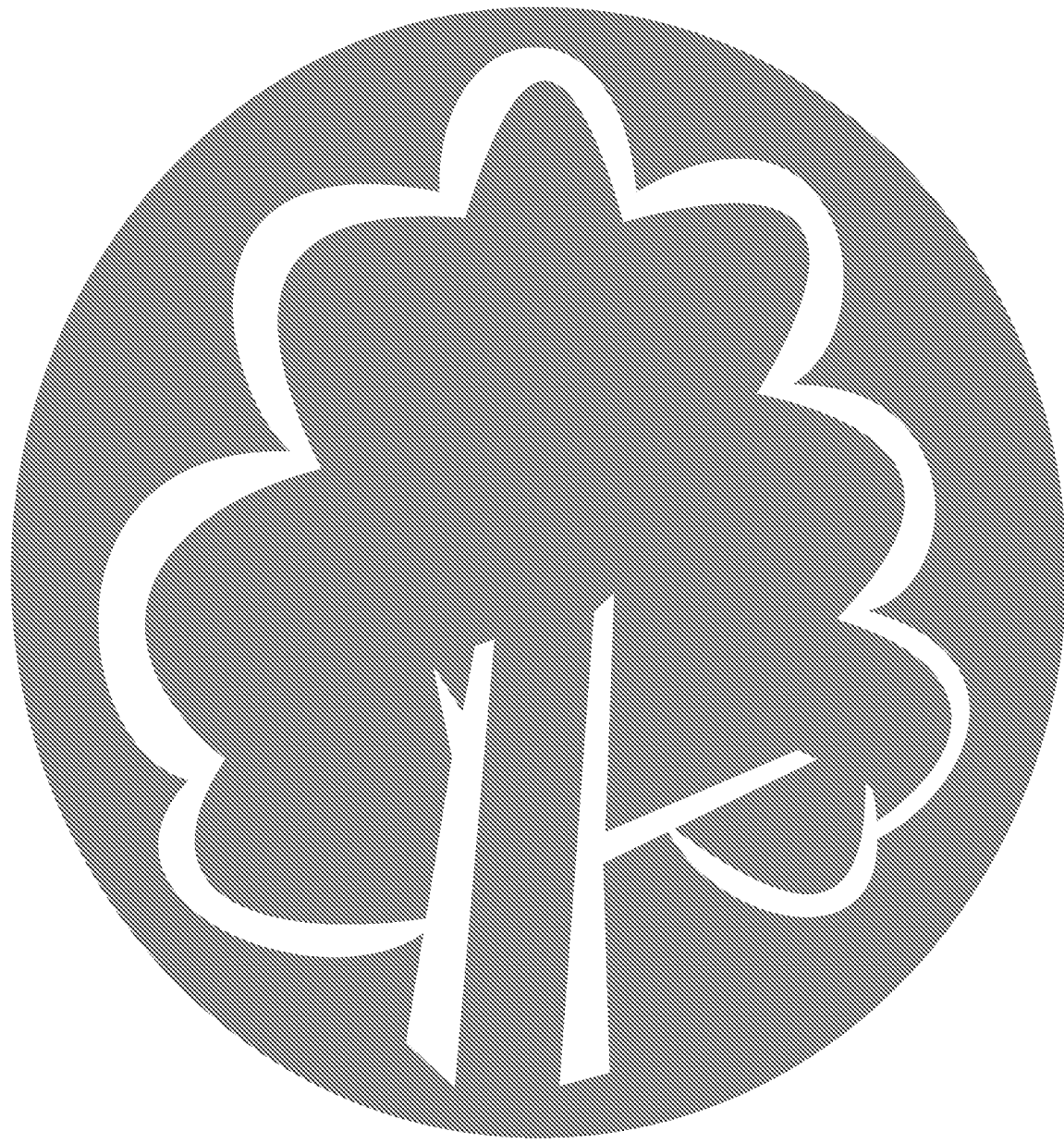
DON'T move plant or vehicles within this area

DO contact the Local Authority Arboricultural Officer or owner of the tree if excavation within this area is unavoidable

DO protect any exposed roots uncovered within this area with dry sacking

DO backfill with a suitable inert granular and top soil material mix as soon as possible on completion of work

ANY WORK in this area requires a permit from the Local Authority Arboricultural Officer



**PROTECTIVE FENCING. THIS
FENCING MUST BE
MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE APPROVED PLANS
AND DRAWINGS FOR THIS
DEVELOPMENT.**



**TREE PROTECTION AREA
KEEP OUT !**

**(TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990)
TREES ENCLOSED BY THIS FENCE ARE PROTECTED BY
PLANNING CONDITIONS AND/OR ARE THE SUBJECTS OF A
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER.
CONTRAVENTION OF A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER MAY
LEAD TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION**

**ANY INCURSION INTO THE PROTECTED AREA MUST BE
WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE LOCAL
PLANNING AUTHORITY**

APPENDIX 2

Details of Protective Barrier

Figure 2 Default specification for protective barrier

