



Macclesfield Old Road, Sandbach **Arboricultural Method Statement** This Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) outlines the parameters within which construction and remediation must be undertaken in order to retain protected trees in satisfactory condition. This document gives a definitive account of the treatment of retained trees during the construction process and outlines approved construction methods. The detail and requirements of this method statement comprise commitments to complete the construction phase of the development in a specific manner and must inform the production of all relevant tender documents and instructions to contractors. Failure to adhere to the correct sequence, manner and timing of operations detailed below may result in irremediable damage to trees, and thereb breach of planning consent. This document should be reproduced in colour and read in conjunction with D5318.002 and D5318.004. The activities described by this method statement will be used to inform a planning decision. Any deviation from this document may result in enforcement action. All operations requiring supervision or independent verification before works can proceed are in blue text. A copy of this Method Statement will be made available for inspection on site and introduced to all relevant contractors. The existing driveway will not be used by construction traffic and will be fenced at both ends prior to commencement. Works will proceed in a careful and logical manner, such that accidental damage to trees by booms, cranes, vehicles etc. is avoided. All areas that are protected by Tree Protection Fencing or Ground Protection will be collectively defined as a Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ). Tree protection fencing and Ground Protection will not be removed or realigned other than as directed by an arboricultural consultant. Storage of materials and access of any kind will be prohibited within the CEZ. If unexpected large roots (>25mm diameter) are encountered during excavation works or if additional pruning of branches is required, the advice of an Arboricultural Consultant will be sought. No compaction, smearing or rutting of soils will be allowed to occur by whatever means within the CEZ. Operations within the CEZ will be undertaken during dry weather. Works will cease during rainfall and recommence after 24 hours. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (Operations to be undertaken in strict chronological order) The site manager will read and understand this method statement . It will be his responsibility to implement it in full. An arboricultural contractor will be appointed to undertake the removal of trees. An arboricultural consultant will be appointed, provided with contact details for the site manager and notified date of commencement of works. The alignment of tree protection fencing and ground protection will be set out accurately with wooden marker posts (using northing and easting coordinates) by a surveyor. The arboricultural consultant will verify and set out the alignment of tree protection fencing and ground protection using spray paint and/or post markers; the site/construction manager will be present. If any variations in fencing specification or alignment are required, a revised Tree Protection Plan will be produced to reflect the changes. This will be issued to the LPA; changes that reduce the level of protection will not be made without written approval. Trees for removal will be marked using spray paint according to Tree Removal Plan D5318.002 by the arboricultural consultant. Within bird nesting season (March to August inclusive) checks of all trees will be undertaken by an ecologist within 24 hours prior to felling. Any unprocessed piles of brash that have been left unattended will also be subject to checks prior to processing. Nesting bird checks will be undertaken by a qualified ecologist. Tree works will be undertaken according to BS3998:2010 by a suitably qualified, experienced and insured contractor. All trees shown for removal on drawing D5318.002 will be felled. In addition, trees will be crown raised to 2.5m over proposed footpaths and or to 5.4m over proposed highways. Arisings will be processed by chipping removed from the site. Installation of Tree Protection Fencing and Ground Protection Once tree works and setting out has been signed off, the tree protection fencing and ground protection will be installed. Fencing will be installed according to the specifications shown on Inset 1 in drawing D5318.004 (Type A and D). If the installation of Type A fencing is prevented by on-site constraints such as existing hard surfaces, the arboricultural consultant instruct an alternative method (Type B or Type C). Signs will be affixed to the fencing at visible intervals indicating the protected status of the area and prohibiting access. Ground protection will be installed according to the specification shown on Inset 2 in drawing D5318.004. If any requirement to enter the fenced CEZ for operational reasons arises, the Arboricultural Consultant will first be contacted for advice. Ground protection will be used for pedestrian access and scaffolding but not heavy plant or storage of cement, bricks or blocks. Tree protection will remain in situ for the duration of the construction or until its removal is specified by this method statement. 23. The site manager and arboricultural consultant will jointly inspect the tree works; and verify the correct installation of tree protection measures. The Tree Officer will be notified at this point. EVERYTHING UP TO THIS POINT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES New permanent surfaces within the CEZ will follow an above ground, no-dig design. These areas are highlighted opposite with a magenta hatch. A Cellular Confinement System (CCS) will be used. See Inset 2 for an indicative specification. Finished levels of adjacent ground will be designed to tie in with the CCS surface (this may be higher than would otherwise be specified). Vehicular access will not be permitted along the route of the proposed new surface prior to installation of the CCS. All preparation work up to this point will be carried out by hand. Installation will be supervised by the arboricultural consultant. The site manager will be responsible for coordinating this within the programme. It is anticipated that completion of one area will be supervised until the consultant is satisfied that the working method has been understood and correctly applied. A photographic record of all remaining areas will be maintained by the Site Manager and provided on request. The following method will be observed: A 50mm surface scrape maybe undertaken manually to remove vegetation. The new surface layout will be marked out and established by the installation of manually driven tanalised pegs and tanalised boarding affixed with galvanised nails. A levelling layer of up to 50mm sharp sand may be applied. A geotextile membrane will be laid with dry-jointed overlaps of 30mm. A proprietry cellular confinement product will be stretched and pegged across the working area (150mm Geoweb is recommended for vehicles, 100mm for pedestrian only areas). The cellular confinement layer will infilled with clean 20:40 aggregate (no fines). The surface will be constructed in a logical manner such that vehicles avoid tracking on bare, unprotected ground. A pervious surface will be applied (e.g. porous tarmacadam, resin bonded gravel or dry-jointed pavoirs or blockwork) depending on the location. 29.8. Where pavoirs or blockwork is used, the CCS web will be overlaid with a second geotextile membrane and a bedding layer of 2-6mm grit. For hot applications, the aggregate will be 29.9. overfilled by 25mm and a binder course will be laid directly onto the aggregate prior to application of the wearing course. Blocks will be brush jointed with sharp sand. Strict adherence to all manufacturers' instructions will be observed for CCS and pervious products. The existing driveway will be improved for use as a pedestrian access route according to the following methodology: The driveway will not be increased in width. 30.2. The surface may be scarified or scraped back to a maximum depth of 100mm in preparation for resurfacing. 30.3. No excavation other than removal of the existing surface will be undertaken (including for drainage or utility installations). 30.4. New kerb edging will be installed following the existing alignment and will comprise manually driven tanalised pegs and tanalised boarding affixed with galvanised nails at ground level. 30.5. Re-surfacing between may me completed using a compacted self-binding aggregate (e.g. MOT Type 1) or a hot rolled bitumen asphalt, depending on the quality of the sub-grade. 31. All new underground connections of electrical, gas, water or drainage will be installed outside the CEZ or, in the case of off-site connections, outside the RPA. Sections of tree protection fencing may be removed as required to allow for the installation of permanent boundary treatments. The site manager will arrange a tool box talk with the arboricultural consultant to ensure that all operatives understand and can apply the following methodology: Heras panels will be removed but upright posts will be retained during installation of boundary fencing. No strip footings will be permitted within the CEZ; gravel boards will be laid above ground and not cut in. 33.3. Posts will be installed into hand-dug holes. Small tree roots encountered will be neatly cut using a sharp spade, secateurs or a pruning saw. 33.4. The precise location of individual holes will be subject to modification, such that major roots(>25mm diameter) are avoided. 33.5. No post will be located within 2.5m of any retained tree. The maximum diameter of holes will be 300mm. Holes will be lined to prevent contact between concrete and the soil. 33.8. GroundMatz 14mm ground protection boards will be laid to prevent soil compaction during operations. Excavated material will also be stored on the mats or removed. 33.9. Protective fencing will be replaced following works. Landscaping

The site manager will arrange a tool box talk with the arboricultural consultant to ensure that all operatives understand and can apply the following methodology within the CEZ:

Newly planted areas will be mulched where possible to maximise water retention and improve soil structure. Composted woodchip or bark is recommended.

Care will be taken to minimise trampling and compaction of soils; temporary boards will be laid to prevent compaction of soils by repeated pedestrian access as required.

Planting will be undertaken with regard for the location of surface tree roots and where roots larger than 10mm are encountered during planting, locations will be adjusted to avoid roots.

Where minor ground levelling is required prior to turfing, this will be achieved by the addition of a sharp sand layer. Any sand will be manually tamped and not mechanically compacted.

Ground levels within the CEZ will be maintained. Surrounding ground will be built up or reduced to tie in with pre-existing levels.

Ground level increases attributed to new planting will be restricted to a maximum increase of 200mm (including 100mm mulch layer).

Prior to seeding, the CEZ may be scarified by vigorous raking with a rigid or wire rake but not rotavated or ploughed.

Where turf is specified, a manual vegetation scrape to remove existing surface vegetation will be permitted to a maximum depth of 50mm.

All works within the CEZ will be completed manually and no vehicle access will be permitted.

No mechanical excavation or rotavation of soils will be permitted within the CEZ.

All new planting will be done manually.

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Inset 1: Fence post installation Goslin Bar Farm SECTION OF MACCLESFIELD OLD ROAD SHOWN HATCHED TO BE RE-SURFACED. Crown pruning to give minimum 500mm clearance above fencing All roots found within postholes must be correctly severed GroundMatz 14mm 2470x1235mm Maximum post hole size: ground protection boards for 300mm diameter pedestrian access during excavation Holes lined to preven contact between wet concrete and soil Inset 2: Above ground construction of path, private drive and parking bays Cellular confinement Terram T1000 2-6mm aggregate bedding system e.g. cellweb or Surface course - paving blocks (with large space) infill material - 20-40mm nibs) or pervious tarmac clean angular stone Existing ground Terram T1000

The cellular confinement system and geotextile membrane must be laid in accordance with the manufacturers' specifications.

A levelling layer of sharp sand may be laid beneath the system to fill small undulations.

Any variation to the materials specified should be discussed with the appointed arboricultural consultant.

All surfacing specifications to be verified by an engineer prior to installation.

KEY

[This drawing must be reproduced in colour]

Individual trees

Tree Protection Fencing (c. 320m)

Temporary Ground Protection (c. 47.5m²)

(Must be installed prior to works commencement

(According to Arboricultural Method Statement)

(According to Arboricultural Method Statement)

Tree quality assessment based on BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to

Name of Appointed Arboricultural Consultant:

Telephone Number of Appointed Arboricultural

The above Method Statement elements have been discharged in full to the best of my

knowledge and professional assessment. Where there has been any deviation from the specification, I am satisfied that this has not been injurious to retained trees and

that all such deviations have complied with the spirit of the instruction insofar as was

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reasonably practicable or were approved in advance by the proper authority.

design, demolition and construction - Recommendation

Category A

Category C
(Low quality)

Tree Protection Fencing

Above ground construction

Ground Protection

Project

[PROPOSED]

No-dig edging: either pin

kerb cast in situ or treated timber stake and board No-dig construction of new surface

No-dig improvement of existing drive

