



Tree Protection during Demolition and Construction
Implementation Guidelines in accordance with BS5837:2012

Barriers and Tree Protection

All trees being retained on site should be protected by barriers and/or ground protection prior to any materials or machinery being brought onto site and before any demolition, development, or stripping of soil commences.

Where all activity can be excluded from the RPA, vertical barriers should be erected to create a construction exclusion zone. Where site constraints or construction activity cannot be fully or permanently excluded in this manner from all or part of the tree's RPA, appropriate ground protection should be installed.

Areas of retained structural planting or areas designated for new planting should also be protected based on the proposed soft landscape proposals

Once installed, the barriers should not be removed or altered without prior recommendations by the project arboriculturist or approval by the LPA where necessary.

Where required, pre-development tree work may be undertaken before the installation of tree protection measures, with the agreement of the project arboriculturist or LPA where appropriate.

Prior to commencement of any on-site operations, the extent of the barriers and/or ground protection should be checked for accuracy by the project arboriculturist.

BARRIERS

Barriers should be fit for the purpose of excluding the construction activity and appropriate to the degree and proximity of the work taking place around the retained trees. Barriers should be maintained for the duration of the project to ensure they remain rigid and complete.

The protective barrier system for the site at 3 Southdown Road, to consist 2m welded mesh panels on rubber or concrete feet (see diagram). This system should adequately protect the trees from cars, vans, pedestrians or manually operated plant. In this system the fence panels should be pinned together using a minimum of 2 anti-couplers, installed so that they can only be removed from inside the fence. The panels should be supported on the inside by stabiliser struts, which are attached to a base plate secured with ground pins. Where fencing is to be erected on retained hard surfacing or it is not feasible to use ground pins, stabiliser struts should be mounted on a block tray.

All-weather notices should be attached to the barriers with a notice saying:

CONSTRUCTION EXCLUSION ZONE - NO ACCESS

GROUND PROTECTION DURING DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION

Employed to avoid soil compaction around tree roots, especially when wet.

Where construction working space or temporary construction access is justified within the RPA, it should be facilitated by a set-back in the alignment of the tree protection barrier. Suitable existing hard surfacing that is not proposed for re-use as part of a finished surface should be used to provide the set-back. Where this is not possible, a temporary ground protection system should be installed. In the case the area of old concrete hardstanding and path can be retained for the duration of construction, but should be carefully removed and care taken not to damage roots. Material should be removed using appropriate machinery or by hand working backwards so machine is not moving over exposed ground.

Where the set back of the tree protection barrier would expose unmade ground to construction damage, new temporary ground protection should be installed as part of the implementation of physical tree protection prior to starting on site. Temporary ground protection should be capable of supporting any traffic entering or using the site without distorting or compacting the underlying soil.

1. Ground protection for pedestrians may include a traditional thickness scaffold board placed either on top of a driven scaffold frame forming a suspended walkway, or on top of a compression resistant layer of 100mm depth woodchip laid over geotextile membranes.

2. For ped operated plant up to 2 t, interlinked ground protection boards placed on top of compression resistant layer eg. 150mm depth woodchip over geotextile.

3. For wheeled or tracked construction traffic exceeding 2 t, a proprietary system or pre-cast reinforced concrete slabs able to accommodate the likely loading to which the ground would be subjected.

In the case of T6 the Oak tree located in the neighbouring garden, a precautionary approach to establish the presence of roots in the application site is recommended. By digging a trench 500mm away from boundary wall and depending on findings some further test digging accordingly. The wall foundations may have provided a barrier to deflect the roots with the tree adjusting rooting area to the east and away from the site and into the neighbouring rear gardens. A precautionary approach would be to adjust ground protection on the application site according to the extent of the rooting area.

NB. The plan shows the full unobstructed area of ground protection, beneath T6.

An area of less than 20% of the RPA is shown beneath Plot 1 and depending on presence of roots and ground conditions, the foundations designed accordingly (see Section 7.5 of BS5837:2012).

A batsman should oversee any other construction vehicles that are likely to come into conflict with the retained tree canopy to ensure adequate clearance from trees at all times. Access facilitation pruning should take place prior to works on site to maintain clearance.

Fires should be avoided and where they are unavoidable should take place away from trees, and managed at all times.

Any materials that if spilled would cause damage to a tree should be stored and handles away from the outer edge of the RPA

The protection of the retained trees and their surrounding soil structure is a priority. The design of this scheme has worked on that basis.

In the area of the courtyard parking to the front of the dwellings, a stabilised gravel surfacing is specified which will sit over a cellweb construction. This system will protect the roots of T1 and T6 where present and provide a permeable surfacing solution that is SUDs compliant. The approach driveway requires a more solid surface in order to take heavier vehicles such as a fire truck, and a resin bonded material is proposed, contained by block paving to edges.

All other retained trees will be incorporated into new soil beds and mulched. T5 and T7 to be carefully assimilated into new plant border

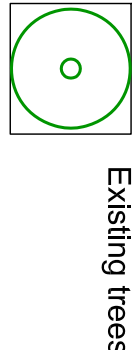
PERMANENT PROTECTION TO TREE STEM OF T1 Tulip Tree:

A detail comprising of upended railway sleepers shown around the tree stem to protect it from reversing cars.

Sleeper ends to be fitted into the ground with extended pins between tree roots (like piling within ppa but on a much smaller scale)

Store all excavated plants to be re-used in shaded area and cover rootballs - keep well watered until planting

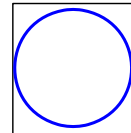
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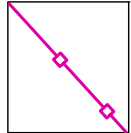
Existing trees



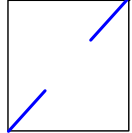
Trees to be removed



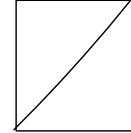
Root Protection Area (RPA) (BS5837:2012)



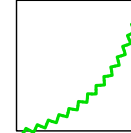
Protective Fencing in accordance with BS5837



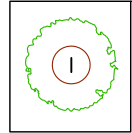
Possible extent of RPA of T6



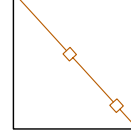
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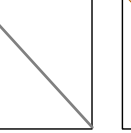
Existing Shrubs



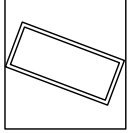
New standard tree with bark mulch circle beneath



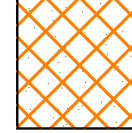
Close Boarded fence with trellis 1.8m total ht.(proposed)



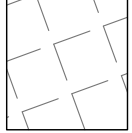
Existing fence to be retained (1.8m c/b)



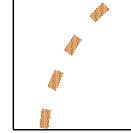
Shed with gravel surround



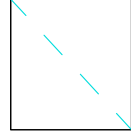
Ground protection (in event of barrier conflicting with construction) BS5837:2012



Flag paving to paths and patios



200x100x400mm ht. railway sleeper teeth protect tree from cars



Site Compound (construction)

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