

Method Statement for the



Protection of the Retained Treescape

Client :	The Caravan Club
Site Name :	Grinlow Caravan Club Site
Address :	Buxton
	Derbyshire

Healthy trees have established an equilibrium with their surroundings. Construction works often disrupt or totally destroy this special equilibrium which is essential for a tree's future growth and survival. This Method Statement covers the methodology required to help protect this delicate equilibrium in the trees which have been scheduled for retention, for the protection of trees on site.

All contractors undertaking works on the above mentioned site shall be issued with a copy of this method statement.

Tree Protection Zones

All trees which have been scheduled for retention on site should be protected from construction works. This is done by creating tree protection zones. The zones will be defined by protective fencing. In these tree protection zones no work will be undertaken apart from authorised Arboricultural works. None of the following will be permitted within tree protection zones:

- No storage of any materials whatsoever.
- No storage of fuel/oil.
- No parking of any vehicle/machine.
- No fires within 20m of the exclusion zone.
- No temporary site buildings.

These zones shall be defined by protective fencing. The protective fencing must be erected before the site is handed over to the main contractor. On completing the erection of the protective fencing the Local Authority will be informed before the main contractor takes control of the site. The specification for the protective fencing is included below. Tree protection zones are sacrosanct. Fencing can only be entered, moved or removed with permission from an authorised Arboriculturalist. Should there be a requirement for works to be carried out inside an tree protection zone, the work shall be supervised by an authorised Arboriculturalist from the removal to the replacement of the protective fencing.

Arboricultural Works

Authorised Arboricultural works are the only works allowed to be carried out within the tree protection zones without the supervision of an authorised Arboriculturalist.

Services and Tree Protection Zones

Any services to be installed through tree protection zones, including Water, Waste Water, Power, Cable TV Telephone, etc, must be undertaken after consultation with an authorised Arboriculturalist. This will ensure the protection of tree root zones.

Protective Fencing

Protective fencing is used to protect the tree protection zones. The fencing should be strong, suitable for local conditions, appropriate to the degree of construction being carried out and strong enough to withstand impacts. BS 5837 has specifications for protective fencing. Included is a specification for protective fencing which is in line with those suggested in BS 5837.

Inspection of Protective fencing

Protective fencing is used to define tree protection zones, which are sacrosanct. The fencing must be inspected on a weekly basis, each inspection should be made by the site foreman and recorded on the supplied fencing inspection sheet.



Weldmesh Fencing supported by a Scaffolding Frame 2.4m high

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