

Arboricultural Method Statement

*relating to development at
land north of Sefter Road
Pagham*

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WARNING

Existing trees adjoining these works are protected by Tree Preservation Order.

That Order protects all parts of the tree, whether above or below ground, and failure to comply with this method statement that results in damage to trees can result in prosecution resulting in a criminal record and substantial fine.

ABSTRACT

Two types of protective barriers are required throughout the construction process to protect the retained trees on the site. One is based on a scaffold framework and is to be used where construction activity may be intense. The other is based on Heras type panels to be used where construction activity is reduced.

Alterations to levels are proposed but these are mostly located outside of root protection areas.

Tree removal and pruning are required.

1.0 Statement of purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this method statement is to demonstrate how works will be undertaken at land north of Sefter Road, Pagham, to avoid unacceptable arboricultural impact and provide an adequate level of protection for those trees that are to be retained.
- 1.2 This method statement has been produced for Taylor Wimpey Southern Counties in order to inform the construction team and satisfy the requirements of the Local Planning Authority (LPA), Arun District Council. The works are the subject of a planning application and this arboricultural method statement has been prepared to support the application.
- 1.3 This method statement merely considers the systems of work in relation to the health and safety of retained trees. It does not address requirements of the Health and Safety Executive that should be considered in detail by those parties involved.

2.0 Related documents and drawings

- 2.1 This method statement should be read in conjunction with the documents in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Documents referred to

Originator	Title/Reference
British Standards Institute	BS5837:2012 <i>Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations</i>

and the following drawings in Table 2

Table 2: Drawings referred to

Originator	Drg No	Title	Scale
Cooper Baillie Limited	CB_84_139_001	Planning Layout	As shown
Ian Keen Limited	9260/01	Tree Constraints Plan	1:500@A1
Keen Consultants	9260-KC-XX-YTREE-TPP01RevF	Tree Protection Plan	1:1250@A1

3.0 Arboricultural issues & implications

- 3.1 Detail of the trees and their protection are discussed and detailed in the documents, and shown on the drawings, listed above and should be read in conjunction with this method statement.
- 3.2 Proposed hard surfaces are generally outside the root protection area of retained trees and can therefore be achieved with conventional construction techniques. One small section of footpath shall be created using no-dig construction methodology.
- 3.3 Tree removal and pruning work are required.
- 3.4 Utility provision can be installed outside the root protection area of retained trees.
- 3.5 Monitoring of works is required.

4.0 Facilitation tree works

- 4.1 Tree pruning and removal are required to accommodate the proposed development.
- 4.2 Details of the tree work are given in the schedule on the Tree Protection Plan referred to in Table 2 above.
- 4.3 All tree work shall be undertaken in accordance with *BS3998:2010:Tree Work – Recommendations*.

5.0 General site care

- 5.1 To ensure that the trees to be retained are afforded an adequate degree of protection during the works, the following general precautions will be observed:
 - 5.1.1 No fires will be lit on site
 - 5.1.2 No access will be permitted within the temporarily barriered areas, unless and only where otherwise approved herein. Ground levels will not be changed within them and existing vegetation and topsoil will be left undisturbed but may be treated with approved herbicides if eradication is required.

- 5.1.3 No materials, equipment or debris will be stored within any of the barriered areas and no chemicals, petrol or diesel will be allowed to spill where they may contaminate the root protection areas of retained trees.
- 5.1.4 All heavy plant, machinery, cranes and delivery vehicles shall be excluded from the areas demarcated for protection on the Tree Protection Plan.

6.0 Sequencing of works

- 6.1 A logical sequence of events is to be observed as follows:

- Stage 1 Pre-commencement site meeting (See Section 12).
- Stage 2 Undertake tree works.
- Stage 3 Erect protective barriers as shown on the drawing in Table 2 (specifications given in Section 7).
- Stage 4 Implement development construction.
- Stage 5 Take down protective barriers and complete soft landscape works.

7.0 Protective barriers and ground protection

- 7.1 Temporary barriers will be erected as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan listed in Table 2. The specification for this barriers will be in accordance with the recommendations given in BS5837:2012 *Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations* Section 6.2 and will comprise 2.0m mesh barriers (Heras type panels are a simple, readily available solution) attached to a scaffold framework. Support scaffolds will be attached to the scaffold framework as necessary at an angle of 45 degrees on the side of the trees and anchored by further scaffold poles carefully firmed into the ground.
- 7.2 Where construction activity is less intense an alternative specification for the protective barriers may be used. The alternative specification shall be Heras type panels, fitted with stabiliser struts as per Figure 3 of BS5837, may be used. Clear signs will be attached at 6 metre intervals along the line of barriers stating 'Tree Protection Area – No Access'.

- 7.3 The location and extent of each type of barrier is shown on the protection plan listed in Table 2 above.
- 7.4 The barriers shall remain in place until soft landscape operations require its full or partial removal (see section 11). No other construction activity will take place within those areas formerly protected by the fence (see Section 5).

8.0 Treatment of existing hard surfaces

- 8.1 Where existing hard surfaces are present within the root protection area they shall be broken up and removed by hand.
- 8.2 Roots often exist in the substrate below hard surfaces and extreme care must be taken to avoid damage to them.
- 8.3 Immediately after, the void left as a consequence of their removal shall be filled with good quality topsoil as a prelude to soft landscape unless a replacement hard surface is proposed whereupon it shall be completed in accordance with the instruction contained herein.

9.0 Creation of new hard surfacing within root protection areas

- 9.1 Areas of 'no-dig' construction shown on the drawing listed in Table 2 shall be implemented in accordance with site progress.
- 9.2 Any deleterious materials and debris deposited in the area are to be taken up by a tracked 360° excavator working from outside the root protection area. Final clearance shall be undertaken by hand picking.
- 9.3 The proposed areas of 'no-dig' construction within root protection areas shall be carried out in the following manner, subject to the manufacturers and engineers instructions.
 - 9.3.1 Existing surface vegetation of grass is to be treated with Glyphosate herbicide to the manufacturer's recommendation. The surface mat may be removed to a maximum of 50mm depth.
 - 9.3.2 Sharp sand is to be imported and spread over the area by hand equipment (wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes only) to bring the surface to an even level.

- 9.3.3 A geotextile material such as Fibretex F4m is to be laid on the surface of the ground in the area of the proposed car park.
- 9.3.4 A 3-dimensional cellular confinement material such as Cellweb Tree Root Protection System supplied by Geosynthetic Technologies Ltd is to be laid on top of the geotextile membrane.
- 9.3.5 Edging supports of railway sleepers or other treated timber are to be laid and pinned to the ground preferably through the cell confinement material.
- 9.3.6 The cells are to be filled with a no-fines aggregate commencing at the leading edge of the works and progressing forwards. Material can be imported to, and spread within, the working area by small excavators not exceeding 2 tonne capacity providing they work only off the filled cells area.
- 9.3.7 The final wearing course will be laid after the main construction works are complete.
- 9.3.8 Typical details of construction are shown at Appendix 1
- 9.3.9 Details of this construction must be verified by a qualified engineer.

10.0 Excavations proximate to root protection areas

- 10.1 Level changes, including excavation, have been avoided within root protection areas where possible. Exceptions occur as follows:
 - A shallow ditch is proposed within the root protection area of trees 16 to 18. The impact on these young trees should be minimal hence the desire to retain the trees. The ditch can be excavated by a combination of machine work and trial excavation by hand to determine what roots are present. Roots less than 25mm diameter can be severed but an arboriculturist needs to assess the impact if roots over 25mm diameter are impacted.
 - The footpath proposed on either side of the entrance at Sefter Lane passes within the outer fringes of the root protection area of trees 70, 72 and 79. The footpath needs to be installed in accordance with adoptable standards and so will require excavation. Again, these trees are young and can tolerate some root loss. The footpath can be excavated by a combination of machine work and trial excavation by hand to determine what roots are present. Roots less than 25mm diameter can be severed but an arboriculturist needs to assess the impact if roots over 25mm diameter are impacted.

11.0 Reinstatement and landscaping

- 11.1 Final grading to marry in new levels with existing ground will be achieved by importing topsoil and spreading by hand equipment only. The newly graded areas will be grass seeded or turfed by hand.
- 11.2 All tree and shrub planting pits will be dug by hand within the root protection areas of existing trees.

12.0 Planning, communication and supervision

- 12.1 A pre-commencement meeting will take place on site attended by the appointed arboricultural consultant, the tree contractor, the site manager and the local authority arboricultural officer (if they are able to attend). The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that everyone fully understands the implications of the arboricultural method statement and to agree on finer points of detail prior to any works commencing.
- 12.2 The appointed arboricultural consultant shall monitor the works at the following key stages:
 - 12.2.1 Confirmation that protective measures are in place.
 - 12.2.2 When excavations are commencing adjacent trees 16 – 18, 70, 72 and 79.
- 12.3 It shall be the duty of the client to notify the arboricultural consultant when the works are ready for inspection.
- 12.4 At the completion of each monitoring visit the appointed arboricultural consultant will circulate a short monitoring report to the client, site and the local authority arboricultural officer to confirm that works are progressing satisfactorily.
- 12.5 Monitoring visits will be undertaken by the arboricultural consultant at intervals commensurate with site progress, and as notified by the client, to make sure that all tree protection measures are in place. A record of these visits will be kept and maintained for inspection on site.

- 12.6 Should any problems arise on site, the site manager will immediately inform the appointed arboricultural consultant who will assess the situation and make recommendations accordingly. If any modifications to the method statement are proposed, the arboricultural consultant will immediately advise the local authority arboricultural officer.
- 12.7 The site manager will brief all site personnel on the implications of the arboricultural method statement. A copy of this method statement will be available on site at all times. The progress reports detailed in Section 12.4 will be kept with the method statement so that both are readily available for inspection.
- 12.8 A list of contacts is attached at Appendix 1.

13.0 Transgression

- 13.1 Failure to adhere to the requirements in this method statement may result in a Stop Notice being issued by the local authority. This will bring all operations at the site to a halt until the local authority permits resumption.
- 13.2 Failure to adhere to the requirements of this method statement that results in damage to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order may result in prosecution of the individual, the contractor and the client.
- 13.3 The following measures will be required, but do not absolve the perpetrator from action, if the identified transgression occurs:
- a) Breakage of branches – the damaged shall be assessed by an arboriculturist, they shall advise on requirements and any pruning shall be undertaken in accordance with BS3998:2010 to remove the damaged section.
 - b) Damage to bark – the damage shall be assessed by an arboriculturist and they shall advise on the measures that can be taken to optimise the reparation of the damage. Some paring back of damage may be required.
 - c) Damage to roots – the damage shall be assessed by an arboriculturist and they shall advise on the pruning or reparation required.

- d) Compaction of soil – where machinery operates outside of ground protection and hard surfaces, leading to the compaction of soil, the compaction shall be alleviated by using compressed air injected to circa 1m deep to create fissures in the ground and lift the compacted areas. The compaction shall be assessed by an arboriculturist. A specialist company (for example Terrain Aeration Ltd) shall be appointed by the contractor to undertake the work.

- 13.4 All items of transgression shall be reported to the Local Authority tree officer to consider if action should be taken.

14.0 Conclusion

- 14.1 If the provisions of this arboricultural method statement are complied with in full, the proposed works will be able to proceed without detrimental impact to retained trees.

Appendix 1

List of contacts

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Site Address:	Land north of Sefter Road Pagham	
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