Churchfields, Station Road, East Preston, BN16 3AL

ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

8.0 Preliminary Works

8.1 Prior to the commencement of any other works, the pruning specified in Appendix A and tree removal should be carried out by an appropriately qualified tree contractor. Workmen on the site should be made aware of how to prevent any damage to the tree structure and roots before commencing operations.

8.2 Ground protection measures around tree T 2 and T4 shall be completed prior to demolition of the house and commencement of the construction phase of the development.

8.3 Site huts will be positioned in such positions so as not to cause harm to existing trees required and materials to be delivered, not to be stored where there will encroach Root Protection Areas of the trees .

8.4 Tree protection measures shall remain in place until completion of the development and may only otherwise be removed to facilitate any post development landscaping.

8.5 No excavations to be made over the Root Protection Areas deeper than 50mm to avoid damaging any roots and no machinery shall be employed.

9.0 Installation of Access

9.1 Contractor will only make use of the existing access off Station Road and provide ground protection as appendix F.

10.0 Underground Services

10.1 We have seen no information regarding the installation of underground services and it is assumed services required would be electricity, foul, gas and water and can be achieved without damaging the root systems of the trees. It is suggested that services are brought in from the site entrance and routed to the right side of T4. Routing services under the existing drive will have potential to damage roots of T2 & T4 even if dug by hand. If this route is chosen a solution would be to use an "Airspade" that uses compressed air to break up and remove the soil from around roots, leaving them exposed but not damaged to enable ducting and pipes to be installed without damaging the root structure.
For further information see: http://www.aie.org.uk/articles/article_ttrees.htm

10.2 Should the installation of underground services within a RPA be unavoidable, it is essential that it be carried out in accordance with National Joint Utilities Group Volume 4: Issue 1:08/10/2007 ‘Guidelines for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Utility Services in Proximity to Trees’ [formally NJUG10] and under the supervision of the Arboriculturist. ***http://www.njug.demon.co.uk/pdf/NJUG%20Publication10.pdf***

11.0 Arboricultural Supervision

11.1 The installation of tree protection measures should be supervised by an appropriately experienced Arboriculturist who should be appointed to monitor the observance of those measures for the duration of the development.

11.2 The Arboriculturist should directly supervise any works that have to be undertaken within RPAs. These include the removal of any hard surfacing, the installation of any underground services and the construction of any new footpaths or hard surfaces.

11.3 The Arboriculturist should be informed immediately of any accidental damage made to trees and make written recommendations to rectify damage.