

**PLOT 1
NORTH ROAD/TALBOT ROAD
GLOSSOP**

MR D ROSTRON

**METHOD STATEMENT FOR
PROTECTION OF TREES
DURING DEVELOPMENT**



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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 D Rostron.
- 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 garden clearance.
 - 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 3991.01 revision 'E'.

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5.0 Roles and contact details

Position	Name	Address	Telephone No.
Designer/ Contractor	Mr R Sheard	31 Marple Road Charlesworth Glossop SK13 5DA	01457 815489
Site Manager	To be confirmed		
Landscape Architect	David Griffin	Trevor Bridge Associates 7/9 St Michaels Square Ashton Under Lyne OL6 6LF	0161 308 3765
Arboriculturist	Mike Gregory		
Arboricultural Contractor	To be confirmed		
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. 3991.01 revision 'E' 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, unless in compliance with the specifications for driveway construction and trenching works within this Method Statement.
- 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 garden clearance within tree rooting zone

- 7.1 The work as detailed within this Method Statement shall be under the supervision of the arboriculturist or the landscape architect. 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. All works shall be in compliance with attached detail.
- 7.2 All existing ground flora, including bramble, soft rush, rose bay willow herb etc will be cleared by strimming and all arisings raked up. After a period of at least one month, the regrowth shall be sprayed off with appropriate herbicides. For herbaceous vegetation this will be a Glyphosate based herbicide and for coarser growth a brushwood killer based on Triclopyr.
- 7.3 All remaining stumps should also be treated with appropriate herbicide to prevent regrowth. Stumps outside the root protection zones may be removed using appropriate machinery providing they do not enter the protection zone. If it is necessary to remove small stumps within the root protection zone, then they can be dug out by hand. Large stumps must remain intact.
- 7.4 Once the site has been cleared of vegetation then an assessment can be made of existing ground conditions. Areas outside the root protection zones can be regraded using suitable machinery provided it does not enter the protection zone. Levelling within the root protection zone shall be restricted to scraping off no more than 100mm of existing topsoil or filling minor hollows with no more than 100mm of clean topsoil.
- 7.5 No machinery or powered tools are to be used within the root protection zone at any stage of the works, unless agreed with the local authority.
- 7.6 Finished levels shall not be compacted.

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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	Remove protective fencing	✓		Contractor
8	Undertake possible remedial pruning.	✓		Arboricultural Contractor
9	Experts present where problems exist or where special protection measures are required	✓		LPA Officer/ LPA Arb Officer
10	All special protection features supervised by Landscape Architect	✓		Landscape Architect

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9.0 Site monitoring

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

- Erection of protective fence
- Trench excavation
- Relocation of protective fence
- Driveway/hardstanding construction

Date	Comments	Developer	LPA Officer

