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GLOSSOP**

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**METHOD STATEMENT FOR
PROTECTION OF TREES
DURING CONSTRUCTION
OF GABION WALL**



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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This Method Statement has been prepared by Trevor Bridge Associates Ltd (TBA) on behalf of Mr Alan Davies.
- 1.2 It has been prepared to ensure that the existing trees and shrubs are properly protected throughout the development of the site and continue to represent a visual amenity in the future. It instructs all contractors on methods to avoid damage to the trees.
- 1.3 The Method Statement recommends all development within influencing distance of trees is carried out in accordance with BS5837:2005 *Guide For Trees In Relation To Construction*. Any development affecting trees must be supervised by an arboricultural consultant.

2.0 Guidelines for filling in the Method Statement

- 2.1 The following information is included:
- The roles and contact details of those involved.
 - Specification for protection to existing trees: General.
 - Specification for protection of trees during gabion construction.
 - Order of works.
 - Site monitoring.
- 2.2 Developers should enforce the methods of protection identified within the statement. All contractors must also agree to them. Any failure to comply with them must be dealt with by the developer e.g. disciplinary action against operatives seen within the protected area.
- 2.3 The people listed are those with a responsibility for tree protection on the site and from the Local Planning Authority. The relevant people should be contacted in the event of a problem.

3.0 Agreement to protect trees

- 3.1 The developer has agreed to undertake tree protection to the standard advised in the Method Statement. Every contractor on site must receive a copy of the statement and abide by its contents.

4.0 Drawings

- 4.1 This Method Statement should be read in conjunction with drawing number 2292.02 revision 'H' and detail TBA98.

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Position	Name	Address	Telephone No.
Contractor	Mike Chambers	Chambers Excavation Services 26 Russell Street Dukinfield Cheshire SK16 4TA	0161 292 9691
Site Manager	Alan Davies	BFT Ltd Cheethams Mill Park Street Stalybridge SK15 2BT	0161 304 8442
Landscape Architect Arboricultural Consultant	Dave Griffin Mike Gregory	Trevor Bridge Associates 7/9 St Michaels Square Ashton Under Lyne OL6 6LF	0161 308 3765
Arboricultural Contractor	Mr G Kay	Arboricultural Services (Tree Works) Ltd Haresteads Farm Lyme Park Disley Cheshire	01625 850320
Local Authority Tree Officer Planning Dept	Monica Gillespie	High Peak Borough Council Municipal Buildings Glossop SK13 8AF	01298 284000

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6.0 Specification for protection to existing trees: General

- 6.1 The recommendations in BS 5837 (2005), *Trees in Relation to Construction* must be complied with at all times.
- 6.2 No pruning, lopping, felling or severance of roots is to take place without prior consent of the local authority.
- 6.3 Any works to the existing trees are to be carried out by a fully qualified tree surgeon and in accordance with BS 3998 (1989) *Recommendations for Tree Work*.
- 6.4 The position and detail of the protective fencing must be agreed with the local authority prior to site works commencing. The position of the fence is indicated in TBA drawing no.2292.02 revision 'H' and is generally to be at the full extent of the root protection area or as shown on the tree protection plan.
- 6.5 Under no circumstances must any materials be stored under the canopy of existing trees, and no cement, diesel or oil stored near to them.
- 6.6 No fires should be lit within 5m of existing trees.
- 6.7 No ropes, cables, services, or notice boards shall be fixed to existing trees.
- 6.8 The levels around existing trees must be neither raised nor reduced. This applies to both temporary works and permanent reinstatement.
- 6.9 Scaffolding may only be erected within protected areas if it is done so in accordance with BS 5837 (2005) and with prior consent of the local authority.
- 6.10 No services under existing tree canopy spreads should be laid without prior approval and proper supervision. All work in this respect shall be in accordance with the specifications for trenching works within this Method Statement.

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7.0 Specification for construction of Gabion wall

- 7.1 The work as detailed within this Method Statement shall be under the supervision of the arboriculturist or the landscape architect or the local authority arboriculturist. Full liaison between all parties, comprising the contractor, sub-contractors, the arboriculturist, the landscape architect and the local authority, will be undertaken at all stages of the work.
- 7.2 All works for the purposes of constructing the gabion wall will be undertaken in a manner which involves no excavations within the root protection zone of the existing trees as defined in BS5837 (2005).
- 7.3 No machinery or powered tools are to be used within the root protection zone.
- 7.4 All construction work shall take place from the existing temporary drive. Particular care must be taken to avoid damage to overhanging branches by booms or jibs and as such all works must be supervised by a competent person.
- 7.5 Vegetation and small shrubs in the way of the works may be removed by hand if necessary but there must be no skimming of the soil within the root protection zone.
- 7.6 Levels in the root protection zone shall not be raised or lowered after construction work is completed.

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	Works to be Undertaken	✓	Date Approved	Actions By
1	Method statement received and approved by Local Planning Authority	✓		Developer
2	Protective fencing erected	✓		Contractor
3	Confirm the fencing is acceptable	✓		LPA Arb Officer
4	Development begins	✓		Developer
5	Fence monitored and repaired if necessary	✓		Contractor
6	Meetings to confirm the site is acceptable, as necessary	✓		Site Manager/ LPA Arb Officer
7	Construct gabion wall	✓		Contractor
8	Remove protective fencing	✓		Contractor
9	Undertake possible remedial pruning.	✓		Arboricultural Contractor
10	Experts present where problems exist or where special protection measures are required	✓		LPA Officer/ LPA Arb Officer
11	All special protection features supervised by Landscape Architect	✓		Landscape Architect

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9.0 Site monitoring

9.1 This is to be undertaken at the following set intervals, where relevant:

- Erection of protective fence
- Gabion wall construction

Date	Comments	Developer	LPA Officer

